

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Marian grad makes Hall of Fame

The PIAA District 11 has established a Hall of Fame and one of Marian's own basketball stars is on the list of the first winners. Diane Decker was a star player from 1981-1985 with a school record 2,377 points and 1,116 rebounds. She led our Fillies to two District 11 Class A championships, three Eastern finals appearances and a 1984 Class A state title. District 11 is composed of 54 high schools from parts of seven counties in Pennsylvania (Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill). Honorees for this year's inaugural class were selected for their high school accomplishments only.

But Diane could also see her accomplishments since Marian as something to honor. She played for Villanova and helped them to four NCAA tournaments and her college coaching career is nothing to sneeze at either. She is currently head coach at East Stroudsburg University women's basketball as head coach led her team to PSAC quarterfinals in each of her first three years in charge, with the 2016-17 squad advancing to the conference's Final Four for the first time in 10 seasons.

Congratulation Diane! You have made Marian proud.



Upcoming events -

Dec. 6 – Failure Warnings

Dec. 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception

Dec. 14 – AP English Practice test

Dec. 19 – Christmas Concert

Dec. 21 – Last day before break

Dec 25- Jan 2 – Christmas Break

Jan 2 – Back to school

Newspapers should proofread!

Diana was still alive hours before she died.



MARIAN CATHOLIC CELEBRATES ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass reflects on the litany of saints

by: Jacob Artz

HOMETOWN - Marian Catholic is centered and built on the roots of the Catholic faith. This is evident in the school mass that includes the consecration of the Holy Eucharist. This ancient tradition of paying homage to all the saints is celebrated in the same manner today as its origins when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all martyrs on May 13th, 609.

All Souls Day was proclaimed to be the day after All Saints Day when the Church dedicates that day to all the souls who have died and not reach Heaven. The choice of the date in May may be to blame that it was intended to thwart the “Feast of the Lemures” which is a pagan holiday that is used to pacify the souls of the dead. The original date of May 13th was changed to November 1st when Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century to commemorate the saints and their relics.

The tradition of the Catholic Church continued Thursday November 1st with the celebration of All Saints Day at Marian Catholic High School. The mass was open to the public as the deceased souls were honored afterwards with a candle lighting ceremony to pray for the souls to enter the eternal banquet of Heaven.



The souls that represent the praying consistently for the deceased souls are placed on the altar following the All Saints Day mass Thursday, November 1st at Marian Catholic High School. These candles are placed in the chapel for the whole month of November to remember the souls that students held dear to them. Photo by Jacob Artz

The normal procedure for the mass was followed except the reciting of the Gloria and Nicene Creed were added due to this mass celebrating a Holy Day of Obligation. Father Miller’s homily focused on our call to sainthood and how many saints’ path to holiness was rocky and filled with sin. Father reinforced our call to sainthood by stating that we can always seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession and to know that it is not easy to choose Jesus in this world contains much sin. Father also made clear that choosing Him must take place to enter Heaven. After this, the Liturgy of the Eucharist was celebrated with the Holy Communion distributed to the faithful. Rock Music Ministry provided the singing for the mass while the mass was being offered for all of the deceased souls written in the remembrance book by the students presented in front of the altar.

Give Blood...It’s in you!

By -Madeline Ruff

Marian had its Miller-Keystone blood drive on Tuesday November 6th. I recently talked to Mrs. Hydock, who is the teacher in charge of the Red Cross Club and who helped put on the blood drive. I asked her why does Marian does the blood drive and she replied with “The Red Cross club started doing the blood drive to help our community and it gives students the opportunity to be involved at the same time they are a step closer to earn their red cord for graduation.” It’s a great way to get involved in helping the community and we hope we get even more people to donate at the next one.



The poster that was hanging around Marian to get students to sign up and donate! Photo by Maddie Ruff

Thanksgiving

By Jordan Woitko



In 1621 of November, Governor William Bradford threw a feast celebrating the success of the Pilgrims’. This is known as the first Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated all over the U.S on the Fourth Thursday of November every year. This special holiday is the celebration of the pilgrims Harvest meal. This is the perfect holiday to gather around with family and friends and just be grateful for everyone and everything. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to play some football, gather as a family and feast on delicious home cooked meals. Let’s not forget all the delicious desserts that are made to! Thanksgiving is a great time for friends and family to all gather together and just relax. It is a time for people to just be together. It’s about letting your worries and problems go away for a day, and just enjoy the little things in life.

Halloween: a day of fun at Marian

By: Zackery Hnat

Marian Catholic allowed their students to dress up for Halloween. Being told that, many students got very creative, from way back when to modern day themes. The day started out with a walk around the school so that students can show off their costumes. For about a good 20-30 minutes students were permitted to do this. The main reason students walked around was because of a competition that was being held. This has been a tradition for years.

So after the students got done walking around, teachers got together to talk about the best costumes that they saw. The competition is among many different categories, from scariest, funniest, most creative, and then best costume overall. A certain amount of students got called down to receive a prize.

After the competition was finished students were still able to wear there costume till the end of the day. The day was very eventful, filled with lots of enjoyment and fun. Hopefully next year every kid will participate even though most students did!!



CAN DO Student Action Committee

By: Grace Mussoline

Every year since 2005, the CAN DO Student Action Committee sets up a food drive, in which all donations are used to create care packages for troops stationed overseas. These troops are ones who have ties to local families in the Hazleton Area. During the holiday season, these care packages are sent to troops. Being that some troops are not able to come home during the holidays, CAN DO and the Student Action Committee help them feel the love and thanks from home. All throughout the months of October and some of November CAN DO has been accepting donations to make this event possible. This year, the student members from Marian Catholic have turned to the student body and asked for donations. Barrels were placed in the lobby, and the class with the largest amount of donations received a dress down day.

The members of the Student Action Committee from Marian are Seniors, Isabella Schwabe and Grace Mussoline, and Juniors, Alexander Kubushin and Julia Krisel. The student members of CAN DO would like to express their gratitude to all who has participated in this giving back event.



Pictured is the final result of donations collected all across local schools and businesses.



Far right, Grace Mussoline, from Marian Catholic, grabs a donation from a committee member to put in the pile of donations.

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME HOLIDAY FUN?

AND A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE?

Join us for our annual

Children's Christmas Party

Monday, December 3, 2018!

Festivities will begin at 5:45 pm and continue until around 7:00 pm.

The program is for newborns to 5-year-olds, but older siblings are welcome to accompany them!

For questions or to register, please call (570) 668-4660.



"The best sale of the year"

By: Grace Lorenz

Are you the crazy person that will wait in a 45 minute line to get that item that is on sale. This crazy day is known as Black Friday. Black Friday is a day where almost everyone in the U.S. will wait in any line to score a great deal that the stores are offering. In many families they will eat Thanksgiving dinner and then wait for the stores to open late on Thanksgiving day.

The first time we heard the term "black Friday" was not about shopping but a financial crisis due to the crash of the Gold market. The first time we heard the term black Friday as the sale day after thanksgiving is in a city in our home state Philadelphia after people from the Suburbs would come into the city after Thanksgiving to go shopping. The city of Philadelphia, tried to change the name to "Big Friday" to remove negativity. In 1980 the realtors decided to reinvent Black Friday to something more positive. Since then the holiday has turned into something so major that people will wait in any line to get the best sale. There has been many fights to get the best deal. Black Friday is something to look forward to after a long day of eating.



People on Black Friday trying to get the best deal there is in their favorite stores. The amount of people that come out and celebrate this day is unbelievable.

Veterans Day Assembly

By Maggie Joseph

Marian held its annual Veterans Day Assembly on Nov. 9, 2018 to celebrate and honor our veterans. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

This year was the 100 anniversary of the end of WWI so that made the celebration extra special. Our guest speaker was Master Sgt. Leonard who shared his stories and experiences with the whole school opening the student's eyes on what Veteran's Day is truly about. Master Sgt. Leonard is a well decorated soldier who is very honorable. The Marian family thanks him for his time and service.



Master Sgt. Leonard speaking to the Marian student body. Photo by Maggie Joseph

Unity Mass for Junior Class

By Dylan Seibert

Unity is being together or at one with someone or something. It's the opposite of being divided. This is a word for togetherness or oneness. Every year at Marian it is a tradition to have a unity mass for the Junior class. As Father Miller said during his homily, this mass is the first of three steps to graduation. This year Marian Catholic's unity mass took place on November 14th. The Juniors received their class rings and pins with their families and friends in attendance. The class rings and pins are a symbol of unity for their class. On each ring is an engraving of something special to that student from high school, on the other side of the ring is the Marian crest. This is helping the Juniors come together as the graduating class of 2020. Following the mass, there was a reception in the cafeteria where families and students came together to celebrate their new bond.



Honors! Honors! Honors!

By Alicia Morgan

On a chilly morning in the Marian gym 15 hardworking, and dedicated students were inducted into the National Honor Society during Mass on the 21st of November. Marian holds this event after mass to show appreciation to those who took it upon themselves to take on a challenge and better themselves. Emma McClafferty, Zac Boyer, and Meghan Darrough delivered the introductory speeches, telling the history and purpose of the National Honor Society, before the induction and pledge to the NHS foundation. Founded in 1921, the National Honor Society not only commends and honors students of high academic achievement but also recognize great achievement in leadership, scholarship, service, and character roles. The organization was founded in Pittsburg, and from the original Alpha Chapter, more than 1,000 chapters grew by 1930. The NHS quickly became the country's leading educational group, as it

is equipped with its own constitution, emblem and motto, and a group of dedicated coordinators. The four main purposes of the NHS is to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; to develop character in the students of secondary schools; and to create enthusiasm for scholarship. The foundations are implemented when choosing each member of the NHS Chapters. Being chosen to be a part of such an important organization is a responsibility carried out faithfully by Marian students that bring forth leadership and community.



Marian student, Ryan Cappell, being inducted into NHS. Principal Jean Susko dons each student with a NHS stole. Photo by Alicia Morgan

Blue or red? Make your pick....

By: Rhiannon Malarkey

You have seen television commercials, radio broadcasts and newspaper ads on who to vote for. Democrats and Republicans have been in battle since the beginning of the year to see who would come out on top. Well, on November 6 it all came to a stand still as people around the country went out to make sure their voices were heard and voted.

Democrats around the U.S. only wanted one thing, control of the house and senate. However, Republicans wanted to continue their reign and keep control of both. At the end of the night, the Democrats came out on top with control of the House of Representatives, however Republicans continued the reign of the Senate. This creates a big hill to climb for the Trump administration who are likely to face congressional investigations and leaves the nation even more divided.

They say, women can do everything men can do. Well, that statement stood true on November 6 as women came up with a big victory with 31 new members of the house elected, 11 new senators elected and 9 women won governors' races. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib became the first Muslim woman in congress, Michelle Lujan Grisham became the first

November Snow Day

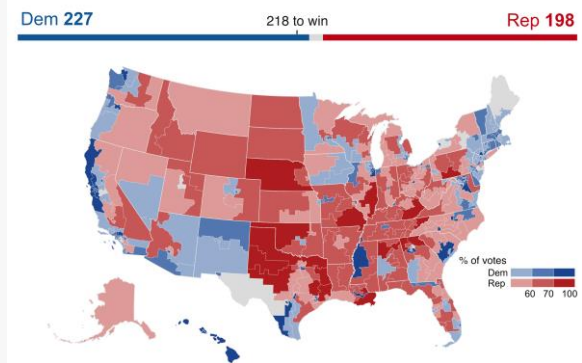
By Vladimir Holoviak

On November 22, 2018 at around 12:PM, Pennsylvania experienced heavy snowfall which stuck to the roads, making any driver's trip home slippery and unsafe. The next day, the snow stayed because of the 32 degree weather. This caused all schools in the area to close, making our first official snow day of the year in November. You probably already know this though. What you might not know is that the 2018 'Old Farmer's Almanac' predicted a major snowstorm like this to happen just before Thanksgiving. You may wonder how they did it. Well according to the Old Farmer's Almanac website, a man named Robert B. Thomas came up with a method in 1792 that is still used to this day. Thomas believed that the weather was influenced by sunspots, or magnetic storms on the surface of the sun. There are notes about his formula locked in a black box in their offices in Dublin, New Hampshire. Since his original theory was used, they have updated the formula using modern technology and scientific calculations. To make long-range predictions, they use solar science, climatology, and meteorology. They predict weather trends and events by comparing solar patterns and historical weather conditions with current solar activity. According to them, they are accurate 80% of the time. That's not a bad number considering that the original method was created during George Washington's presidency.

Democratic Latino governor, Sharice Davids and Deb Haaland became the first Native American congresswomen and Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley became the first black woman elected to congress from Massachusetts.

The next big election will be held on November 5, 2019. The 2019 state elections will impact the redistricting that will follow the 2020 United States Census, as many states task governors and state legislators with drawing new boundaries for state legislative and Congressional districts.

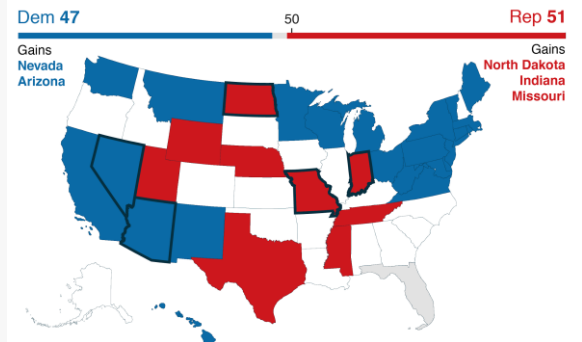
The Democrats take control of the House



Source: AP, 12/11/2018. Grey districts are undeclared

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Republicans hold the Senate



Source: AP. White areas have no senate election, grey areas are undeclared

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