

MARIANEWS

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Introducing STEM to Marian Catholic

By: Hailey Andrejco

Marian is making the most important change to its science program in 64 years. After being awarded a grant by the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, the school will be renovating each science room into State of the Art science labs. One of these labs will be a modernly designed virtual engineering lab. These labs will allow a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education be given to Marian's students. Teachers will also be participating in the STEM program by not only teaching STEM but by learning through the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway.

Marian Catholic High School Principal Jean Susko stated, "Marian has earned a reputation of offering an excellent academic education. The Stabler Grant, along with the overwhelming generosity of our donors, will ensure that Marian graduates continue to have the expertise necessary to pursue high-growth careers in the science and engineering fields through a STEM education."

The project involves over three major classroom de-constructions and renovations and over three faculty members who must move offices until renovations are done. The project started in May while school is still in session and last till Fall of the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

When asked about the changes taking place, Ms. Bechtel responded, "Mrs. Neitz, Mr. Valente, and myself are excited about the upgrades taking place in the Science Department. It will be a nice change with Mrs. Neitz moving down to Mrs. Patton's Room and having a Science Wing. We can't wait to see what the rooms will look like in August, especially the Virtual Lab. It will be a great improvement and both the teachers and students will benefit from the renovations."

Biology Lab
4/27/18



Biology Lab
5/8/18

Science teacher Ms. Bechtel of Marian Catholic High School has shared one of her day-to-day photos of the science lab renovations during May. The construction causes a lot of noise throughout the building, but often the students are not distracted. Photo taken in Ms. Bechtel's Biology classroom by Ms. Bechtel.

Upcoming events -

June 11 — Summer Vacation
June 1 – Baccalaureate
June 2 – Graduation
June 7- Book collection

June 8 – Closing Mass & Awards
June 18 – Prospective Parent night

Newspapers should proofread!

Most earthquake damage is caused by shaking



Queen of May at Marian

*Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, oh Maria.
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, oh Maria.*

These words are etched in the memory of all Catholics from the beginning of May every year when we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as our mother and queen of Heaven and Earth. Marian celebrated our May crowning on May 1 at Mass in the Gym. Fr. Miller was the celebrant when the May court, carrying a statue of Mary, came into the gym and placed the statue on the stage near the altar. The gentlemen carrying Mary were the escorts of the May Crowning court: Josh Hurst, Ethan Antalosky, Brady Whilden and Joseph Jordan. The Court itself consisted of May Queen Emily Meier, Regina Cullen, Corrin Dagostin and Danielle Williams. After the gospel reading, the congregation of students sang *Immaculate Mary* as Emily Meier crowned Mary our Queen. Since Mary is also the Patron of our school she is doubly important to us. So as the Angel Gabriel said: “Hail Mary full of Grace!”



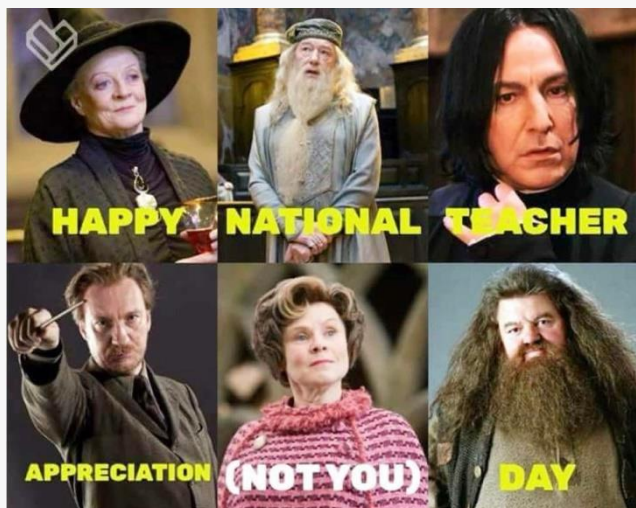
FATHER Miller says mass for Marian’s May crowning on May 1 on the stage in the gym while the May crowning court watches. Photo by Preston Biros



MAY Queen Emily Meier crown our statue of Mary to represent our crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven during the May Crowning. The May court watches in the background. Photo by Preston Biros



THE May crowning court smiles in happiness as they get ready to crown Mary during Marian’s May Crowning ceremony. Photo by Preston Biros



National Teacher Day May 8, 2018

Observing Ascension Thursday



By: Tim Holt

Ascension Thursday commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven. The celebration has been traced back to around the 4th or 5th century, celebrated by the Catholic Church. This holy day of obligation is celebrated on Thursdays in the Western church, however also on Sundays among certain denominations. Ascension Thursday shows that Jesus's work was completed as he left his disciples forty days after his resurrection. Jesus's ascension showed his disciples that it was now their turn to spread his word to the ends of the earth—a task that also falls upon our own shoulders.

At Marian, a mass was held on Thursday, May 10th in celebration. This celebration helps to prepare us for the coming of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost.



Father Miller gives his homily to the Marian student body on Ascension Thursday. Photo by Tim Holt

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As a commemoration of the
**150th Anniversary of
Memorial Day**, all items in our book
sale will be only **\$0.10** beginning
Monday, May 14, 2018 and continuing
through the end of business day
Saturday, June 9, 2018!



Seussical

By: Giovanna Digilio

This year, Marian decided to perform the play "Seussical" as its senior play. It's a play combination of all Doctor Seuss' stories, being based off Horton Hears a Who! The cast members met three times a week, practicing their lines, singing, and dancing. For seniors who didn't have a special role, they had the opportunity to be a part of stage crew, makeup, costumes, lights, and even paint the backdrop with the help of Ms. Bechtal. Mr. Valente and Ms. Belfiore also were a huge part of the play, both directing and helping backstage during the play. Senior Erica Baba, who was one of the Bird Girls, said "It was an honor to be a part of something with my classmates as a whole. We all made memories that will last a lifetime!" Michael Ecker also played a huge role in the making of the play, providing some costumes and staying after school to help cast members memorize their dance moves or singing parts, not to mention playing the Cat in the Hat. Thanks Michael!



CAST of Seussical poses for a picture in celebration of a job well done. The performers blew the audience out of the water. Photo by: Giovanna Digilio



FANTASTIC backdrop for Seussical. Looks just like it came out of one of Dr. Seuss' books. Photo by Preston Biros

St. Jerome's Race for Education

By: Dyllan Ogurkis



CHILDREN from Saint Jerome's seen above after participating in the annual 'Race for Education'. The annual walk is held here on Marian Catholic's track.

Students from Saint Jerome's Catholic Elementary School in Tamaqua, came to the Marian Track for their annual Race for Education walkaround on Thursday May 3rd. Race for Education, which equips schools to raise considerable funds from sponsors for educational needs, was founded by Elisabeth Jensen, and she is currently the President & Executive Director.

Through an annual event involving students jogging or walking for just one hour, schools/Race for Education Organization are able to fundraise enough for including but not limited to; academic development programs, tutoring, internships, financial literacy training and scholarships. The annual events provide opportunities for educational success for young people with significant financial need and academic challenges.

The ultimate goal of The Race For Education as stated on their website is to "...ensure our young people become successful in life and assets to their community."



Marian's Twenty-Ninth Annual Academic Appreciation Dinner

By: Jacob McNelis

On Tuesday, May 1, Marian Catholic hosted their Twenty-Ninth Annual Academic Appreciation Dinner where they recognized members of the student body both academically and extracurricularly. To begin the evening, the dinner was dedicated to former Coach and Teacher at Marian Catholic; Mr. Pat Morgans because it was he who created and implemented the idea of honoring Marian students who are active in other aspects of the school than athletics. . The dinner was renamed the "John Pat Morgans Memorial Academic Appreciation Dinner". In attendance were Pat's wife, Gladys; Pat's son, Pat Jr., along with several other loved ones and family members. Mr. Morgans served as a cornerstone of Marian Catholic for 49 years; serving as an assistant football coach, and head baseball and softball coach during his time at the school. He was one of the most well-respected, beloved members of the Marian Catholic community; well-known for rocking his Yankees and Notre Dame gear around the school.



Pat Morgans pictured with two of the New York Yankees' World Series Championship Trophies.

Following some opening words from Principal Mrs. Susko, Mrs. Sheer handled the list of student recognitions very quickly and at times humorously with some mispronounced named, enjoyed by all. Some awards were then drawn by dinner coordinator Mrs. Costello, a few final remarks were given by Mrs. Susko followed by a closing benediction from Father Miller. The students were then able to pick up their certificates following the dinner. It was a great night.



Morgans family enjoys the First annual John Pat Morgans Academic Appreciation Dinner. Photo by Cassie Casella

T-Shirts For Tyler

By: Zack White

T-Shirts For Tyler was a fundraiser held at the school which was meant to raise money for the family of Tyle Kowatch. Tyler was a senior at Jim Thorpe Area High School, he had hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a birth defect that affects the normal blood flow through the heart. The fundraiser was brought up by Mrs. Hydock who had heard about Tyler's situation through her husband. She then brought up the subject to both the *Red Cross Club* and the *Student Advocates For People with Disabilities* who then came up with the designs of the t-shirt. Before the shirts were actually sold, the family of Tyler was consulted and they were fine with the idea. At the time of the fundraiser, Tyler was awaiting a heart transplant surgery. Unfortunately, Tyler passed away on May 5 while awaiting his procedure.

Tyler, at 18 years old, had three corrective open heart surgeries since age 3. He was a member of the Jim Thorpe Area High School track team and was a lifelong Philadelphia Eagles fan as well as an older brother. Tyler worked as a custodian at the LB Morris Elementary School during the summer time.

A memorial service and a mass were held for him at Meller Funeral Home in Jim Thorpe, May 10. The service and mass were officiated by Rev. James J. Ward. His interment was in St. Mary's Greek Catholic Cemetery in Nesquehoning.

T-Shirts For Tyler sold approximately 202 shirts raising over \$1000 with some money coming from the Jim Thorpe area as well as from donations from individuals who didn't purchase a shirt. Those involved in the fundraiser encouraged all students to sign a trifold. The signed trifold is going to be presented to the family of Tyler Kowatch along with a picture of all the students who had purchased a shirt wearing them as well as a check for the total amount of funds from the shirt sale.



A PICTURE of a shirt from the T-Shirts For Tyler fundraiser. The design was thought up by those in the Student Advocates For People with Disabilities. It was meant to show that even though our schools are rivals in sports we can still come together for a greater good. Photo by Zac White

2018 Marian Prom

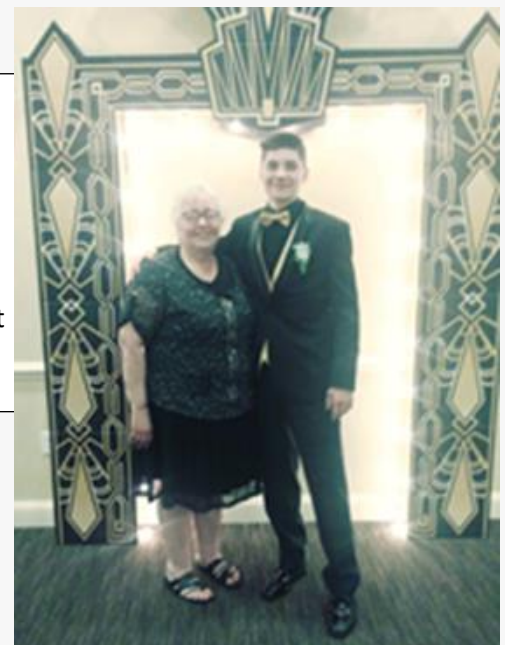
By Aaron Adams

Friday May, 11th 2018, Marian Catholic High School held their annual senior prom at Capriotti's in Tresckow, PA. Students were to arrive at Capriotti's for 5 p.m. to take pictures outside Capriotti's with Flexer Photography from Tamaqua and dinner was at 6:30. Dinner started off with the school's chaplain Father Miller. Food of choice was: 6 oz. Petite Filet mignon, Pasta platter, and Stuffed chicken Breast. All foods were chosen by Marian student and date for the dinner. The theme for the prom was "*The Great Gatsby*" look. Students were allowed to take pictures in the Gatsby theme photo booth or under the arch at the prom. Great 70s music was played during the prom with a fantastic DJ. Marian's prom was over at 11:00 p.m. and students were given their keys back and sent home.



Ethan Antolosky, Alex Tate, Eddie Polaski, and Aaron Adams pose while taking pictures at the photo booth, Friday May 11th. Photo taken by Aaron Adams

Mrs. Sheer and Aaron Adams pose under the arch at the Prom Friday May, 11th in Tresckow, Pa at Capriotti's.



More Prom

