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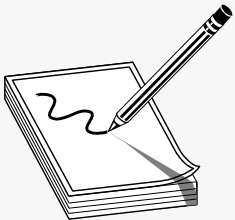
Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Midterm Exams By Wyatt Trantham

Everyone hates exams. I don't know anyone who really enjoys taking a test. The studying, the stress, the feeling of failure are not fun - or is it? One class here at Marian has made studying for their exam fun – Mrs. Heffelfinger's French class. As shown in the picture, Wyatt Trantham (myself), the only male student is French III, is standing at the mercy of Natalia Konitzer and Kristina Matunis. This game, Basket Case, was used as a review game for the French midterms. Games typically help people learn and review, and make classes more bearable. Of course, what class of almost all-women wouldn't want to throw plastic balls at the head of a man? Pray for this poor soul, tormented and the like, but at least they're learning French.



Upcoming events -

Feb 1-5 – Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 3 – Report Cards
Feb, 8 – Prospective Parent Night
Feb. 9 – Gold Activity

Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday
Feb. 9-22 – Phone-a-thon
Feb. 25 - Blue Activity

Newspapers should proofread!

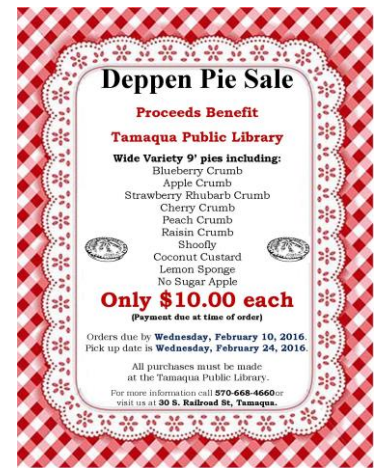
Something went wrong in Jet crash, experts say.



Celebrating Equality

By: Joseph Maguschak

Soon after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, the campaign began for a federal holiday in his honor. MLK Jr. Day was signed into law by Ronald Reagan in 1983 and is a celebration and remembrance of King's immeasurable contribution to the United States and to mankind. Today, we honor this holiday every third Monday of January with community service, a way to pause and remember Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspiring life and work. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016
@ THE TAMAQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please Join us for this family friendly day!

READINGS HELD EVERY HOUR STARTING AT 9:30AM.

REFRESHMENTS AND CHAIRS WILL BE OFFERED ALL DAY.



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Tell us your favorite childhood book!

Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2016 is January 31 - February 6. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Here at Marian we will be celebrating with the following activities.

Sunday January 31 – open house

Monday February 1 – "In our Schools" Hamster Balls, Gaga Party & Lip Sync Battle

Tuesday February 2 – "In our Community" Ice Cream Sundae day and Tim Miller, Hypnotist

Wednesday February 3 – "In our Nation" Mass & Video chats with servicemen/women. Students wear red/white/blue tops and uniform bottoms

Thursday February 4 – "In our Vocations" Speaker, Ms. Madeline (Karpovich) Riggins talks on Stress & remaining positive in teenage relationships

Friday February 5 – "In our Faculty & Staff" Breakfast/snacks for Faculty/Staff/Administration and a dress down day for the volleyball games.



Holocaust Remembrance Day

By: Preston Biros

On the date of January 27, 1945 the Jewish people were finally liberated from Auschwitz Nazi Concentration Camp. To commemorate this day and honor all those who suffered, the United Nations created the international holiday of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Auschwitz was the largest of the death camps. Six million Jews were murdered by Germany's Nazi regime, along with 5 million non-Jews who were killed. Ceremonies to honor this day are in various countries including ours, which is held at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. During these ceremonies there are candle-lightings and the reading of the victims' names. It's a very emotional ceremony for the young and the old alike. This is a necessary day to remind humankind never to let anything like this happen again.



MARIAN CATHOLIC KICKS OFF MINI-THON

Marian Catholic High School kicked off its 1st annual mini-THON, a fundraiser which is modeled after the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON), making a difference in the lives of childhood cancer patients and their families for more than 20 years, with a rally on December 17th, 2015. The mini-THON will raise money that will support children that are battling cancer. The event will be held from 7 p.m. on April 15 to 9 a.m. on April 16 in the high school gymnasium.

Olivia Palmieri, the overall co-chairperson for the event, introduced Four Diamonds representative, Leigh Anna Hilbert, who spoke to our student body explaining what Mini-Thon is and how it began:

"The Four Diamonds Fund was set up by Charles and Irma Millard, a Lancaster County couple, after the death of their son, Christopher, who was 11 years old when he was first diagnosed with cancer. Shortly before he lost his three-year battle with cancer, he wrote a story about a great knight who must find the four diamonds of Courage, Wisdom, Honesty, and Strength in order to defeat the evil sorceress, which represents cancer."

All committee chair people were then introduced to the student body. They are: **Overall** - Olivia Palmieri and Timothy Busher; **Communications** - Camryn Wilson and Samantha McCarthy; **Morale** - Teague Schmidt; **Finance** - Megan Ferrello; **Rules and Regulations** - Nikki Kline and Juliana Oberto; **Hospitality** - Michaela Susko and Clarissa Colondo; **Operations** - Gabreille Tout; **Entertainment** - Alexandria Dutz and Angelina Krupko.

Olivia also explained the big picture of Marian's first Mini-Thon; that no matter whom you are or what you're involved in, you can be a part of this and make a difference "For the Kids." Megan Ferrello spoke briefly on establishing a "Donor Drive" account, an online platform used for tracking all funds raised by the individual participants. Communications chair, Cami Wilson, informed the student body of a contest to design a logo to be used by this year's theme: CARNIVAL FOR A CURE! The event was concluded with a fun game, involving the student body, of Human Hungry Hungry Hippos!

Feel free to gain further information on our website:
<https://sites.google.com/site/mariancatholicminithon/home>.





Pro-Life Memorial Honored

By: Cassie Casella

On Wednesday January 27th, 2016 a few lucky members were inducted into our school's new club, 'Pro-Life'. Those people included some Freshmen all the way to Seniors. The leader of this new life honoring organization – our dear Mrs. Matunis, of course. After Father Finlan blessed our memorial cross, Mrs. Matunis gave a very nice speech where the students responded to the petitions "I choose Life." Then the newly inducted members of the organization proceeded outside to put flowers and the blest cross on the memorial for all aborted babies.

Overall the induction was nice and memorable as we added yet another club to our school. A Big thank you goes out to Mrs. Matunis for this wonderful idea.

