

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

March 2017

Help fighting cancer at Mini-THON

By Daniel Simmons

Students and teachers of Marian High School participated in the event known as Mini-THON on March 25, 2017 from 10 in the morning to 10 at night at Marian Catholic High School. This event helps support families who struggle financially to pay for medical bills for childhood cancer. The total amount revealed at Mini-THON was \$11,498.17. This year's theme was „May the cure be with you”, so obviously Star Wars was evident. Some of the events that took place during the time there were Just Dance on the Wii, yoga, Escape the room, volleyball, and whiffle ball there was also tables that had board games and coloring supplies. Students were fed to keep up their strength while they danced the day away. There was a VIP room for students who needed a rest.

Mini-thon is a part of the Four Diamond Fund which Penn State's annual dance marathon is used as a model. It is an event that inspires teamwork, leadership and creativity in high school students, as well as, teaching them the importance of philanthropy and community service.

This is the second year Marian has had a mini-thon and we can hope that the success of the past two years will keep it happening every year until childhood cancer is beaten.

FOUR DIAMONDS
Conquering Childhood Cancer



Upcoming events -

April 4 – Jr. retreat
April 7 – Blood Drive
April 7 – Report cards
April 8 – Drama Club trip

April 9 – Chinese Auction
April 13-17– Easter Break
April 25-27 - Middle States Visit
April 28-30 – Play - Footloose
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Newspapers should proofread!

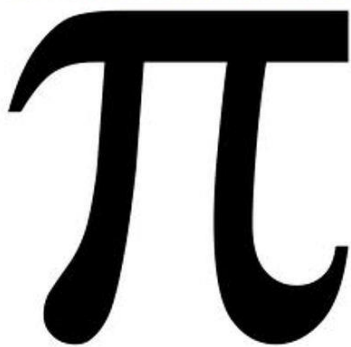
New sick policy requires 2 day notice



Pi Day

By Mikhaila Racho

Everyone loves pie, but there is a day in March that pi is really celebrated by math geeks and that is March 14. Obviously pie and pi are two different things so let me explain. Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. Pi (Greek letter “ π ”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Students in different schools celebrate Pi day, March 14 or 3/14, differently such as making pies and a pi mile run. Run 3.14 miles (5.05 km), which is just a tiny bit longer than a 5K. You can take this a step further by organizing a pi mile run with friends. Additionally, doing different types of games dealing with math.



Symbol for pi

Read Across America Day

By: Gabbi Frask

Read across American Day took place at Marian on March 2, 2017. Students brought in a book and for a half hour it was a mandatory silent reading period. We were on our modified A.M schedule so we had time to read our books. The rules were “Every student must read a book no homework, no studying. Even teachers must read and it had to be silent no talking in the building.” Even though some students didn’t like the idea, because some don’t like to read, in my opinion I thought it was different. I thought it was different, because it gives us time to relax before we have to go to classes and read, and also there aren’t enough readers in this generation so even a half hour of reading can change one kid. We decided to do the silent read on March 2; because it was Dr. Seuss’ birthday and what better way of celebrating his birthday then to read a book! I think this silent read should become a tradition to add to Marian Catholic. On March 2 we should read for a half hour every year.



Alexus Eschbach, Mikhaila Racho. Star Rotzell
all in the library at Marian Catholic reading
educational magazine’s celebrating Read across
America Day.



COMING SOON...



Marian Catholic Presents

Come support our seniors as they recreate

Footloose on April 28th and 29th @ 7 pm

And April 30 @ 2pm

so put on your dancing shoes and move those feet to the music

Go for the Gold!

For a school without a pool, our swim team seems to do very well. This year is no exception especially Sophomore Daniel Berlitz. Danny won the gold medal in the state competition for the 500 freestyle at the PIAA Class AA Swimming Championships at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium. His time was 4:33.66 which brought a gold medal back to Schuylkill county which hasn't had one since 1999. Danny was recognized after weekly Mass on March 22. Congratulation Danny!!!



Holocaust Essay Contest

Marian has two winners in the 22nd Annual Holocaust essay Contest sponsored by the Hazleton Jewish Community Council. Katie Kurzinsky won First prize with Kaitlin MacDonald tying for second. They will be honored at a service on Monday, April 24. Congratulations girls for showing that Marian is more than sports, we can write too!

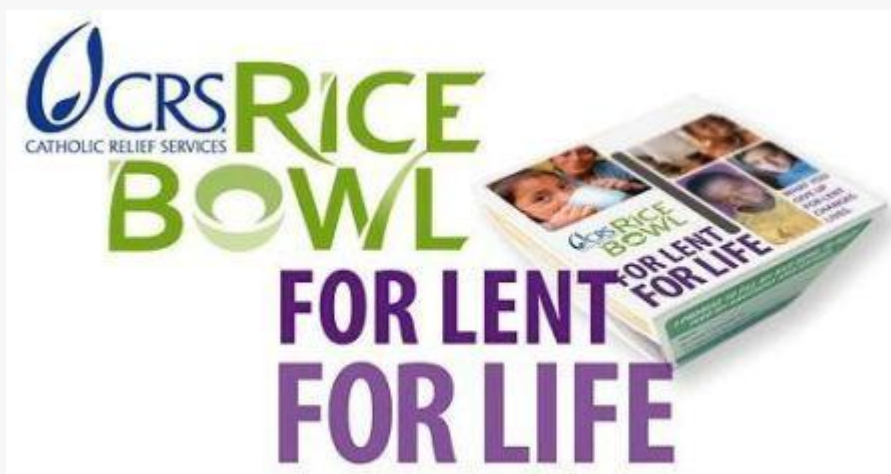


Marian Students help the poor

By Briana Wanick

Catholic Relief Services is an international organization that works to help the poorest of the poor around the world. The operation Rice Bowl program began over 40 years ago in the Diocese of Allentown. A priest and a protestant minister created a way to engage people to help the poor.

For 7 years, Marian Catholic has been the one high school in the diocese that has participated in this program. Religion teacher Mrs. Mary Matunis brought this program to Marian after having great results in her campus ministry at Wilkes University. This year Marian Catholic is beginning its process to become a CRS gold level global high school. The entire school is participating in the Rice Bowl Program hoping to surpass last year's total of \$ 970.00 raised.



World Wildlife Day 2017

By: Alexis Eschbach

The UN made World Wildlife Day an official event to be celebrated on March 3rd, 2014, and onwards. It was declared out of concern that wildlife crime had negative economic, environmental, and social impacts worldwide. World Wildlife Day raises awareness of endangered plants and animals, and ways you can fight against wildlife crime. Wildlife crime involves the illegal selling and buying of animal parts, as well as stealing or killing animals that are protected by government laws. There are organizations such as the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) and the UN (United Nations) that want to end these kinds of crimes so they are promoting World Wildlife Day in hope that people will take action. Some ways you can take action are by donating to rangers who protect endangered animals so they can get equipment and training they need to stop wildlife crime. Another way is to sign pledges urging the government to strengthen their laws to stop wildlife crime. Make a difference and take action! The animals need your help.



Eagle Scout ceremony for Marian student

By: Daniel Simmons

Daniel Simmons had his Eagle Scout ceremony for earning the highest rank in Boy Scouts, at Christ Lutheran church in Jim Thorpe on March 28, 2017. Only five percent of all scouts who join earn the title Eagle Scout. To earn this prestigious award you need to lead a project to help your community that is at least 100 man hours, Daniel was above average and had 505 man hours. His project was sanding priming and painting an iron rod fence that has last been worked on in the 1960's. Another thing you would need is to demonstrate in your life everything scouting is about. The following people were the guest speakers at the ceremony Scout Master Ray Attewell, the beneficiary of the eagle project Father Baransky, State Representative Doyle Hefly, Carbon County Commissioner Gerhart, and Mayor of Jim Thorpe Mike Sufranko .



Boy scout assists Daniel's mother replacing his regular stole with an official eagle scout version

District XI Boys Basketball Championship

By Bradley Lentz



The Marian Catholic boys' basketball team ended their great season with a district championship. The Colts beat the Shenandoah Valley Blue Devils 59-51. Things weren't looking good for Marian being down by double digits at the half, but the Colts fought hard to come back and win the game. Being on the team, the experience was unbelievable. Having that gold medal put around my neck after having my name called was almost breath taking.

For most of the game I was on the edge of my seat. Even being down at half time I never lost confidence in my team. I knew each and every one of us wanted to win that district championship. It really was a team effort, after winning that championship you really learn the true meaning of the word "together". Congratulations to my fellow Colts!

Women's History Month

By Star Rotzell

Women's History Month in the United States grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa. A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. We celebrate women's history month because we don't learn it in school. If our teachers asked 5 names of women that were not first ladies most of our students would not be able to answer. Why? History is written by men, about men. You won't learn about women from a textbook. In history we learn about a lot of famous wars and many men that are famous but when it comes to women we lack knowledge. This month lets us remember how women are always there for our country from Pocahontas saving Jamestown from extinction, to Susan B. Anthony and the women's right to vote, to Hilary Clinton, the first woman to run for president from a major party. Women are still fighting to be heard.



Picture of Rosie the Riveter representing the women who said, *We can do it.*

<http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/>



<https://www.robbasso.com/dream-team-blog->

World Water Day

By Brandon Novatnak

World Water Day, on March 22nd every year, is about taking action to tackle the water crisis. Today, 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid, and polio. World Water Day celebrated on the 22nd of March every year, is talking about action to tackle the water crisis. One huge problem is that water is a necessary thing for human life and with today's economy we are facing more and more demand from customers and competition among users. Globally, over 80% of the wastewater generated by society flows back into the ecosystem without being treated or reused. These are all many reasons we celebrate world water day. Students can help this cause by filtering their water and making sure it is pure to avoid disease. Turn off the tap while brushing or doing dishes or giving those veggies a good scrub. Also, it is very helpful to cut your showers short. Collect used water from your kitchen sink or bathtub and reuse it on plants and gardens, and to wash your bike or car. Water is life, let's not waste it.

