

MARIANEWS

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Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

December 2014



Merry Christmas!



Christmas at Marian

Having toured the school in search of Christmas Spirit, here are a few we found.

The Lobby Display



Nativity in the Chapel



Mrs. Heff's Class



Mrs. Coles from Ecuador



Mrs. Coles From Peru



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Upcoming events -

Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary
Jan 9 & 12 – In class exams
Jan 13-15 – Midterm Exams
Jan 17 – Semi-Formal

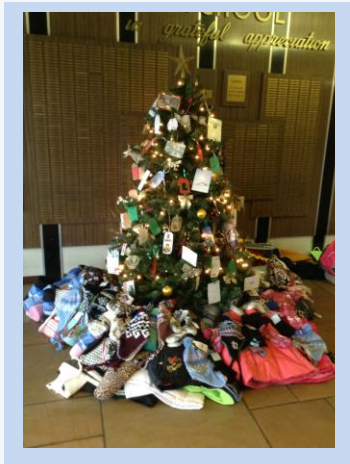
Jan 19 – Teacher In Service
Jan 20 - 3rd Quarter Begins
Jan 25 - Open House
Jan 26 – Report Cards

Jan 29-31 – Diocesan Music Festival

Did I read that sign right?
In a London Department Store: Bargain Basement Upstairs!



Marian Students Give for Christmas



Marian had its annual Giving Tree this year, the 16th one, and by looking in the lobby, it is easy to see that it was a great success. The Giving Tree, sponsored by the student council, provides kids from all over our area the chance to have a better Christmas. When people chip in, the school is truly able to get into the holiday spirit and give back to the community. The gifts will be distributed through Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services. This is the true spirit of Christmas, giving to the needy so they can celebrate a Christmas like ours.

History of Marian 50 Years

In multiple articles we will look at the history of this school and some of the highlights throughout the year.

Part 5:

Since the beginning the school has been staffed by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who previously conducted the three parochial high schools. The Sisters that were here that first year include:

Sister Maria Jane – Prefect of Studies, Girls' Guidance, Language Arts, Library
Sister Mary St. James – Prefect of Discipline, Geometry
Sister Anita Mary –English III, Library

Sister Anna Jean – English IV, *The Marian*
Sister Assumpta Regina – French I-II, *Marianews*
Sister Ellen Francis – Stenography I-II, Typing I-II, Cafeteria
Sister Ildephonse Mary – Music
Sister Maria Amoris – Spanish I-II, Typing I-II
Sister Marie David – Algebra II, Trigonometry, Forensic
Sister Marie de Lourdes – Algebra I, General Math I, Stationery
Sister Regina Alma – Chemistry, Science Fair, Senior Activities
Sister Regina Eleanor – Home, English I, Cheerleaders
Sister Regina Paula – Biology, Chapel



Can History be fun?

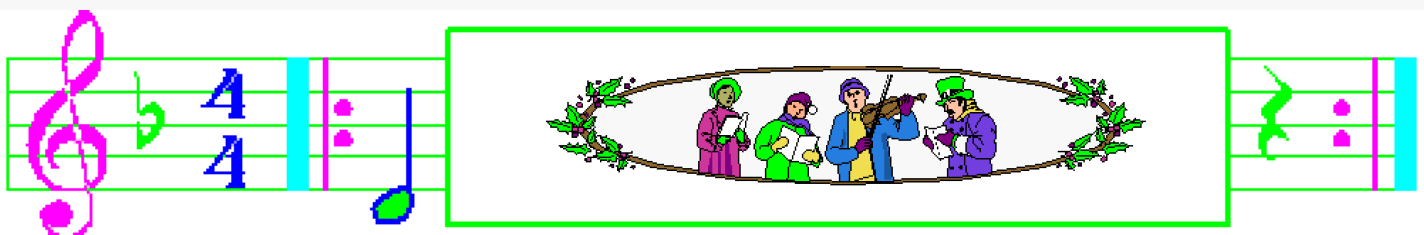
Our PA History course taught by Mr. Fogotch had some fun learning about Pennsylvania businesses and getting into the Christmas spirit both at the same time. They worked in groups to rewrite the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Here are two examples of the Twelve Days of Pennsylvania Christmas. Try singing them, they work well.

First Day – A pint of Yuengling Ice Cream
 Second Day – Two Snyder Pretzels
 Third Day – Tree Zippo Lighters
 Fourth Day – Four Hershey Chocolates
 Fifth Day – Five Mrs. T's Pierogis
 Sixth Day - Six Crayola Crayons
 Seventh Day – Seven Kovatch Firetrucks
 Eighth Day – Eight Times News Newspapers
 Ninth Day – Nine bottles of Heinz Ketchup
 Tenth day – Ten Marshmallow Peeps
 Eleventh Day – Eleven Eggs of Silly Putty
 Twelfth Day - Twelve Tires from Lehigh

By Molly Carnish. Rebecca Braun and Michael Baus

First Day – a Pint of Guers Ice Tea
 Second Day – Two Hershey Kisses
 Third Day – Three Snyder Pretzels
 Fourth Day – Four Knobels tickets
 Fifth Day – Five golden peeps
 Sixth Day - Six pack of Yuengling
 Seventh Day – Seven Silver Slinkies
 Eighth Day – Eight Eggs of Putty
 Ninth Day – Nine Kielbasa
 Tenth day – Ten York Barbells
 Eleventh Day – Eleven Tasty Krimpets
 Twelfth Day - Twelve Tons of Coal

By Josh Skotek, Albert Wolk, Sean Mick & Danielle Spillman



Retro Article

This is an article that was found in the December 1964 issue of MARIANEWS.

Santa's Stocking Stuffers

Forthwith some fine reading fare to look forward to this year from Old St. Nick:

1. *Arundel*, Kenneth Roberts: Historical novel; stirring saga of Benedict Arnold's fateful expedition into Canada; designed for the adventuresome.
2. *Great Expectation*, Charles Dickens: Classic; sociological and slightly satiric novel; considered Dickens' masterwork.
3. *From Here to Eternity*, James Jones: strongest and most realistic war novel ever written, by an exceptional novelist; commanding in its narrative power and grasp of character.
4. *Mistress of Mellyn*, Victoria Holt; romantic novel of suspense that "casts a spell with its chill and mystery."
5. *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Bronte: classic, unforgettable novel; called "the strangest love story ever told."
6. *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, Irving Stone: the turbulent life of Michelangelo, one of the greatest masters of all time; a must for all interested in art.

Marian Music Box

Silent Night The students are gone

Blue Christmas Paper due when
we get back

Winter Wonderland Please NOT
AGAIN!

What Child is This? Teachers think
when meeting students at mall

Joy to the World It's Christmas
Break

O Holy Night IT's CHRISTMAS!



Alley Cat's Christmas Miracle

By Sarah Bauer

The biting cold stung the kitten's nose, but she didn't care. She was carrying a giant turkey leg, the best meal she had found in weeks. Born a stray, her orange striped coat barely hid her ribs. She hobbled along on three legs, listing to the right because of the lopsided burden she held in her mouth. Her neck ached, but she purred. She couldn't wait to get back to her den and eat.

A quiet snoring startled her. She stopped in her tracks and looked down the dark alley. In the shadows was a lumpy shape that moved with each snore. Its scent betrayed it as a dog. An old dog, as hungry as she was. She shivered with fear and backed away. Ice creaked under her paw and woke up the dog. He raised his head, and she could see that he was a bloodhound with ragged ears and a gray muzzle. His eyes were filmy, but he could smell just fine, and his tail thumped excitedly at the scent of turkey. He tried to get up, but his legs hurt too much, and he whined.

The kitten dropped the turkey leg and tilted her head, assessing the situation. This dog couldn't chase her. He was harmless. He was also cold and hungry like her, and it was Christmas. The kitten fought back her instincts and crept closer to the dog. His tail thumped again, sending up a spray of snow. She nosed the turkey leg toward the dog, and he whined with happiness. He ate some of the meat and nosed the rest in her direction.

She was shocked. How could a dog be so generous? Cautiously, she nibbled on the food. The dog looked at her approvingly. Together they made short work of the turkey leg. When every last scrap was gone, the kitten purred. The dog seemed to smile as he wagged his tail. Then the kitten shivered as a gust of wind blew through her fur. The dog would be cold too. She ran up to a clothes donation bin that was outside the store, and dragged out an old blanket. It was threadbare in places, but it was still warm. She pulled it over the dog, who by this time was shivering violently. She curled up under the blanket as well. The dog licked the top of her head and lay down. Soon he was snoring. The kitten snuggled closer to him and soon she fell asleep too.



The Twelve Ways of Christmas

By Annette Ritzko

It's that time of year when we drag out our Christmas trees, hang up our wreaths, give out candy canes and hide all our brooms and eat deep-fried caterpillars. Oh wait, the last two traditions aren't exactly American, but they are two small examples of different Christmas-related traditions around the world. To help you become a truly cosmopolitan Christmas-goer, I've decided to list the twelve most interesting Yuletide rituals from around the world, starting with the least bizarre.

1. **SANTA CLAUS**
NORTH POLE HOH OH0
CANADA
Canada post recognizes this as Santa Claus' address and any letters received bearing this address is both opened and replied to.
2. In the Czech Republic, unmarried women stand by a door and throw a shoe over their shoulders on Christmas day. If the shoe lands with the toe pointing to the door, they will get married within the next year!
3. Ukrainians replace glittering tinsel with artificial spiders and cobwebs. According to local folklore, a poor woman who could not afford to decorate her family's tree woke up the next morning to a tree covered in webs. The webs turned silver and gold in the light of Christmas day and from then on cobwebs have been thought of as lucky.
4. Instead of Santa Claus, in Italy there is a friendly witch named Befana who delivers candy and toys on the 5th of January.
5. It is very common for many Japanese families to eat at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Christmas Eve or at least order chicken from there.
6. On Christmas Eve, it is customary for Estonian families to go to their sauna to enjoy it together. After sunset, the sauna is left for the spirits of dead ancestors.
7. There's no cleaning on Christmas Eve in Norway, because all brooms are hidden to keep safe from witches and evil spirits.
8. The oldest man of a Slovakian household takes a spoonful of *loska*, a pudding, and flings it at the ceiling. The more pudding that sticks, the better.
9. South Africa's Christmas Day delicacy is the deep-fried caterpillar of the Emperor moth.
10. The Yule Cat is a mythical beast in Iceland that devours people who do not receive new clothes before Christmas Eve.
11. Austrian children must be especially good otherwise they'll be visited by Krampus, a Christmas Devil who beats naughty children with branches.
12. Catalan children must feed the Caga Tió, or "pooping log," every day beginning on December 8th and ending on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day when they put him in the fireplace and beat him with sticks until he "poops" out small candies, fruits, and toys. When he is through, the final object dropped is usually a salted herring. The traditional song to sing to the log is:
Poop log,
Poop nougats,
Hazelnuts and mató cheese,
If you don't poop well,
I'll hit you with a stick,
poop log!

As you can see, many cultures have their own way to celebrate Christmas, some having their roots in Christianity and others in a secular history but either way it's a time to enjoy family and friends and appreciate traditions that make this time of year special for all of us.



(the pooping log)

Language and Culture

Nativity scene “El Nacimiento”

In many Hispanic/Latin cultures people start buying saw dust at their markets (farmers market style) around November. They sell a variety of colors. Every country varies in one way or another but for the majority of them, they follow a similar tradition. Some nativity scene are placed under Christmas tree others on a table, people will also build them on the floor up and they can vary in size. They can build them small like the one we did in our class to the size of a 10X10 room.



In our class we started by dying the saw dust and letting it dry, we also had to build some of the houses.



After the saw dust was dry we set it on the table and started making roads and just mixing patterns of different colors.

We will be adding baby Jesus to nativity scene before we go on break. It is tradition that baby Jesus does not go on nativity scene until midnight of Christmas Eve. Baby Jesus will not have any clothes on but a diaper until midnight of New Year Eve when people will put clothing on baby Jesus. On January 6th the three Wise men are added to the nativity scene.

With the nativity tradition people emphasis also on “Posadas”. Communities gather together nine days before Christmas and every night they carry a statue of Joseph and Virgin Mary and take them to a house that has already been selected. When they arrive to that house they will sing a special carol requesting lodging as the people inside will deny the lodging. After the caroling they will enter the house and pray follow by a huge meal and playtime for children.



Christmas at Marian Con't



Mr. Dougherty's Room



Mr. Forgotch's Room



Mrs. Faust sure knows how to decorate!



Mrs. Gerhart in the Development office likes her trees small



Mrs. Costello in the library sure has the Christmas Spirit



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

