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We Did the Kairos Thing

By Hailey Andrejco

Oh what secrecy they dealt with for two whole days! Then came enlightenment and exploration. And indeed, you reader, will have to deal with it here. Not much can be shared about Kairos. It was the time held between Marian and God.

Kairos was an eventful religious retreat held in Wernersville, PA from February twenty-seventh through March third. Twenty plus students of Marian Catholic were chaperoned by Father Miller, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Matunis, Ms. Veliki, and Miss. Meehan during the three nights and four days of a sort of vacation from school, family, and work. The only things they weren't on vacation from were themselves and God.

Kairos held hours of speeches on the students and teachers relationship with God, themselves, and others. There was a lot of emotional moments which included late night talks and even some crying. Okay, let's face it, a lot of crying. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner was held at the same time each day. Hours of recreational time involved sports, walks, art, music, and a beautiful sky lit library. Everyone reported to the cafeteria at 7:45am and was supposed to be in bed by 12:00am after a long and fulfilling day. Most nights, students stayed up till 3:30am, but all in good terms. Days and nights held the spiritual closeness of Marian students and God which was to be amplified by words and prayers.

All good reports and things were said about the trip. No one wanted to leave, but everyone wanted to take some Kairos home with them. If anyone needs any information about Kairos or support from a friend, then they can contact one of the students or faculty who experienced the trip. They did the Kairos thing!



A large, sun-roofed library was stationed on the third floor. Five groups of five to six students were made. One group was led by Mrs. Matunis and student leader Zack Falls, and was made up of Joe Jordan, Emily Meyer, Hailey Andrejco, and Ethan Antalosky.



Upcoming events -

April 4 – Diocesan Visit
April 5 – Blue Activity
April 6 – Blood Drive
April 14 – Drama Club trip

April 17 – Gold Activity
April 18 – Language Mass
April 27-29 – Play - Seussical
May 1 – May Procession

Newspapers should proofread!

New sick policy requires 2 day notice



Read Across America

By: Tim Holt

Read Across America is a national reading awareness program that takes place annually on March 2nd, the birthday of children's writer Dr. Seuss. Libraries, schools, and community centers take part by reading books in their communities. Its purpose is to motivate and encourage students from kindergarten through 12th grade to become avid readers.

The National Education Association (NEA), a representative organization for over 3.2 million teachers, education faculties, administrators, and future teachers, advocated for a day on which reading would take place throughout the United States. This idea was received warmly by the public and soon was recognized as a national observance in 1998.

At Marian, announcements were made the entire week prior to Read Across America to make students aware of the event. However, on March 2nd, students were not in school--Marian was closed due to inclement weather. Instead, one week later, on March 9th, students began their day by bringing in books, magazines, and newspapers and reading for 20 minutes before first period classes. What a wonderful way to start the day!

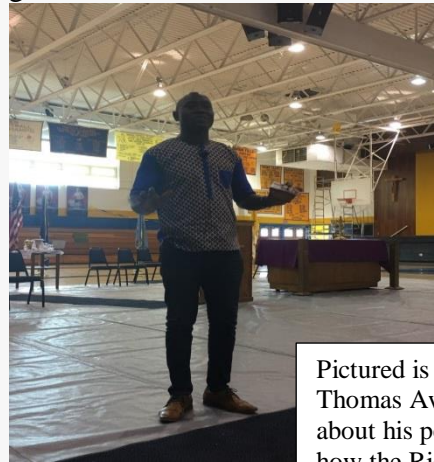


Mrs. Heffelfinger's homeroom enjoying the reading period.

Rice Bowl

By: Giovanna Digilio

The CRS Rice Bowl is a Lenten promise that raises money to help children and their families in Africa, and anywhere in the world that needs our help. Mrs. Matunis, one of the Religion teachers here at Marian, organizes the Rice Bowl and counts the money. Our responsibility is to raise money by putting extra change into the cardboard box. Proceeds from this can go a long way. It can provide 1 emergency kit for refugees, 2 years of seed for a family, and 1 month of food for a family as well. Marian is trying to become a level Gold school in the Allentown Diocese, and in trying to do so, each year we have to raise more than the previous year. On February 21st, Marian had a visitor come in and talk about his journey, and how the rice bowl helped him and his family. It was an eye opener, seeing what the rice bowls actually do and the people they help. It put things in perspective and that we shouldn't take things for granted, even food.



Pictured is our guest speaker, Thomas Awiapo, who talked about his personal struggles and how the Rice Bowl made such an impact while growing up.

COMING SOON... 

Marian Catholic Presents

Come support our seniors as they recreate
Seussical the Musical on April 27th and 28th @ 7 pm
And April 29 @ 2pm
so come let your childhood imagination run wild

Saint Patrick's Day

By: Dyllan Ogurkis



Every March 17th, thousands of people wear their green clothes, march in Irish pride parades, eat green dyed foods, and down mugs of green beer in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Who was Saint Patrick and what is Saint Patrick's Day really all about?

Patrick was born in AD 387 in Britain, which was part of the Roman Empire. He was captured by Irish pagans as a teenager and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During that time, he grew to like the spirit of the Irish. After escaping and returning home, he promised himself he would return back to the Emerald Isle.

He joined a monastery and studied under St. Germain, the bishop of Auxerre and spent around 12 years in training. And when he became a bishop he dreamed that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God. So he set out for Ireland with the Pope's blessings. There he converted the Gaelic Irish, who were then mostly Pagans, to Christianity. Today the most common St Patrick's Day symbol is the shamrock. The shamrock is the leaf of the clover plant and a symbol of the Holy Trinity. Other symbols include:

- Almost anything green.
- The green, orange and white flag of Ireland where the colors stand for:
White - Unity
Green-Catholicism
Orange- Protestantism
- And of course beer especially Guinness



Although Saint Patrick lived centuries ago, traditions and celebrations of his life and Irish culture continue to this day.



Palm Sunday

By: Aaron Adams



Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before his resurrection. As Jesus entered the holy city, he neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. Hundreds of people shouted, "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The name Palm Sunday comes from the palm branches that people laid down in Jesus' path as he rode into Jerusalem.

Palm branches are seen as a symbol of peace and victory, and in Biblical times were often thrown before the feet of a conquering hero in homage. When Jesus arrived in the Holy City, the Gospel writers said the crowds lay palm branches and clothes at his feet to honor him. In many churches, children serve as an integral part of the service since they enjoy the processions. Children often craft crosses from palm leaves which were used in the Sunday processional. The traditions of Palm Sunday serve as a reminder of the life- changing events of Holy Week preparing us for Easter.



Fr. Miller giving Mr. Smith a helping hand to get ready for Holy Week.



Palm woven into the sign of the cross

The Legacy of Christina Capparell

By: Jacob McNelis

“To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”- Steve Prefontaine

A quote that Christina Capparell has lived by for the entirety of her Track and Cross Country careers.



Christina Capparell poses with her PIAA Cross Country State Championship Medal.

From start to finish, Capparell has displayed a streak of dominance within both District XI and the Schuylkill League; not to mention at the State level. On February 25th, Tina capped off her memorable season at the Pennsylvania PTFCA Indoor Track & Field State Championships placing 6th in the mile run; posting a time of 5:08.

Throughout her time at Marian Catholic, Capparell has established quite the resume:

- PIAA Cross Country State Title
- 4x District XI Champion
- 2x Schuylkill League Champion
- 4x *Times News* Cross Country Athlete of the Year
- 4 Medals in 4 Trips to the State Championships in Hershey
- A Senior Year Trifecta of Gold; at Districts, Leagues, and States

As Capparell concludes her legacy at Marian, her next chapter will begin at the University of Delaware; where Christina has committed under a full Division I scholarship. Following in her footsteps at Marian is her sister, Nicole. With big shoes to fill, Nicole looks to leave her own legacy. When asked what advice she had for her sister, Tina responded with “My best advice would be to never give up and to set goals. If you believe you can achieve your goals, then you’re already halfway there.”



Christina Capparell nears the finish line at the District XI Girls’ Class A Cross Country Championships at Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course; where Capparell won her 4th district gold in 19:42

With such an outstanding career at Marian, Tina accredits her parents when it comes to her success; saying “My parents were my greatest influences growing up. They always supported me and always encouraged me to do my best. Also, they drove me to all my sports practices and I wouldn’t be at the level I am today without them.”

Just this year, Capparell set a new personal record of 18:13 at the Paul Short Invitational. With still such a high ceiling to reach, Capparell continues to push

herself; striving to set new personal bests in her final season of high school Track & Field. As Marian says goodbye to Capparell, they thank her for bringing a level of excitement to the school that had previously never been seen before. Coach Tom Kostic makes it clear that he believes Tina’s best days are still ahead of her; stating “You don’t hit your peak in running until you’re well into your 20s. I think she has unlimited potential in the sport. Don’t be surprised if you see her running beyond college. Her talent level is that high. She truly is phenomenal.”

As one door closes, another one opens. As Tina Capparell transitions from high school to college athletics, she leaves a legacy at Marian that will go down as one of the greatest of all time. I believe I could speak for all of Marian; students and faculty, when I say, “Thank you, Tina, for allowing us to be a small part of your story. Thank you for four years of hard work and dedication; because it is people like you who make Marian Catholic the school it is. Thanks for such an exciting ride; you certainly made your school proud. We’re looking forward to seeing what great things you accomplish next at the University of Delaware. Best of luck; we’ll be watching!”



The Weather in March

By Zack White

In recent years, the weather during March has been less than pleasant for the most part. What was usually some light snow in the earlier parts followed by springtime temperatures. That spring weather however, has now been replaced by snow storms followed by more snow storms. It seems that March has begun to develop weather patterns fitting the winter months as opposed to the month that is usually the transition into spring. With snow accumulations that vary from mere inches to a few feet, it can really cause one to miss the warmer version of March from past years.



As mentioned before, March hasn't been always been so snowy, in fact in years past it was rather warm for the most part. Rarely did snow start to fall during March, especially during the later parts of the month. When there was any form of precipitation it would mostly come in the form of rain. The temperatures have also been rather low recently, rarely reaching past the 50 degree range before the end of the month. With the weather being a bit crazy in the years past, it may beg the question: just why has the weather in March been so unpredictable?

There are multiple theories as to why the weather has been this way recently. The most common, and likely the most controversial, is global warming or climate change. This could very well be a sufficient explanation for the weather, with the summers getting hotter and the winters getting colder it makes sense that the climate may be changing as time goes by. As for the causes behind it, it is also a somewhat controversial subject. The most popular reason stated is pollution which could make sense considering the amount of fossil fuels that are burned in most first world countries. However, as it currently stands there is not any definite reason behind the change in weather recently so, the weather in March will likely stay the way it has for quite a few years.

So even though we had some nice weather, don't put that snow shovel away – you never know when it will snow again.



Project by Tiffany Ustynoski and Annika Hahn from Mr. Doughtry's class Sophomore English class. The project shows the fashions of the Elizabethan Era. Women and children fashions were unique. Children were dressed as young women and the style was very ornate.

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11 am to 12:30 pm

Children Ages Newborn to 5

(Older Siblings Are Welcome)

Child **MUST** be present to receive a book

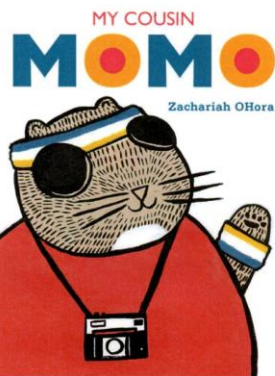
While Supplies Last!

This year's book is

My Cousin Momo

by Pennsylvanian author,

Zachariah OHora



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Remembering those who died

By Cassie Casella

Valentine's Day has always been a day of love and friendship, but this year it was a day of sorrow and devastation to people in the United States and especially in Parkland, FL. Once again there was a mass shooting in a school. This time it happened at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in *Parkland*, Florida. Seventeen people were killed and seventeen more were wounded, making it one of the world's deadliest school massacres. "When we were in Elementary School the only thing we had to worry about was bullying," said Senior Tyler Zakrzewski. "That was bad enough. Now we need to worry for our very lives."

One month after the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, Marian Catholic High School placed 17 pairs of shoes in-front of the altar during our mass, to commemorate the young lives of the teachers and students lost that day. Every heart at Marian -students and administration- goes out to the families and people killed and injured in the tragic event that lost amazing

people. The big questions is - Is there anything that can be done to stop the violence?



Above: Fr. Miller and Alex Tate talk to us about the event.

Below: The seventeen Pairs of shoes to represent the 17 killed and the 17 wounded at Parkland.



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