

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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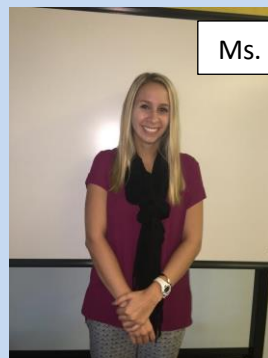
Welcome Back!

Some New Faces by Casey Berger, Alise Shadle and Hannah Deleo

We have some new faces at Marian this year. Let's talk about a few of them.

Let's start with Mr. Peter Sanfilippo. Mr. Sanfilippo is the new Vice Principal, or as his title says Director of Student Services. He was born in Toussaint, Arizona but his family moved to a small town in New York when he was a young child. He attended college at SUNY Cortland in New York and then got a job at a private Quaker school for nine years. After that, he worked at St. Ann's in Allentown for a year before coming here to Marian. He has connections to our school by his family, and says his favorite part about his job is being involved with students and working with faculty. He is a huge sports fan of the New York Giants, Yankees, Knicks, and follows Notre Dame in college sports.

Next, Alise Shadle interviewed Ms. Erin Meehan. Miss Meehan teaches 10th grade students, Speech Communications, and freshman Research and Writing. She graduated from Kutztown University in 2016 with a secondary English Education degree. She also was a building substitute teacher at St. Clair Elementary/Middle school. Outside of teaching, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, shopping, and spending time with friends and family. Why did you become a teacher? She explained that she decided to become a teacher because she wanted to help students find confidence and enjoyment within the subject English, just as she did at a young age. When asked how do you like Marian she followed up by saying "My time so far at Marian has been wonderful, the faculty and staff has been very welcoming. Marian Catholic truly has a sense of community within the student body, like a big family."



Ms. Meehan



Mr. Sanfilippo



Mr. Szuler

What class do you enjoy teaching the best? She proceeded to say although she enjoys all her classes, her favorite one to teach thus far is her sophomore speech class. She is happy to see her current students are being creative with their speech topics, and making it fun. Public speaking is a common fear in the world, so it's great to see her students making their assignments their own.

As well as new teachers we have a new Custodian named James Szuler but he prefers to be called Jim. He talked with Hannah Deleo for awhile. This is his retirement job. When asked if he likes it here he said he loves it. He said he is a lot more relaxed with a lot more free time. Jim and his wife are married for 33 years, their kids went to North Schuylkill since they live in Frackville. Jim worked for a company called Bares, until they moved away from the area. Jim is happy and glad to be a part of the school team.

Upcoming events -

Oct. 5 – Blue Activity
Oct. 6 – Mass – Bishop Bambera
Oct. 10- 14 – Spirit Week
Oct. 12 – FBLA Induction

Oct 14 – Homecoming
Oct. 19 - PSAT/ASVAB Tests
Oct. 25 - Gold Activity
Oct. 24 – 28 - Book Fair
Oct. 31 - Halloween

Newspapers should proofread!

Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800 pound ball on his head





Meet the Oldest New Comer to the Colts

By: Alec J. Whitaker

It's not often that a new comer to the football team is a senior who has been at Marian his whole high school career, but that's exactly what Jarod Paisley is. The senior is the kicker for the Colts this season, making football the fourth sport Paisley plays at Marian Catholic, the others being golf, basketball, and baseball. I was able to ask Jarod some questions so everyone can get familiar with the man who kicks the point after touchdowns.

Q. Why did you decide to come out for the team and kick this year?

A. "Thought it would be a fun experience and something new to try. I knew the team was in need of a kicker and wanted to help out the team."

Q. What goes through your mind when you are attempting an extra point or field goal?

A. "Putting it through the uprights and just keeping good form and putting points on the board for my team."

Q. Who is your favorite kicker, college or professional, past or present?

A. "Kyle Brindza."

Q. How do you manage playing four sports throughout the year?

A. "Not easy, very busy and time consuming, don't have a lot of free time, but it's fun and I enjoy all of my sports and it keeps me involved."

Q. What is your favorite sport that you play?

A. "Don't have a favorite sport, I like all four I play equally and just enjoy the experiences I get with my teammates from all four sports."

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR!!

By Thomas Fuccile

This year's Scholastic Book Fair is going to be awesome. We will have a wide range of books, so wide that everyone and anyone can find a book they can fall in love with! Come join in at the "Fiesta" from October 24 to the 28 in the library at Marian Catholic High School! This is a huge fundraiser for the school library to help get new technology and supplies. So come out and support the school library! It will be a time to remember! This year like the ones before there is a competition between homerooms. The one that spends the most money in the book fair gets a prize! So come out and win it for your homeroom! Hope to see you there!

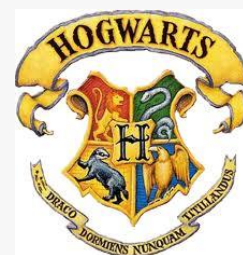
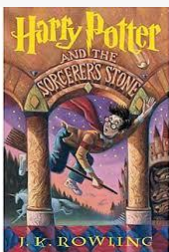


PEER LISTENING

Article by: Regina Cullen

Being a Shoulder to lean on in a time of need. Students that dedicate their time to listening and helping others with their problems. That is the role a Peer Listener at Marian Catholic High School plays! This year's Peer Listeners at Marian were sworn in at Mass on September 13, 2016. After interviewing Mrs. Matunis, the Program director for the Peer Listening program, I've gathered that after hours and hours of training during the summer, these peers have been trained in listening, confidentiality, learning how to give advice based on a situation they are given, and telling whether a situation needs to be taken to higher authority. Mrs. Matunis hand picks juniors and seniors based on their positive attitudes, kindness and listening skills presented on a daily basis, and who she believes would make a great peer listener. After training, these students are inducted at mass and announced to the school so that any student could make an appointment with whomever they'd like. The next time you or someone you know of has been having a problem at home, at school, in a relationship, in a friendship, or just needs to vent, consider making or suggesting an appointment with a fellow peer listener. These students are here to be a helping hand. Take advantage of this opportunity. You can do this by meeting with Mrs. Matunis, you can put in a request for a peer you would like to meet with or she will happily assign you a listener!☺





Harry Potter Is A Banned Book?

By Cassie Casella

Let's take a wild guess on how you read this title: half of you think it is a lie that the bestselling book series can actually be banned books. But it is not. Can you guess why?

- A. It has a genie in it, that legend says steals souls.
- B. It deals with supernatural and wizarding world ideas.
- C. J.K. Rowling is a bad person because no one says her name correctly.

Did you find the truth among the lies? The correct answer is B. It deals with the supernatural and wizarding world ideas. I guess adults want us to be as boring as they and don't want us to read anything that may break the mold they created as society. But why ban them when there is value in these books. Dumbledore teaches values that you should know:

• "Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical to where our hearts are open."

• "To the well-organized mind, death is but a great adventure."

• "You think the dead we loved ever truly leave us? You think we don't recall them more clearly than ever in times of great trouble? Your father is alive in you, Harry, and he shows himself most plainly when you are in need of him."

Why ban a book that has beliefs such as these? Why keep them from young people because of wizards or witches that don't exist, that you are too ignorant to just say this is fantasy and move on with life?

Don't ban books, ban the burning of books. Ban what keeps us from growing as people and takes away our first amendment rights.

Here at Marian Catholic, we celebrate our freedom to read with the rest of America by celebrating Banned Books Week. Banned Books Week is celebrating the ability to read books as they come and how they are. To keep this right we must always be on the look out for those trying to infringe on your rights to read. To quote Edmund Burke, a member of the British Parliament in the 1700s:

"All that is needed for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Don't be those good men that do nothing. Work to keep the freedom to read in our schools as the girls in the video linked here. They sure know what they are talking about.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YshUDa10JYY>



History on Trial: Experts Weigh in on the Discovery of America

Mr. Smith's freshman history class members were the experts that were debating on who really discovered America. Was it Columbus, the Vikings or the Chinese? They debated facts they researched and included surveys that the students took on what the teachers thought. By the way, Mrs. Costello says it was St. Brendan of Ireland, go figure.



News Course

By Colin McCarrie

For years the Marian High School newspaper had been discontinued. Within recent years Mrs. Maureen Costello (the Librarian) revived the idea and reissued *MARIANEWS*. In the early years of the reissued newspaper things weren't operating as efficiently as possible. Mrs. Costello decided to make the newspaper an option for the Blue and Gold Activities offered at Marian. Although this helped get more people involved with the paper, many weren't able to attend the club because they were already involved in other organizations established at the school. The next step that Mrs. Costello took was to turn the newspaper into a semester long elective for the students to get involved. She called the class 'Journalism' and it was first offered this school year.

The class is offered to juniors and seniors. Also, the class was described by Mrs. Costello as "not difficult." She exclaims that students still need to take their responsibilities seriously and not goof around with their articles. Throughout the course students will get more and more responsibilities in the paper. That includes doing their own page layouts as well as finding pictures that match their article's subject. Finally, Mrs. Costello encourages those to take journalism because it is something new for everyone to try.



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. On Wednesday, September 21, 2016 we had students who became Eucharistic ministers to assist at our Masses. 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 such a great way to show our unity and growing spiritually.

When they accepted the responsibility of taking up the task of handing out Christ's body to us, joy should have filled the hearts of those who witnessed it. The fact that these young people feel strongly enough to work for their faith is inspiring to see.



Why Are There Student Councils in High School

By: Nathan Shiner

Marian High School Student Council members for the 2016-2017 school year were inducted on September 7. Student council is important because it teaches kids the responsibilities of leadership. Students learn how to establish goals and delegate leaders and also give directions to their peers. Students in student council learn how to prioritize their tasks and are supposed to be able to lead people in the right direction.

These students provide solutions to help solve school problems. They let everyone's voice be heard. They even help raise funds at the school. In student council they rise up to the challenge and help make the school a lot better for everyone in it. The only difference is that we induct Marian our Mass.



Did I read that right?



October 19 will be a busy day here at Marian. Underclassmen will be taking PSAT tests and we know how important those are, but seniors will be taking a test just as important – the ASVAB. Normally, a student would take the ASVAB test if they plan to take up a military career. But it is so much more.

But even if you don't join the military it can be helpful. It can help a student discover their strengths. As their website tells us “ This program was designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize their goals.” This test is very important to your future, so take it seriously.

This past month found the choirs of All Saints Parish in McAdoo and St. Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven performing a Cantata in honor of our country, our military and our veterans in Cape May, NJ. They celebrated the many men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom, and one of those participating was our own Courtney Rodick who was narrator for the performance. With songs like *This Land is Our Land*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and *God Bless America* the program simply called Homeland showed everyone that our homeland, America, is a residence for those who dared to dream the dream, pay the price, share the costs to create the greatest experiment in freedom in human history. Good job Courtney!



To be called a “Trekkie” at one time was considered an insult by those using it. By those being called it, it was high praise. But 50 years later, it is used for all Star Trek fans and for this concept to have lasted so long and continue into the future there are many fans. The original TV show began on September 8, 1966. Its idea was to travel the universe and meet new species and worlds that were different than our own. But each episode showed how much alike they could be by discussing the social issues of the time in a futuristic way. Who could have believed that 50 years later, the Starship Enterprise would still be on its 5 year mission. The Library had a wonderful display to help celebrate this anniversary. Keep on Trekkin’ folks and of course **Live Long and Prosper.**

