

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

April 2014

LIVING STATIONS

Sophomores

present...

Friday April 4, Marian's Sophomore Speech class, under the direction of speech teacher Ms. Christine Prep, performed the annual Living Stations of the Cross. As Jesus makes his way around the gymnasium, the action stops at poignant moments--his sentencing, his falling under the weight of the cross, meeting his mother Mary, being helped by a stranger, having his tunic stripped off of his body and being nailed to the cross he carried. What sorrow could be greater than a mother holding the dead body of her son before burial. Yet, the story does not end in the tomb. After three days Jesus is raised to new life by the grace of God--death no longer has power over him. This is the powerful, wonderful moment we celebrate on Easter Sunday.



The participants in this year's presentation were as follows: Nicole Ambruch, Bailey Becker, Mark Buchinsky, Christopher DeJesus, Brittany Friendly, Seth Harkins, Jack Hurst, Ryan Kelly, Deayanna Koskulitz, Nicholas Longazel, Ryan Malarkey, Amy McConnell, Cooper Moore, Devin Mrochko, Emily Pulaski, Jessica Ray, Josh Skotek, Christopher Stager, Ashley Teichman, Tyler Wackley, Olivia Zapotocky, Matthew Zientek

Up Coming Events

School Play *West Side Story* – April 25-27
May Crowning – May 1
Law Day – May 2
Talent Show – May 5

Academic Achievement Dinner – May 6
Prom – May 16
Spring Concert – May 21
Baccalaureate & graduation – May 30/31

Did you read that sign? Some signs need to be proofed before hanging
If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

Clara Barton visits Marian



Mrs. Costello portrays Clara Barton



It's that time of year again when Clara Barton comes to visit Marian. Miss Barton discusses her life and especially her Civil War experiences with the Freshman Social Studies classes. Miss Barton travelled with the Army of the Potomac with her wagon of supplies for the wounded. Many times she was on the battlefield while bullets were still flying. After the Civil War she established a Missing Soldiers office to help families find out what happened to their loved ones. Even later she established the American Red Cross and added the provision to the International Red Cross's charter that they help in all disasters, not just war. All of this done at a time when women were not expected to do anything but take care of their families. What a remarkable woman Clara Barton was!

FBLA PA State Conference



Some Marian students competed in the Annual PA FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State Conference in Hershey from April 6 to the 9.

Not only did they enjoy themselves but came away with some awards.

Digital Video Production - 6th place went to Michael Dino and Joes Letcher.

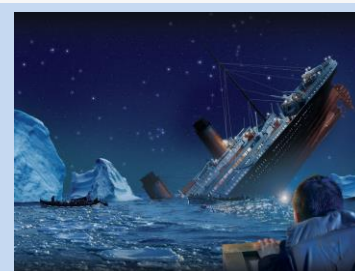
Parliamentary Procedure - 6th place went to Faith Befano, Taylor Horvat, Kayla Rodick and Annette Ritzko.

Public Speaking I- 7th place went to Hannah Zboray.

We want to congratulate these people for a job well done.

Titanic Remembrance Day by Andrew Dotter

"I'm king of the world!" You know these words, you can picture Leonardo DiCaprio standing at the bow of the ship his arms outstretched, but this shouldn't overshadow the real-life tragedy that was the TITANIC. This month sees the 102nd anniversary of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* While making her maiden voyage across the Atlantic, tragedy struck when she collided with an iceberg. Sinking quickly, she took 1,502 of the 2,224 passengers and crew to their watery graves. Many died from either drowning or frostbite in one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in modern history. The news soon reached all the corners of the world, where it was greeted with shock and left many wondering how such a marvelously luxurious unsinkable ship could sink. Like all modern disasters, we must never forget these events and the pain they caused. But its legacy is more than that. The disaster caused major improvements in maritime safety. One of their most important legacies was the establishment in 1914 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), which still governs maritime safety today. Additionally, several new wireless regulations were passed around the world in an effort to learn from the many missteps in wireless communications. Out of tragedy came safety. This is why we remember, and on April 15th Titanic Remembrance Day is held annually. So maybe no other band will have to play "Nearer MY God the Thee" as they wait to die.



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King of the World!



<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

A question many school are being asked these days is "Does your school have a library?" We here at Marian can say, "You bet we do." When so many public schools have lost their librarians and even their entire libraries due to budget cuts at the state and

local levels, Marian maintains its library because we know the importance of having a good library program run by a qualified librarian. Studies in 21 states have proven that these programs improve testing scores and ready students for college. April is the month the nation celebrates these school libraries. School Library Month (SLM) is the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April schools celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in a student's educational career. The 2014 theme is **Lives change @ your library**® and this is so true. So be thankful Marian has this wonderful educational tool and visit Mrs. Costello there, she will be happy to help you with whatever reading you want or research tools you need.



National Autism Awareness Month

By Sarah Baurer

In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s.

The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

The Autism Awareness Ribbon — The puzzle pattern reflects the mystery and complexity of the autism spectrum. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of the people and families living with the condition. The brightness of the ribbon signals hope — hope that through increased awareness of autism, and through early intervention and appropriate treatments, people with autism will lead fuller, more complete lives

Many people with autism have hypersensitive senses, and in chaotic or unfamiliar situations (like a school hallway, pep rally, or concert) they can be flooded with too much sensory stimuli and have a meltdown. This situation is called sensory overload, and this is what it feels like:

The sunlight crowds out your vision and burns your retinas. Your eyes ache with the strain. For a second everything is overexposed. Then your eyes adjust and you see a blur of strangers, colors, buildings, and sky, everything shouting for your attention. The chaos is blinding and you are forced to squint even though your eyes have adjusted to the light. Meanwhile, the casual chatter of hundreds of conversations builds up to an incessant roar that nearly drowns out your own thoughts. Trying to tune all this out is like trying to close an overstuffed suitcase, and you just don't have the energy today. A group of kids barge past you and you force yourself not to shudder at their arms brushing yours. "Sorry," is the first thing you can think of to say, even though it was them who bumped into you. You clutch the strap of your backpack. At least that is familiar. You know you have to act like this doesn't bother you. The last thing you want is to attract attention to yourself. You've dealt with that enough at school.

You focus on the least chaotic thing you can find: the backpack strap. You are well aware that you are acting strange; darting your eyes, walking oddly, but you are beyond caring at this point. You need to find a quiet place fast. The sun is heating the air to an intolerable temperature. The drone of voices rises and falls and your ears feel full. You feel all eyes on you. You are a sardine in a can, a fish out of water. You are drained. Your heart hammers in your chest and your palms sweat. All you want to do is get out of here before you freak out. Panic rises in your chest as you realize that you no longer have any idea where "here" is.

Your mother laughs when you confess all this to her. "It's all in your head, honey," she says, which only adds to your frustration and panic. Because what she said is true, but that doesn't mean sensory overload is imaginary.

Next time you see someone exhibiting this behavior, be kind, after all we all have our quirks. Normal is boring! But then what is normal?

<http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/>



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Egg-citing Discoveries!

Easter Egg Hunt Held at
Marian
By Annette Ritzko

There was Easter fun to be had all around Marian Catholic on April 19, the Saturday before Easter Sunday, as children started appearing at 9:30 A.M. to register for this year's Easter egg hunt! The front lawn of Marian was speckled with hundreds of pastel Easter eggs; some eggs were filled with numbers that could be exchanged for festive prizes. The right side of the lawn was reserved for younger children, while the left side was reserved for the older ones. Of course no Easter event would be complete without the Easter Bunny! The furry fellow hopped by Marian to take pictures with eager children and deliver delicious marshmallow Peeps. As soon as Mrs. Gerhard gave the word, tons of children poured into the lawn and started snatching up eggs with tiger-like speed and ferocity! Some were luckier than others and won big prizes, such as a stuffed Tigger, but nobody left the event empty handed. Each child was given a bag of candy for participating and was sent home with a smile on his or her face! I'm sure every bunny would agree that this year's Easter egg hunt was a success!



Marian students greet the kids and organize the hunt while the Easter Bunny looks on



See those kids run

Every year on Holy Saturday, one of the major television networks, I think it's ABC, Runs the movie *The Ten Commandments*. This may seem really strange to us Christians but our Easter is usually the Jewish feast of Passover. If you have ever watched the movie, you know that the last plaque that God brought upon Egypt for enslavement of the people of Israel was the angel of death coming to kill the first born of the land. But the Jews placed the blood of a lamb on the doorways of their homes and the angel of death "past over" their homes, thus the feast of Passover. We Christians have to remember that we are not alone on this planet that the history of the Jews is also our history since Jesus, our Lord and Savior was a Jew. So in a way, the movie is about the Israelites and their escape from Egypt but also about the history of our own religion. So watch the movie and enjoy. By the way, loved Charlton Heston as Moses, how about you?

Easy Eating

Cooking Tips for the Culinary-Challenged Student

By Annette Ritsko



Easy egg salad recipe:

8 eggs
½ cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon yellow mustard (Optional)
¼ cup chopped green onion or celery
salt and pepper to taste
¼ teaspoon paprika

With so many left-over eggs from Easter, you're probably wondering how you could possibly eat them all before they spoil. This month's installment of Easy Eating will be focusing on eggs!

First to boil the eggs- Place the eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, peel and chop.(warning: the fresher the eggs, the harder they are to peel)

To make the egg salad, place the chopped eggs in a bowl, and stir in the mayonnaise, mustard and green onion(or celery). Season with salt, pepper and paprika and stir thoroughly and serve as a sandwich or on crackers. You can always tweak the recipe to your preference.

Good luck with this easy recipe, and I hope you'll be able to make some egg-cellent sandwiches with it!



Earth Day by Robert Devigili

Each year, Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

"The height of hippie and flower-child culture in the United States, 1970 brought the death of Jimi Hendrix, the last Beatles album, and Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge over Troubled Water". Protest was the order of the day, but saving the planet was not the cause. War raged in Vietnam, and students nationwide increasingly opposed it. At the time, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. "Environment" was a word that appeared more often in spelling bees than on the evening news. Although mainstream America remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change by the publication of Rachel Carson's New York Times bestseller *Silent Spring* in 1962. The book represented a watershed moment for the modern environmental movement, selling more than 500,000 copies in 24 countries and, up until that moment, more than any other person, Ms. Carson raised public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and public health. Earth Day 1970 capitalized on the emerging consciousness, channeling the energy of the anti-war protest movement and putting environmental concerns front and center. "<http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement>



The 2014 Earth Day theme was "Green Cities." This title was generously met, with 192 countries participating in mass scales to improve the environmental conditions of their cities and population. This includes rallies and festivals, demonstrations; mass clean ups and tree plantings, and fundraisers to make building "greener." In particular, Columbus, Ohio, organized thousands of people to completely clean up the cities' trash. On a more global scale, several countries, such as India and Albania, are demanding more renewable resources and greener cities. It is civilian concern that makes Earth Day 2014 a success. Individual actions are what will change the world, so let's keep the movement going!

PLAY PREVIEW

West Side Story – April 25,26 and 27

