

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Marian Seniors: Retreat to DeSales

By: Tom Fuccile

On Tuesday November 15, 2016 the senior class took their annual retreat to DeSales University.

We left early in the morning, around 8:15. The bus ride was around an hour and fifteen minutes to get there. After we arrived at the campus they took the class to a conference room. They split us into groups.

As we went and got into our groups the “MC”, or leader in this program, turned on the projector and started her presentation. While she explained what we would be doing that day, she mentioned that each group would have their own college student who would act as their leader. Our group was the only group to not get a college student, we got a priest. The purpose of these group leaders was to lead us in conversation, so my group was a little reluctant to talk to a priest at first.

The retreat went by pretty fast, we got done around 11:30. So before lunch we got the luxury to have a tour of the campus by one of the group leaders. After the tour we went back to eat. After lunch Jeff Thomas did what he does best and did some of his impressions. That was probably the best part of the day.

After Jeff did his thing we boarded the bus and headed home. It was a fun day and in my opinion the best retreat we have had here in my four years of attending Marian Catholic.



Lunch being enjoyed on the DeSales University campus while seniors are visiting on their annual retreat



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Upcoming events -

Dec. 8 – Mass for Immaculate Conception	Dec. 15 – Fund Raising pick up
Dec. 9 – Failure Warnings	Dec. 21 – Christmas Concert 7 PM
Dec. 12 – Prospective parent night	Dec. 22 – Mass/ concert 11:00 Dismissal
Dec. 14 – Penance service	Dec. 23/ Jan 2 – Christmas Break

Newspapers should proofread!

Starvation can lead to health hazards



Helping Others This Holiday Season

By: Alec J. Whitaker

This month, the Marian community held their annual food drive for the Thanksgiving season. Each class was assigned specific items of food to bring.



Seniors brought in cranberry sauce or gravy, juniors stuffing or beans, sophomores instant potatoes or sweet potatoes, and freshman corn or pumpkin filling. There was a reward for the class that brought in the most items, they would receive a dress down day. The freshman class won this year and they were awarded their dress down day on Tuesday November 29, 2016. Thanks to all who helped the needy this Thanksgiving.

Book Fair Winners

This year's Scholastic book fair, which was held in the library Oct 24-28, was successful. Although Mrs. Costello did not reach her goal of selling \$2800.00 worth of materials, she did sell \$2703.84 which gave her some cash profit as well as some new books for the library. The competition between the homerooms was a runaway for homeroom 1B spending \$393.23. The closest homeroom to it was 4A with 306.95. The seniors defiantly outspent the other classes with \$10.43 per student, juniors \$8.56, freshmen \$6.04 and sophomores at the bottom with only \$3.49. A big thank you to all who helped get the book fair to this profit.



SPIRIT of the Fiesta Book Fair is represented by Mr. Dougherty.

National Diabetes Month

By: Nathan Shiner

National Diabetes month is celebrated in November. A total of 29.1 million people in the United States have diabetes. Insulin helps keeps your blood sugar level from getting too high or too low. People that have diabetes lack insulin or have little insulin. For Type One Diabetes the body's immune system destroys the cells that make insulin which is needed to absorb sugar needed to produce Energy and which can damage blood vessels and vital organs over time. For Type Two Diabetes, the body cannot use insulin right away.

The reason why we have National Diabetes Month is to raise awareness of the disease. People don't realize how many have diabetes, this is why we need the month. We also have awareness to find a cure for diabetes hopefully there will be one soon.



Uniting the junior class

Article by: Regina Cullen

On November 16th Marian Catholic High School held their annual unity mass for the junior graduating class of 2018. During the mass the juniors received their class rings. Family and friends were welcome to celebrate the accomplishment with the rest of the school. Following the mass was a reception for the juniors and their friends and family. The class ring is a symbol of unity within the class and is a reminder that the juniors are not only a class but a family. The juniors now have a reminder of their connection with their fellow classmates and the Marian family. Congratulations to the junior class on their almost fulfilled journey through high school. The Marian Catholic community is very proud of each and every one of you.



PROUD JUNIORS show off their new class rings at the reception held after the Unity Mass.

Night at the Races

By: Alise Shadle

Night at the Races is a school fundraiser which was started five years ago. This event began to replace the bingo fundraiser, which was ended a few years back. A video of real horses is shown but they are sealed so no one knows in advance who the winning horse is. This is just like a real race where betting is concerned throughout the event. Before the race begins, people bet on which horse they think might win. Weeks before the event, fundraising begins selling horses for \$10.00. If you decide to buy a horse, you are able to name it and if your horse wins, you are awarded \$50.00. To place



a wager, you can purchase a ticket for \$2.00 or as many as you would prefer. If the horse you bet on wins, you will receive prize money depending on how much was wagered on that horse based

upon everyone. However, the “house” meaning Marian Catholic

receives the rest of the money bet on the losing horses. There are several races hosted throughout the night. Food and drink are also available for anyone to purchase.

“This is a great evening of food, fun and camaraderie with parents, faculty, and friends.” Mrs. Gerhard, in charge of Night at the Races, said. “Participants must be 21 years of age to participate.” The profit from this year’s Night at the Races was \$3,115.00. A huge thank you to Mrs. Gerhard for running this event and our sponsors and volunteers who helped with the running of the event or helped to defray the cost of expenses and most importantly, had a successful outcome!

NHS Mass

By Colin McCarrie

On November 9th, 2016 many Marian students, who by friends and family, had the honor of being inducted into the prestigious organization of the National Honor Society. . The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. After the mass The NHS ceremony was held. The students that were inducted were students of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Each student had their names called and was honored by Principal Mrs. Susko. They then recited The NHS Pledge and was blessed by the priest. After the ceremony the mass concluded and the newly inducted members had a reception with their peers and family in the cafeteria where they were served snacks and beverages.



New Reading Nook

The library has a new reading nook with new furniture. As the name says it is for READING. Books, magazine and newspapers are acceptable. The furniture also includes a table where you can charge your devices after school. As you can see in the picture, it is already being well used by Nikki O’ Neil and Daniel Simmons. We are trying to make the library more comfortable and usable for more than just the computers. Coming soon – a Keurig.



COLTS WIN GOLF LEAGUE TITLE

By: Jacob Artz

It was a rainy, and windy afternoon in Friedensburg at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The Marian Golf Team was poised to win the Schuylkill League after going undefeated in Divisional play (10-0) and going 12-1 overall. The turning point of the season was when they went down to Hidden Valley Golf Course on September 12th and beat two golfing powers in the area, Pottsville and Blue Mountain. They beat Pottsville by 10 strokes and Blue Mountain by 7 strokes. This was a different day however. They had much experience, playing four seniors (Albert McFadden, Mike Latoff, Jarod Paisley, and Tim Dando), one junior (Nick Kurzinsky), and one sophomore (Jacob Artz) in the starting rotation. The day started off sunny and dry. When play started however, the day turned windy and cold. All of the golfers were pulled off the course at around 4 p.m. because of rain and went back out 20 minutes later. When the day was finished and the scores were being tallied



up, they knew they realized their season long goal, the Schuylkill League Team Title. Nick Kurzinsky led the way with an overall best 77. Albert McFadden carded a 79. Mike Latoff fired an 82. Jacob Artz shot an 85. Jarod Paisley fired an 89 and Tim Dando shot a 90. The top four counted so they had a total of 323, which bested Blue Mountain by 22, Lourdes by 23 and Pine Grove by 54. It was their first team title since 2012.

When I asked Mr. B about the win, he said, "We beat the best, which I consider to be Blue Mountain." He also said, "It also sent the message to the rest of the teams that were there, that the team we had this year was the best in the league." He also liked having two golfers in the 70s and

the others in the 80s. It was a big win for the golf team because it is rare that anyone in the Schuylkill League beats Blue Mountain once, let alone twice. That is exactly what they did. Mr. B stressed this in my interview because Blue Mountain is tough every year. The future for the golf team will be one of transition. They will lose many seniors and won't have too many coming back. Nick Kurzinsky and Jacob Artz will be the two returning starters for the Colts. Mr. B said, "We're not out of it yet." Also, "We have a good base to work off of." The rest of the varsity team for 2017 will consist of JV members of last year's team, some members from the girls' team, and new members. Next year should be interesting because there will be a mixture of veterans and youth. The main key to our success next year is having Mr. B as our mentor and coach. He helped this year's team out immensely and guided them to the title.

Colts come up short

BY: Casey Berger



The Colts traveled to Pine Grove on Friday, November 11th to take on Williams Valley in the PIAA Class A District XI Championship game. The Colts dominated through 3 quarters building a 17 point lead with less than 5 minutes to go. After the Jarod Paisley Field goal to take a 31-14 lead, Williams Valley went down the field in the matter of seconds to cut the Vikings deficit to 11. Then unexpectedly, a fumble gave the ball back to the Vikings inside the Marian 35 yard line. Williams Valley then put up another quick touchdown and succeeded on the 2-pt attempt to make it 31-28 with roughly two minutes to go. The Colts got the ball back and then a shanked punt gave the Vikings a first down inside the Colts 30. Williams Valley managed to convert a 4th & 11 with about a minute to go and that was the play that set up another Vikings touchdown to take their first lead of the night 34-31 with 40 seconds to go. With limited time, Marian was unable to put up any more points and suffered a 34-31 defeat in the PIAA Class A District XI Championship game and ended their season with a 6-6 record.

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French Week

By Hannah DeLeo

French week is celebrated each year to learn more and what the French like to do. In our school we do this because we have a French class here. Our French teacher, Mrs. Heffelfinger wanted the whole school to get involved so she came up with a few trivia questions to ask the other students and teachers during the morning announcements. If you answered it right you got a prize. Even some of her classes had parties to go along with French week serving French foods like crepes and eclairs. Yummy.



French classes partying it up for National French Week



Memorial Mass

By Preston Biros

On November 1st, All Saints Day, Marian Catholic High School held a memorial mass for all deceased members and relatives of the Marian family. This mass is special due to the focus on the deceased and praying for a happy after life for them. In the mass we say the names of the deceased and allow their family members to light a candle in their honor. The candle is placed on the altar. We celebrate it every year on November for All Saints which makes the day holier and boosts the chances of their prayer to assist the deceased in getting to Heaven.



Candles on the altar at mass on All Saints Day to Memorialize our recently deceased.

Editorial

By Cassie Casella

As most teens would agree, students should be allowed to have phones in class with limited use of the device. The use would be limited in these ways: no listening to music in class, not allowing phone calls during school hours, and only texting with a valid excuse. The teachers and the administration can also have the liberty to change these rules as seen fit.

Why does a student need to have his/her electronic device? What if a parent needs to contact them in an emergency; not every issue a family has needs to be broadcast to the secretary or person passing on the message. Some of the problems a family has are private and they only need to tell their child.

A great reason for a student to have a smart phone is in the way it may help them study. Some students write slower than others, leaving them at a disadvantage if the notes placed on the board get erased before they copy it all. So why not give the students limited freedom on carrying electronic devices.

Veterans Day Assembly



By Tyler Dennison

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country”- JFK

Aaron Srinivasan introduced the Veteran’s Day events by quoting JFK’s famous speech. Next, Henry Kreisel talked about patriotic pride in our country. He stated that we forget about our veterans in our everyday lives, but we should remember.

Claudia Stroia introduced the guest speaker, veteran Jeffrey Thomas, father of Marian senior Jeff Thomas.

Mr. Jeffrey

Thomas started his career in the army when he was 18 in August 1978. He powered through boot camp knowing one day he had to protect this country. When he was 20, he was stationed near Germany. He attained the rank of Sargent after his four years of service. A recruiter asked him to join the National Guard and to continue serving his country and served for 20 more years.

The Veteran’s Day program ended with the Marian band playing “Taps”, a song played today as a goodbye to those we lost to final sleep. It was played to honor those in the military who gave their lives for our freedom. We thank them and all veterans for their sacrifice in protecting our country and our way of life. We can never show enough gratitude to these selfless men and women.



Veteran Jeffrey Thomas tells the student body of Marian about his experiences in the military.

Halloween Walk around

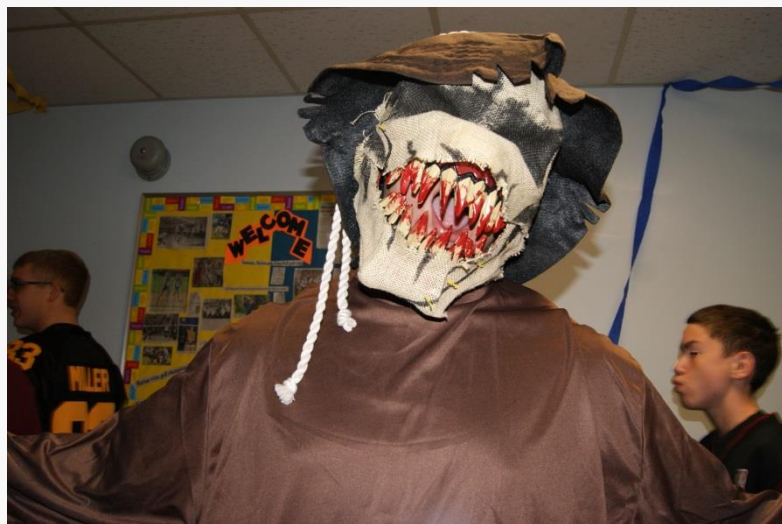
By Cassie Casella

On October 31, 2016 Marian had their annual Halloween parade where students and teachers were encouraged to dress to the nines in scary or creative costumes.

Jacob McNelis, Alex Tate and Gabe Miller as Minions



Teachers Amanda Belfiore and Maureen Costello matching as teacher and student from iconic saga Harry Potter.



The dead come back to life too?



I didn't know the elderly attended Marian Catholic!?

Did I read that sign right?

President Elect Donald J. Trump and his secret service visits a supporting school.

