

# MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

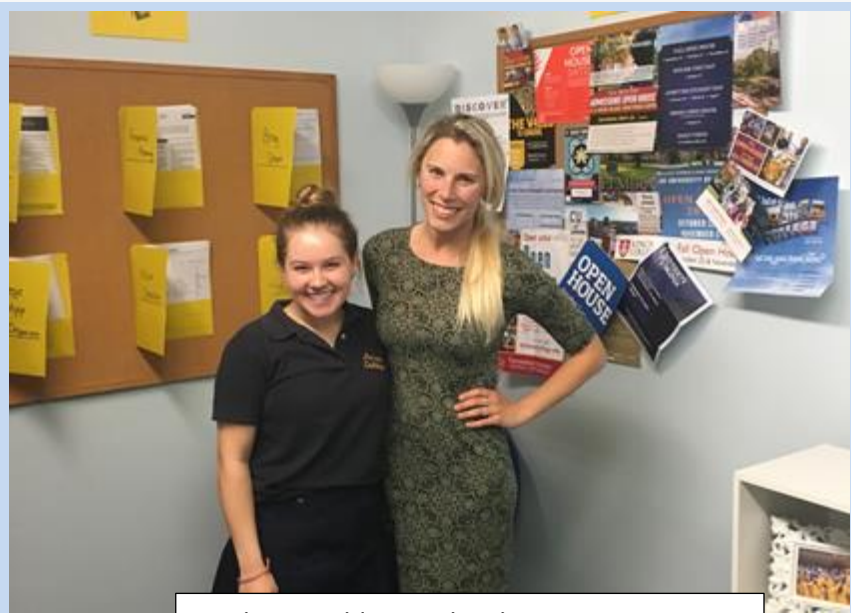
September 2017

## Welcome Back!

### A Marian graduate returns

By: Alicia Marie Morgan

We welcome back, to Marian High School, Nicole Dunn with open arms as our new guidance counselor. As a child she grew up in Summit Hill, and attended Marian in the graduate class of 2008. She attended Kutztown University for her undergraduate degree and later returned for her graduate degree. Miss Dunn chose Marian again because she highly valued her education and time here, saying she wanted to give something back to Marian. Two of her favorite hobbies are online shopping and running, as she is currently training for a marathon. She chose to be a guidance counselor because she loves working with children and teens. Formerly working in elementary schools, she believes helping students here is very rewarding, and she is looking forward to working with the Marian family once again.



Student Maddie Dembinski greets our new Guidance Counselor Miss Nicole Dunn

### Something new

Today's society is losing its civility. We see it every day. Our first President George Washington, when just a teen like our students, created a book called *Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*. He tried each day to master one of his 110 rules. Each month we will list one of his rules so our readers may become more mannerly citizens of our country. ( spelling is his)  
**Number 1: Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.**



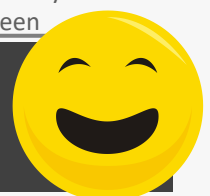
#### Upcoming events -

Oct. 2-6 – Spirit Week  
Oct. 4 – College Fair  
Oct. 5 – Blue Activity  
Oct. 9 – No school

Oct. 11 - PSAT/ASVAB Tests  
Oct. 20 – Senior Night  
Oct. 23 – 27 - Book Fair  
Oct. 24 - Gold Activity  
Oct. 31 - Halloween

Newspapers should proofread!

City unsure why the sewer smells



## Fillies Top Bears

by: Noah Stauffer

During a division IV showdown on Sept. 11th here at Marian, the Fillies volleyball team knew there was a tough road ahead of them. "We knew we had to bring the fast, high level of play to the Mahanoy game we bring to every game" said Jasmine Mooney, the outside hitter for the Fillies. The Fillies were off to a hot start winning the first set. The second set was lost by a small margin. After that, they picked it up the third set and never looked back by winning the next two sets. The win improved the fillies to 3-0 on the season. Great Job Fillies.

In a later game at Tri Valley we had some great events taking place. Congratulations to Jasmine Mooney for breaking the school record in aces and Gianna Agosti for reaching 1,000 assists.



## Calling all Muggles

This year's Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held Oct. 23-27, is going to bring Hogwarts to Marian. Our theme will be Harry Potter and the Library will be decorated in all things Harry. This book fair is a major fundraiser for the library each year. It also gives everyone a chance to purchase some wonderful reading materials that can't be found in our area since most of the book stores are closed. Some new books will be there to buy and since our theme is Harry Potter, they are sending us some Harry Potter books. Hopefully those of you who only saw the movies will take this chance to get the books and enjoy as much as those of us who were around 20 years ago when they first began. As always there will be the annual competition between the homerooms on who can spend the most money to support our library. After all, those new tables still need to be paid for and what better way than buying some books to read while you sit in the new chairs. Hope to see you all there in Potterland.



Welcome to Hogwarts

Monster book of Monsters



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# Children's Fall Storytime

Join the fun at  
Tamaqua Public Library  
and learn all about different  
**OCCUPATIONS!**

Every Tuesday and Wednesday  
Begins September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
Continues for 8 consecutive weeks  
Concludes November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10:00 to 11:00 am  
All children ages 0 to 5 are welcome!

Call TPL at (570) 668-4660 for more information,  
or to register a child.

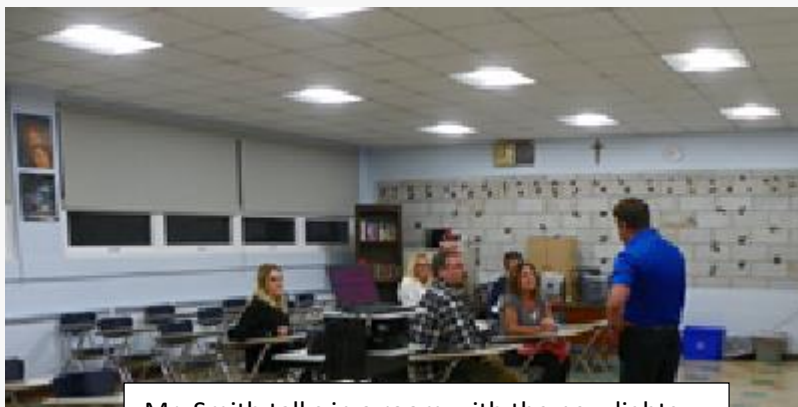
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## Things are brighter at Marian

Some of Marian's classrooms have become a brighter place to be. The classrooms in the basement are the first ones to get the new LED lights that will be installed throughout the school. These classrooms are so much brighter than before (after all the basement was always gloomy) that the teachers in those rooms were given sunglasses to wear while they adjust. Also the chalk boards have been removed awaiting new white boards. Things are looking up.



Mr. Smith talks in a room with the new lights

### Student Abroad

Just a quick note to let everyone know that a 2016 graduate of Marian High School became a teacher during the summer. Henry Hinchey spent time in China this summer teaching English to students there. Henry took some online courses as a senior here in other languages besides the two offered at Marian. This tells us he **LIKES** studying other languages. Well, to each his own. Congratulations Henry.



### ***The Importance of Eucharistic Ministers***

By: Preston Joseph Zackery Biros

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or better known as Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist the distribution of the Eucharist so Mass will go a bit faster than a Priest by himself. The 2017-18 Marian Catholic Eucharistic ministers were inducted by Fr. Miller at a special mass on Wednesday September 20, 2017. As a whole our religion is decreasing in numbers of those who help in our church and to see young bright individuals volunteer for such a wonderful and special part of the church is a great way to show our unity and growing spiritually. Thank you and congratulations to our new Eucharistic Ministers.





## Pinata Time

Mrs. Hydock third period class finished their first culture project. They had an opportunity to learn how piñatas were made and some of the history behind them going back as far as the Mayan's. As you can see they made a pumpkin, a five dollar bill, Mickey mouse, penguin, Patrick from sponge Bob and Squidward from sponge Bob as well.



## New Student Council for Marian

By: Cassie Cassella

During our usual Marian Catholic Wednesday mass, on Sept. 6, 2017, we inducted our fresh set of student council officials. The officers of all classes, and homerooms, except for freshmen since they didn't vote yet, were sworn in with the duty of helping our school with anything; including, but not limited to: prom and semi planning, homeroom duties of collecting money for dress down, and telling us of new events coming to us.

The council has many duties and jobs in our school, if you see a council member, tell them THANK YOU!



# Banned Books Week

By: Maddie Dembinski

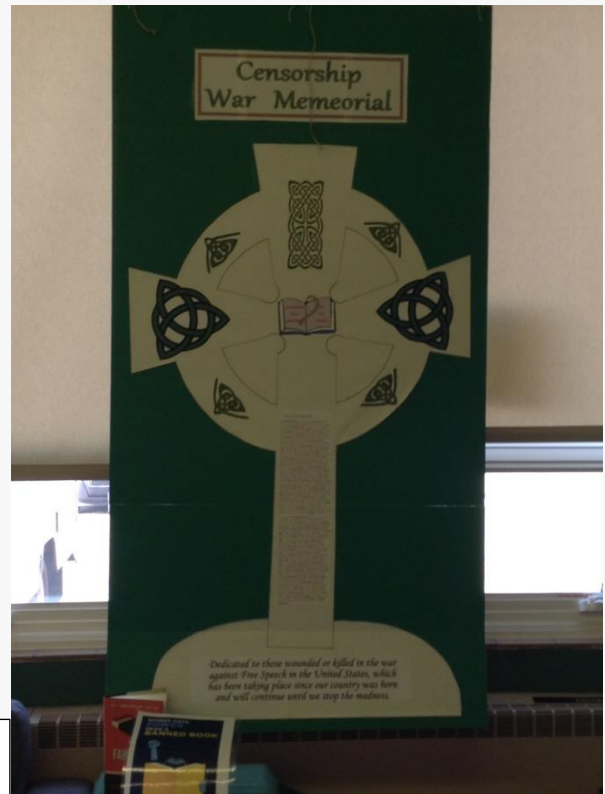
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This year, Banned Book Week occurred the week of September 24 - 30. This week is an annual event celebrating our freedom to read. This celebration was launched in 1982, and from its 31 year history over 11,000 books have been challenged. In fact, some of the most famous works of literature are banned. So why exactly are they banned? According to the American Library Association "The majority of challenges are made by parents." Most of these challenges never result in a ban, but when they do it is predominantly because the literature may contain racial themes, alternative lifestyles, profanity, violence and more.

Banned Books are a big dispute because of our basic right in the First Amendment that states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." Some of the most famous banned books include: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain, *The Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger, *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Jungle*, Upton Sinclair, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee. Those are just to name a few. We celebrate banned book week here at Marian with posters, library displays and daily announcements. Plus Mrs. Costello, the librarian teaches students about censorship. So celebrate Banned Book week and read a Banned Book.



Library display of "dangerous" books that have been banned or challenged somewhere in the United States.



A new display in the library- **A Censorship War Memorial** with a list of some of the most banned and challenged books in American History.

## Marian Catholic High School Inducts the “Peer listening group of 2017-2018.”

By: Gabbi Frask

On September 13, 2017, Marian Catholic High School inducted the new members and recognized the returners of the peer listening group. Peer listening is a group that is moderated by Mrs. Mary Matunis. She is also the leader of S.A.D.D (Students Against Destructive Decisions.) Peer listeners are a group of people who Mrs. Matunis picks. These teens are trained to listen and to help when possible with all different types of problems that student may have. If a situation is serious they know who to contact. The new incoming members inducted consisted of 10 juniors and 1 senior. These students are to listen to students with any problem and is to keep confidential, they cannot tell or they can be dismissed from the group. This group of students was hand selected and chosen for a reason, so you can trust them. They are here to help. Don't keep your troubles to yourself, it can be harmful. Let these students help you, a burden is less when shared.



### Editorial:

September has been a terrible month for the North American continent. The United States is hit by three horrendous hurricanes, Mexico gets a massive earthquake and the month ends with the worst mass shooting in United States History. There are stories of total devastation everywhere. But there are also stories of great heroism and self-sacrifice. Despite the atmosphere of anger and division in the country, when a disaster strikes we all work together to alleviate the suffering. We are all praying for the victims, but that is the easy part. We need to physically do something. You can volunteer your time with the Red Cross or habitat for humanity, donate products that are needed or even better for these groups, send them a donation. These are helpful for natural disasters, but the shooting in Los Vegas was not natural. The main thing we can do for that is work towards tolerance and peace rather than hatred and intolerance. Jesus said Love thy neighbor, not love them unless they are black, or Mexican, or gay or transgender. There were no exceptions to his law. If we live by it, there would be no more human made disasters for which we need to pray for victims and their families. Work towards peace. It won't be easy, but anything worthwhile isn't easy. After all "What Would Jesus Do?"

