

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

April 2018

Annual Blood Drive

By: Aaron Adams

Marian Catholic held its second blood drive of the year bringing in 64 pints of blood from this drive. The blood drive, sponsored by the National Honor Society, took place in Marian Catholic gym Monday April 6, 2018. You must be 16 years of age and have a photo ID to donate blood at the school. Students, Teachers, and staff attended the drive where Miller Keystone staff took care of us. Those who donated received a pen/highlighter and a chance to win a free t-shirt. For a precaution, those who gave blood were to stay at the drive permitted to leave in case of lightheadedness or sickness which could lead to injury. While waiting you were given a snack and drink to help build up your blood again. According to the Miller Keystone website, 450 donors are needed everyday. Marian did its part toward that number. Thanks to all who gave for this worthy cause.



Abby Pazdon and Jake Dembinski seniors at Marian smile while donating blood

Annie Nelson, Mikhaila Racho, and Mike McLaughlin eating their snacks during the blood drive.



Upcoming events -

May 1 – May Procession
May 1 - Academic Dinner
May 10 - Ascension Mass
May 11 – Senior Prom
May 20 – Chinese Auction

May 23 – Spring Concert
May 23 - 24 - Sr. Exams
May 25 – Sr. Appreciation Day
May 29 – Memorial Day - Off

Newspapers should proofread!

Parents keep kids home to protest school closure



The Easter Tradition

By: Hailey Andrejco

Easter for Roman Catholics is celebrated on the first Sunday after the spring equinox in the month of April. This year Easter happens to fall on April Fool's Day, or April first.

At Marian, Easter vacation was to start with an early dismissal on Wednesday March 27th and last through Monday April 2nd, but because of the many snow days caused by the recent nor'easters, students and faculty only had Friday March 29th off. A group of anonymous students stated that, "The break is usually something we look forward to to start off the end of the school year."

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It concludes the end of Holy Week, Lent, and the Easter Triduum. His resurrection marks the battle between good and evil, sin, and death, in which good won. This is also the fulfillment of God's promise of everlasting life to humans.

Some widely celebrated traditions in the U.S. include Easter egg hunts, flowers and cards, and candy. The two most common ways of celebration include the Easter meal after the Easter vigil and Easter Baskets. Father Miller, of Marian Catholic, explained that he spends his Easter at mass blessing baskets and performing the Easter Vigil.



This is a depiction of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, flying over and celebrating with a group of people after Jesus' resurrection.

"Easter Sunday- Easter/Lent."
Catholic Online, Catholic Online,
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www.catholic.org/lent/easter.php.

March for our Lives

By Zach White

There have been a few protests revolving around having the current gun laws changed, whether it be banning certain types of firearms or just making them a bit more difficult to obtain. The most notable movement was named *March for Our Lives*, which is in reference to not only the recent school shootings but also the amount of gun related homicide in the United States each year. The protest was organized by students soon after the shooting in Parkland, Florida where 17 people lost their lives. The march itself occurred in late March where thousands of students around the country and even in other countries gathered to protest gun violence.

According to the movement's site, their goal or mission as they call it is to prevent another shooting from occurring. The official statements on the site say this, "Not one more. We cannot allow one more child to be shot at school. We cannot allow one more to jump in front of an assault rifle to save the lives of students. We cannot allow one more family to wait for a call or text that never comes. Our children and teachers are dying. We must make it our top priority to save these lives." This isn't just limited to schools, according to the official site, they wish to keep them from occurring within Churches, nightclubs, movie theatres, concerts, or even when one is simply walking home. *March for Our Lives* claims on its site that they are currently working towards five things: Universal background checks, bringing the ATF into the 21st century with a searchable database, funds for the CDC to research gun violence in the country, a high capacity magazine ban, and a automatic weapon ban. The subject of gun control has always been a sensitive subject within the country which likely will make some of their objectives hard or impossible to complete.

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Easter Bunny and Marian Colt visit the Annual Marian Easter Egg Hunt

March Madness Recap

By Dyllan Ogurkis

The tournament may be called March Madness, but the real show of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament doesn't start until April, the month that hosts the title game. This year's bracket had the Villanova Wildcats set up against the Michigan Wolverines. Before we get to the results of that game, let's look back at the earlier rounds of the tournament.

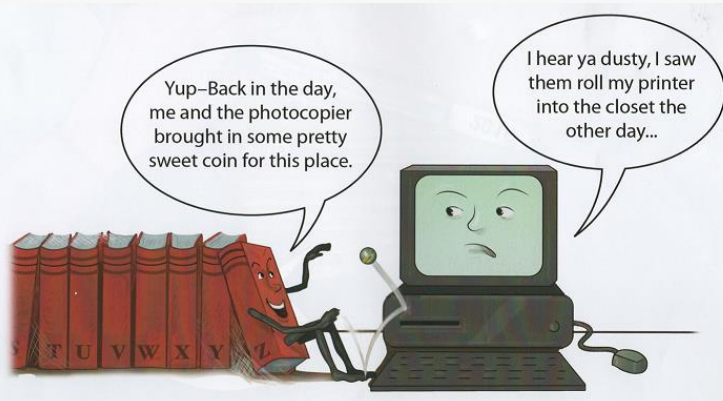
Let's let the cat out of the bag, the biggest upset of the tournament was 16th seed UMBC Retrievers toppling the #1 seed Virginia Cavaliers, making history as the first time a 1 seed was toppled by a 16 seed. Other notable upsets included, FSU over Xavier (1), Texas A&M (7) over UNC (2), and Syracuse (11) over Michigan State (3).

Villanova defeats Michigan, 79-62, enroute to its second national championship in three seasons. AP Player of the Year Jalen Brunson finished with 9 points, but the Wildcats squeezed a surprise career-high 31 from Donte DiVincenzo. POTY Brunson said of Dante following the game:

"He's worked so hard to make himself the best player he can be every day," Brunson said. "Honestly, this is nothing special -- excuse me, this is very special, this is nothing surprising for us. We've seen Donte do this multiple times this year."



Wildcat players mob DiVincenzo (10) after the final buzzer rang following their win.



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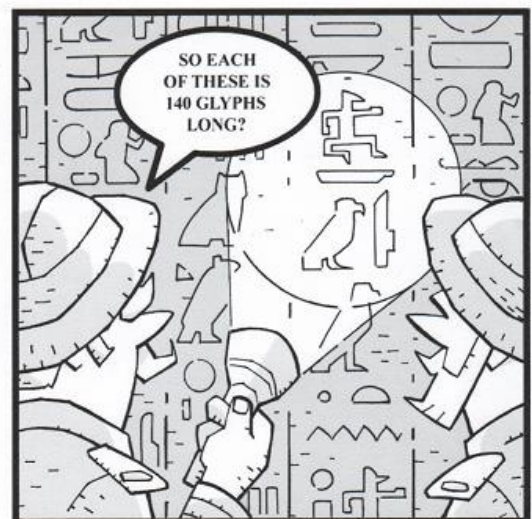
Earth Day

By: Giovanna Digilio

Earth Day is a world-wide holiday where millions of people around the world celebrate the Earth and all it provides. Whether it's road clean-ups, recycling, or simply not littering, we can all do something to make our Earth a better place. Our Biology teacher here at Marian, Ms. Bechtal, does road clean-ups throughout the school year with the Green Club along Marian Avenue. Also this year she, and the rest of Marian, collected bottle-caps from different household items and placed them on a big poster board shaped in different Marian symbols. Everyone can do something, big or small, to help keep our Earth clean.



Above is one of the most common used symbols, mainly for recycling. The 3 creased arrows mean "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" which is a slogan to get people to be more cautious of the things they throw away.



Early evidence of social media

Marian's New Flame; Danny Berlitz

By: Jacob McNelis

Coming from a school with no swimming pool, Marian's Danny Berlitz has taken District XI, the Schuylkill League, and while he's at it, the State of Pennsylvania by storm. Feeding off of his 2017 State Championship in the 500 freestyle, Berlitz has not skipped a beat.



Berlitz splashes following his victory in the 500 freestyle at the PIAA State Championships

Just two months ago, in the District XI Class AA Swimming Championships, Danny was presented with the Dennis McGinley Award; as the 2018 District 11 Class AA Outstanding Male Swimmer. In the same day, Berlitz again broke his own District 11 record; winning gold in the 500 freestyle in 4:35.13.

Danny's junior season had a similar outcome; competing in the 200 IM and the 500 freestyle.

Berlitz's season included:

- Two District XI Class 2A gold medals; along with two district records
- Two Schuylkill League gold medals; along with one league record
- Personal Bests in both the 200 IM and the 500 freestyle
- One PIAA Class 2A gold medal; with a silver one to compliment it



Danny Berlitz poses with his PIAA gold and silver medals for the 200 IM and 500 freestyle

With dreams to compete in the Olympics, Berlitz proved that he is just getting started. As a junior, Danny has already heard from well over 50 Division I schools; keeping the University of Michigan in mind. As he enters his senior season, he comes in with every intention of taking home state gold in both the 200 IM and 500 freestyle.

As Marian loses an exciting, accomplished group of athletes to graduation, Berlitz is left with one more chapter to write in his high school career. Year round, Berlitz has continuously shown a desire for greatness along with a persistent work ethic that is not found in many other high school athletes. With one season to go before Danny begins his collegiate career, he hopes to conclude this chapter the same way he began it: with excellence at all three levels of competition.

As summer approaches, Berlitz hopes to achieve a time that will qualify him for the Olympic Trials; which would put him one step closer to his ultimate goal. As the 2018-2019 season approaches, Danny Berlitz is showing no signs of slowing down. The sky (or since he's a swimmer the ocean) seems to be the limit for the 2x State Champion.



Language Honor Society Mass

Marian inducted new members to the Spanish and French Language Honor Societies on April 18 (the original date in March was snowed out) at mass. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Brian Miller and the mass was conducted in French, Spanish as well as English. The new members were inducted by the moderators of each group, Mrs. Debbie Coles for Spanish and Mrs. Maureen Heffelfinger for French. Congratulations to all the new members (and old) of the Language

Bottom of the Bowl

By Brian Bauer

The Bottom of the Bowl Company came to Marian to give out samples of their product. The founder of Bottom of the Bowl, J.T. and Jena, wanted to take the milk flavors that are left at the bottom of the bowl that people drink, and make it so that you can get it without having to buy the cereal and keeping the milk cold. The flavors they brought to Marian were Chocolate, Fruity and Cinnamon. They go to a special food chemist to make their milk. In my short interview with J.T. and Jena they said they are trying to develop a product to make it into a powder to carry on the go and to add to other types of milk, almond milk for example. Just as in every food, some students enjoyed the milk, others didn't. Also some liked some flavors but not others. Try it out and judge for yourself.

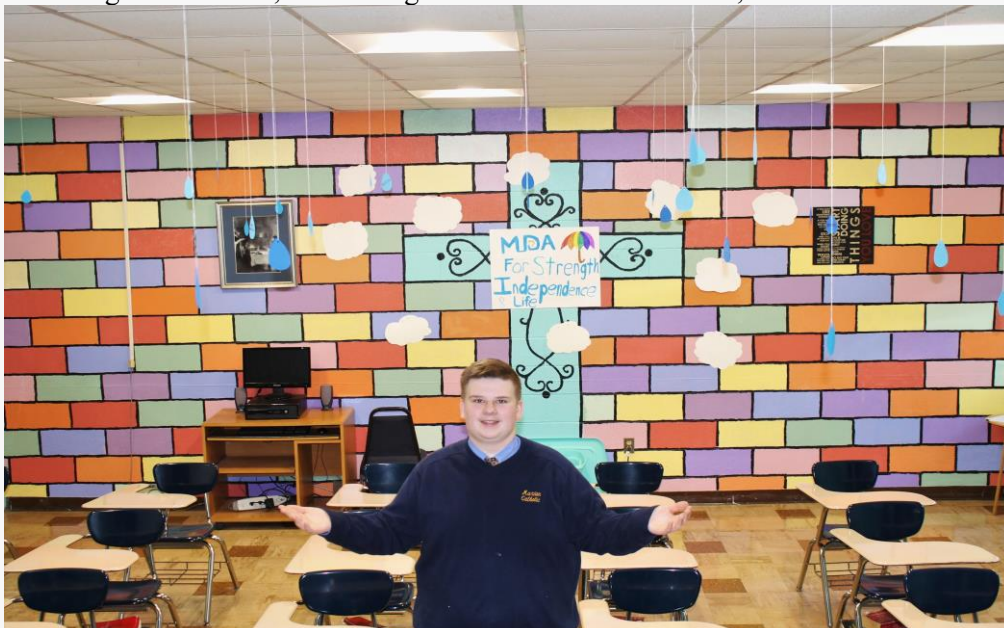


Raindrops for a cause

By Cassie Casella

At Marian Catholic in the month of April we had a brave student come forward to talk about an issue and struggle he lives with every single day of his life.

In case you've been living under a rock, I'm talking about one of our freshman;



Dante Passeri, has a rare form of muscular dystrophy. MD is a mutation of abnormal genes that interfere with the production of proteins that the body needs to form healthy muscle. April Showers in Mrs. Matunis's room along with the SADD Club have had raindrops hanging from the ceiling with small objects to donate to the MDA camp that is run every summer- ages 6-16-. Dante has attended the camp many times in the summer. With your donations Dante and the rest of the children at the camp can have a better camp to deal with their diagnosis.

LOCAL BOY ELECTED STATE OFFICER

By: Gabbi Frask

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted their annual State Leadership Conference on April 8th-11th at Hershey, PA. While in attendance Maxwell Schwabe was elected as the PA FBLA State Vice President at Large. In order to be an eligible candidate, Max completed applications, podcasts, and the PA FBLA knowledge exam. Max was also interviewed by the PA FBLA Director, the PA FBLA



State Advisor and PA FBLA Board President. In this job, Max is required to attend numerous meetings and the National Leadership Conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland this summer. At one of the meetings, Max and the other state officers will establish the plans and goals for this

upcoming year's state project.

But Max wasn't alone with bringing home awards. Aaron Srinivasan and Henry Kreisl placed 5th in Marketing. The following are also moving onto the state level competitions:

- Thomas Bettery - 1st place - Intro to Parliamentary Procedure
- Kobie Arndt - 1st place - Cyber Security
- Colin McCarrie - 3rd place - Business Communications
- Zaccary Roberts - 4th place - Accounting I
- Alex Kubishin - 6th Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Mackayla Aucker - 7th Place - Business Communications

Some group works includes:

- Collin Eisenhower/Quest Wilson - 2nd place - Banking & Financial Systems
- Sam Eroh, Madison Dulina, Alison Anilosky - 2nd place - Business Ethics
- Julia Hoben, Emily Meier, Megan Weber - 2nd place - Hospitality Management
- Aaron Srinivasan/Henry Kreisl- 1st place - Marketing
- Emily Roberti, Sarah Berube, Joseph Jordan - 1st place - Publication Design

Congratulations to all and good luck at states.



Marian Retreat

By: Tim Holt

On March 23rd, Marian held a schoolwide retreat for students of every grade. Unlike past retreats, this one was held at Marian, rather than having the students travel to a church. The retreat was held on a school day with a compressed schedule and lasted for two hours at the end of the day.

John Paul Kasperowicz of Ministry of the Single-hearted came to Marian to lead the student body in prayer and the ever-popular Jesus Jams. J.P., as he is also known, is a good friend of Mrs. Matunis, who was the chief organizer of this retreat. J.P. runs the website Ministry of the Single-hearted through which he displays online prayer services and other fun videos, as well as his own original music. Marian Catholic is thankful for the time J.P. Kasperowicz spent with us, as it was a very fun, interactive, and new kind of retreat!



AND ABOUT TIME!