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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Years Around the world

By Colin D. McCarrie

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each New Year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year's Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the New Year and watching fireworks displays. There are also many countries that have their own special traditions for this international holiday.

In Denmark, residents keep a pile of dishes, all broken, in front of the door. For this they save old dishes and people usually throw these on the friends' doors during New Year. This symbolizes friendship and brotherhood and they believe the one with maximum dishes outside, has the most friends. Some Danish are found to leap some chairs at midnight.

The Chinese have a unique way of celebrating New Year, where every front door of a house is painted in red which symbolizes happiness and good fortune. They hide all the knives for the day so that no one cuts oneself, because that may actually cut the entire family's good luck for the coming year. However that doesn't make any difference to the feast they have at the time.



<http://www.knowledgefans.com/top-10-crazy-new-year-traditions-from-around-the-world.php>

Saint Basil's Cathedral on New Years Day holds a fire works show for Russians all over the county.

Upcoming events -

Jan 29-Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week	Feb. 13-27 – Phone-a-thon
Feb. 2 – Report Cards	Feb 20 - Holiday
Feb, 6 – Prospective Parent Night	Feb. 21 - Gold Activity
Feb. 9 – Blue Activity	Feb 27 – Failure Warnings
	March 1 – Ash Wednesday

Newspapers should proofread!

Meeting on open meetings is closed.



Martin Luther King Day By: Alise Shadle

We hear the name all the time when discussing civil rights, Martin Luther King, but just who is Martin Luther King Jr.? Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 and died on April 4, 1968. He was a leader in the Civil Rights movement. As many people know, He is famous for his “I have a dream” speech during the March on Washington for jobs and freedom. It occurred on August 28, 1963. During his speech, he talked about wanting an end to racism in the United States and economic and civil rights for all. The next day, he was assassinated while standing on the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. Martin Luther King Day was created to celebrate the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. and it is a federal holiday. It takes place on the third Monday of January. Therefore, it occurs around his birthday. Many government offices close for this holiday. It is a day for everyone to remember that whatever differences we may have, they should be overcome for the good of all society.



ABOVE, Several people participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. day annual parade in New York on January 15, 2016 by marching up the streets. Photograph was founded on thesource.com.

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 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Here at Marian we will be celebrating with the following activities.

Sunday January 29 – open house

Monday January 30 – “In our Nation” Students wear red/white/blue tops and uniform bottoms. We are collecting items for the retired IHM community.

Tuesday January 31 – “In our Students” A dress down day for the students and Tim Miller, Hypnotist

Wednesday February 1 – “In our Vocations” Mass & gifts will be given to our school board members followed by breakfast for the school board members.

Thursday February 2 – “In our School Community” Items collected will be presented to the IHM community and some students will also be selected as teacher for the day.

Friday February 3 – “In our Faculty & Staff” Breakfast/snacks for Faculty/Staff/Administration and a faculty dress down day. There will be treats for the students at lunch.



New Year's resolutions

By: Thomas Fuccile

New Year Resolutions have been around it seems like forever. But where does this idea come from? What's the meaning behind them? Let's find out.



This idea of New Year Resolutions has been traced back all the way to the ancient civilization of the Babylonians. Their New Year Resolutions were promises to the gods, if they kept their word it was said their pagan gods would give them good fortune.

Chinese New Year

by: Regina Cullen

Not everyone celebrated the New Year on January 1. The Chinese New Year is celebrated differently than others, but remains the most important social and economic holiday in China. In the Chinese calendar, the holiday was a time to honor their ancestors. It was also a time to bring family together for feasting. The Chinese New Year is celebrated on January 28th. The Chinese calendar uses animals to represent each New Year



Zodiac sign. The animals are the pig, rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, horse, snake, goat, monkey, rooster, and dog. This year, 2017, is the year of the pig.

A similar practice could be found in the earlier Christian community. It became a more traditional practice. They looked at the past year and the mistakes that they had made. With the new year on its way they would think of things that needed to change in the new year and that eventually turned into New Year's Resolution.

Despite the religious roots of the tradition, it has become very secular. Instead of making promises to gods people make them to themselves, so they can better themselves. According to research, 45% of Americans make New Year's Resolutions, but only 8% complete their goal or sticking with it. So much for promises to yourself, maybe making promises to the gods would work better.



The pictures shown above from www.escapehere.com, they show just some of the different ways the Chinese celebrate their New Year.

Marian student attends Trump inauguration

BY: Casey Berger



U.S Capitol building during the morning of inauguration day as people gather for the swearing into office ceremony for Donald J. Trump. Photo by Casey Berger

After one of the most heated election cycles in U.S history it is finally officially over. Donald J. Trump, who defeated Hillary Clinton on November 8th to become the 45th President of The United States, was sworn into office on Friday, January 20th during the 58th Inauguration in our country's history. This reporter left my aunts house in Bethesda at about 6 AM and took the metro downtown, every train was packed. They were calling for a lot of rain but it basically stayed pretty dry. It was packed with people and hard to move around. It was like the city was on lockdown with all the streets and monuments closed. A lot of police were present. They also had Army men and women at every Metro station to help keep things moving and to enforce the area. These people were needed since it wasn't all peaceful as some protesters got violent by burning cars, breaking store windows, and throwing rocks and other objects at police in protest of the newest President. D.C basically funneled everyone down the same streets causing confusion and people lost patience because of the large crowds. We stood around for about six hours but it was well worth it once he took the oath.

Mr. Trump's first address after becoming President was just over 16 minutes long in which he said "Today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another- but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the people."

But this was not the only thing happening that day for the new president. Inauguration events kicked off on the 19th when Mr. Trump lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National cemetery to honor our fallen soldiers, a U.S tradition. Then later that night the welcome celebration occurred at the Lincoln Memorial where Mr. Trump made an appearance. His night ended with a candlelight dinner at Washington's Union Station to thank donors. On Friday, January 20th after a private early prayer service, Mr. Trump took the oath of office around noon and became the 45th President of the United States.

The festivities didn't end there, after President Trump was sworn into office, the Obamas bid their farewell and departed from the Capitol building. The Inaugural Parade then began around 3:00 where President Trump and Vice-president Pence led the parade from the Capitol building down Pennsylvania Avenue, with thousands of military personnel who represented each branch. After the parade the Inaugural balls began around 7 PM where President Trump made an appearance at three of them.

The Inaugural events officially ended on Saturday, January 21st where the new President attended the National Prayer service at 10 AM at the Washington National Cathedral.

For myself, it took about an hour to catch a train on the way back, but the events and experiences of the day were worth the wait.



Donald J. Trump sworn into office as the 45th President. Photo by Casey Berger.

Colts have big week against rivals

By Alec Whitaker

The week of January 1st to the 7th, the Marian Colts basketball team hosted their two biggest rivals in the Shenandoah Blue Devils on Tuesday and the Mahanoy City Golden Bears on Friday. The battle with the Blue Devils was a back and forth affair that saw a 25-24 Shenandoah lead at halftime turn into a 52-42 Colts' victory. Senior Brandon Muhamad led the way for the Colts with 16 points.

Friday's contest against the Golden Bears was one for the history books. The Colts held a 29-16 lead at the half, but the Bears charged all the way back to take a 52-50 lead with 9 seconds remaining in the game. After a missed shot that went out of bounds, the Colts inbounded the ball under the Mahanoy basket with only three seconds left. Brandon Muhamad caught the ball and hit a turn around jump shot as time expired to tie the game at 52. In overtime, the Colts overpowered the Bears outscoring them 18-5 in the overtime period. Muhamad led the way again with 31 points.

The Colts soundly beat both Panther Valley and Tri Valley the week of January 8th to January 14th to improve to 8-1 for the season. Way to go Colts!



Marian holds an early 20-11 over Panther Valley on Monday. The Colts went on to win 60-40

Happy Birthday Isaac!

By Tyler Dennison



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isaac_Newton

Portrait of Newton in 1689 by [Godfrey Kneller](#)

This month was Isaac Newton's birthday! Isaac was known as an extra-ordinary English astronomer and physicist. He was the most influential scientist of all time. His birthday was January 4, 1643. Isaac sadly died on March 31, 1727 in Kensington, London, United Kingdom.

Isaac Newton Invented two useful gadgets, the dog door, or pet door, and the reflecting telescope. Without Isaac, your dog may still be sitting outside waiting for you to let him/her inside.

Semi-Formal Night

By Preston Biros

The night of January 21, 2017 from 6:30 to 10:00, the semi-formal dance was held in Marian Catholic Gymnasium. The night was magical. There was a top-notch DJ, who knew just what to play for the night. A photo booth was available with many different and unique props in which students may take silly or wacky pictures. Many sweet and salty treats were near the entrance with a chocolate fountain for chocolate lovers.

Students had professional photographers take their special night pictures so they can remember it years down the road. The lines for the pictures took about an hour and a half until the photographers finally finished. And a few mishaps have happened during the formal with some attendance which have been taken care of by the moderators of the semi who taken control of any problems with a right manner.

