

# MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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## MARIAN WELCOMES THE NEW BISHOP

By Maddie Dembinski

On December 8th Marian celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Schlert. The Immaculate Conception is important to Marian because it is the feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters. This particular group of sisters contributed greatly to the Marian family. The IHM sisters mission is to reach out to those in need, and that definitely includes students.

Here at Marian we were lucky enough to have the new bishop of Allentown celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception with us. Bishop Schlert was excited to be at a school that celebrates Mary on Her feast day. In the Bishop's homily he talked about saying yes to God when he is preparing in secret what he wants for us. This corresponds to Mary saying yes to God when he asked her to be the mother of His son, Jesus.

MARIAN welcomes the Bishop with a sign in front of the statue of Mary  
Photo by: M Costello

Below left: BISHOP Schlert celebrates mass with the Marian family  
Photo by M Costello



### 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 18: **Read no Letters, Books, or Papers in Company but when there is a Necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave.** (Today this includes phone calls and texts).

#### Upcoming events -

Jan 3 – Classes resume  
Jan 11 – 12 – In-class exams  
Jan 15 – Teacher In-service  
Jan 16- 18 – exams - Early dismissal

Jan 20 – Semi-formal  
Jan 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter begins  
Jan 28 - Begin Catholic Schools Week  
Jan 28 - Open House



Newspapers should proofread!

Mississippi's literacy program shows improvement.



## Scholars are honored

By: Brian Bauer

On December 8th, Bishop Schlert came to hold Mass for Marian Catholic High School. After the Mass the people who gained a 600 or more on math and language arts on their SATs were inducted into our Academic Scholars group. SAT stands for Standardized Achievement Tests. These tests are to see where the students are intellectually. They test you on math and english, but the questions could be anything that you would have learned through your 12 years of school. These students are:

**Math** - Megan Weber, Collin McCarrie, and Reese Erbe

**Reading & Writing** - Hailey Andrejco, Tim Holt, Emily Meier, Christina Capparell, Michael Ecker, Corrin Dagostin, Joseph DeLash, Cole Grink, Joshua Hurst, Zaccary Roberts, Dalton Rupert, Matthew Cervasio, Aidan Hinchey, Jeremy Stock, Emily Roberti, Alexi Zukas

**Math and Reading & Writing** - Henry Kreisel, Ryan Chapman, Aaron Srinivasan, Brady Whildin, Claudia Stroia.

Some students were inducted **last year**, Aiden Hinchey and Ryan Cappel Jr. for Math, Joseph Maguschak for English, Reading, and Writing, and Henry Kreisl, Claudia Stroia, Brady Whildin for both.

Aiden Hinchey also scored in the **ACT test** for Spanish with a high score. Congratulations!



## Giving to the less fortunate

By Alicia Morgan

Marian hosts the annual Giving Tree at the beginning of December every year. This year it was December 3rd-15th. Students are encouraged to take a tag from the tree. The tags have an age and requested items on it. They are for the children placed in foster homes, or families in need that are within the Catholic Social Services. The giving tree is hosted by Mrs. Coles and the student council members. Gifts are wrapped, bagged and placed under the tree for the Catholic Social Service to pick up. Some were for the Scranton Diocese and some for Allentown. This was a good opportunity to give up some of your time and think of those less fortunate, and truly make the holiday cheerful.



Presents wrapped and bagged, placed under the Giving tree as it sits lit in the Marian High School entrance foyer. Photo by A. Morgan

Student council members proudly display the gifts given.



## SAP Team Provides Assistance to All Students

In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience "barriers of learning." The Secretary of Education established the Student Assistance Program as a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade system for assisting parents and school personnel in removing those barriers. A SAP team, made up of school and agency staff, is available to help students and their families receive access to school and community services for all Marian Catholic students.

Marian's SAP team is comprised of several teachers: Ms. Bechtel, Mr. Valente, Mr. Ceci, Mr. Smith, Ms. Meehan, and Ms. Martini, administrator: Mr. Sanfilippo, and school counselor: Ms. Dunn. Marian's SAP team will help students in need find services and assistance within the school and, if needed, in the community. The SAP team's purpose is to provide students and families with information to assist their child. The SAP team is entirely confidential, and respect the family and child's privacy at all times.

If you feel that a student may need help, contact the school and ask to speak with a member of the SAP team. Someone will be there to help.



The Marian Catholic High School SAP team meets biweekly before or after school to stay up to date on school wide activity for students mental, emotional, and physical well-being.

Back Row: Ms. Dunn, Mr. Sanfilippo, Ms. Bechtel, Mr. Valente, Mr. Ceci  
Front Row: Mr. Smith, Ms. Meehan, Ms. Martini



## FBLA Conference winners

Once again the Marian FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) attended the annual region 23 conference on December 15. This conference has competitive events for individuals and teams to test their business knowledge and skills. Several of our members placed and are now eligible to compete at the state level in Hershey in April:

Zaccary Roberts – Accounting – 4<sup>th</sup> place

Collin Eisenhower and Quest Wilson – Banking and Financial Systems – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Colin McCarrie – Business Communications – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Alison Anilosky, Madison Dulina and Samantha Eroh – Business Ethics – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Kobie Arndt – Cyber Security – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Julia Hoben, Emily Meier and Megan Weber – Hospitality Management – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Thomas Betterly – Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Henry Kreisl and Aaron Srinivasan – Marketing – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Sarah Berube, Joseph Jordan and Emily Roberti – Publication Design – 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Congratulations to all the winner and good luck at states.**

Maxwell Schwabe gets a special congratulation for winning the office of FBLA region 23 Secretary.

Good luck with this new position.



## SADD Helps the Homeless

By: Noah Stauffer

December can be called SADD's (Students Against Destructive Decisions) month of giving. People from Marian donated slightly new or used hats, scarfs, or gloves for those in need. The leader of the SADD club is theology teacher Mrs. Matunis who told me, "This month of giving was for homeless veterans." SADD wanted to do this so those veterans without homes could feel warmth and love this holiday season. "Combined we have collected 120 hats, scarfs and gloves," Mrs. Matunis said. The SADD club would like to thank all those who lent a helping hand in their drive and hopes everyone has a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



These hats, gloves, and scarfs were collected for the homeless veterans in Mrs. Matunis' room. Total they collected 120 items for the homeless. Photo taken by Gabbi Frask.

## Brutto hits 700

Our girls' basketball coach, Mr. Paul Brutto, hit a milestone on December 11 with his 700 win as a coach. Even though not all the wins were with Marian, this is a great achievement for him. His team honored him after the game with a special basketball with his name and wins printed on it. Congratulations Coach Brutto on this great success.



MARIAN'S Freshmen members of the student council pose after their election the week of Dec. 4th. Let's hope this new group will continue to lead their calss and Marian for years to come. Conratulations! Photo by M. Costello

# Christmas at Marian

## Christmas Music at Marian

By: Gabbi Frask

On Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Marian spread the Christmas cheer by having a Christmas production composed by Mr. Michael Brimmer. First off they had the Marian Concert Band preform they played six songs, two of the songs were played by four seniors Emily Roberti, Zoryana Duda, Josh Hurst and Alexi Zukas. They played the Christmas classics: "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, and Silver Bells." The Concert band played: "White Christmas, Brazilian Sleigh Bells, Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming, and Christmas Pop Medley." Next up was the Chorus group they sang a total of eight songs and one song out of the eight is a tradition song that the alumni from Marian get to sing with the group, and that song is "Cantique de Noel." The other songs that they sang came out from a book called *God's Great Love* created by Keith Christopher. The songs in that book are "Christmastime, O Magnify, The First Noel, The Manger Held It All, God's Great Love, Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, Jesus, What a Beautiful Name, and Let Heaven and Nature Sing."

As seems to be a tradition, one of the chance-off prizes given out at intermission was one by a teacher here at Marian. This year it was Mrs. Heffelfinger. But the most humorous part of the concert was when Mr. Brimmer's baton flew out of his hand. Maybe next year's Christmas present should be Velcro!



## Decorating contest at Christmas

This year we had a decorating contest for Christmas. Each class hallway would be judged. These are some of the decorations to be seen. Freshmen of course won the dress down day.

## FRESHMAN HALL





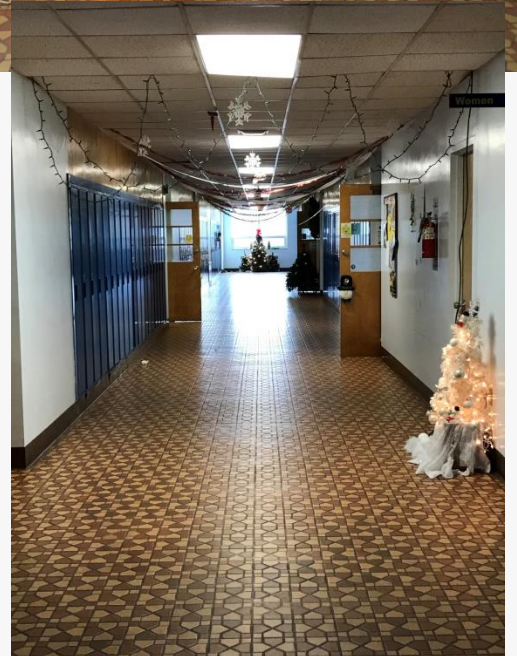
SOPHOMORE HALL



JUNIOR HALL



SENIOR HALL





# STUDENT SPIRIT



**From the MARIANEWS staff  
Merry Christmas!**