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May Crowning

This song is in everyone's head in May.

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, oh
Maria.

Hail, mother of mercy and of love, oh
Maria.

I can hear you humming it now.

No matter how young or how old, the singing of that song brings to mind the crowning of our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Catholics around the world place a crown of flowers on a statue of Mary to honor her. Here at Marian it is no different. On May 2, Mary was carried into the gym for Mass on the shoulders of the escorts of the May Queen's court.

During Mass the May Queen, Cassidy DeCosmo, placed a ring of flowers on the head of Mary, crowning her Queen of our hearts. Mary is the patron of our school and so it is doubly important to honor her and what she means to us. So we thank you Mary our Mother for the gift you gave us, your Son Jesus. Give us the strength to say yes as you did to God. We crown you Queen of the May.



May Queen – Cassidy DeCosmo, her escort Nick Hopeck

**The queens court – Emily Betterly, Tara Koskulitz, Lindsay Nemeth
and Monica Wasik**

**The escorts – Nicholas Menighan, Ryan Darrough, Lukas Damian
and Kyle Stanek**

Good Luck Graduates!

Proofreading is a dying art – Newspaper headlines
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half



Calling All to the Courtroom! Marian's Law Day By Annette Ritzko



On Law Day, May 1, 2014, our very own Mock Trial team performed a realistic hearing about the death of a teenaged girl named Jordan Simon, whose death was caused by performance enhancing drugs. I myself got the privilege of being on the jury for the trial, and listened intently to both sides of the case. The Plaintiff was Kelly Simon, the administrator of the estate of Jordan Simon, and the defendant was Ruffed Grouse High School.

The lawyers for the plaintiff were Faith Befano, Ryan Darrough, and Natalia Konitzer and the lawyers for the defendant were Mady Dyer, Nick Mayernick, and Amanda Esposito. Witnesses for the Plaintiff included Joey Letcher playing Kelly Simon, Lexi Dutz as Morgan Pierce, and Patrick Darrough as Lynn Roper. And the witnesses for the defendant were Michael Dino as Coach Terry Swift, Tyler Wackley playing Jamie Hagar and Hunter Puza playing Aubrey Brady. Con't on page 4 (LAW)

Mother's Day by Britney Ziegler

This year Mother's Day was celebrated on Sunday May 11, 2014. The origins of Mother's Day come from the UK. It has been around for hundred years. But here in the United States it was created by the help of pioneering women of their time, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. It was suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. She wanted June 2 to be the national day to celebrate the wonderful moms like in the UK where it is still celebrated on June 2. But today's Mother's day was created by Anna Jarvis as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. It



became a national holiday in 1914 and is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. But why wait until Mother's Day to tell you mother what you think and feel about her. Every day should be Mother's Day. But let us not forget the Mother of us all, Mary the Virgin Mother of God, may she watch over us as only a mother can do.

National Teacher Day by Luke Williams

Every year on May 6th, National Teacher Day is celebrated nationwide. Teachers are recognized for their hard work and dedication in making sure that their students can get the best possible education they can offer, which is a much, much more difficult task than it may seem, especially in this day and age. Here at Marian, Sister Bernard treated the faculty to a nice lunch in celebration of such a day, and it's surely more than well-deserved. Even though it's late, take the time to thank a teacher for their selfless hard work and effort that they put forth towards *you*, which has much more to it than just writing lesson plans and regurgitating them. You might just make their day.



The Marian Music Department Presents...Spring Concert Time By Seth Harkins

Wednesday May 21st, the Marian Catholic Music Department performed their annual spring concert for a large crowd of proud parents, friends and music lovers.

Consisting of the band and chorus, it started at 7:00 promptly, beginning with the concert band. Members include: Flutes: Colleen Gallagher, Abigail Haas, and Mackenzie Sugrue. Clarinet: Anthony Stianchie. Trumpets: Gabrielle Fatula, Barry Fulton, Kelsey Hurst, Tyler John, and Melissa Ramirez. Trombone: Jack Hurst. Saxophone: Ashley Teichman. Tuba: Seth Harkins. Percussion: Taylor Horvat, Kaitlin Kowker, James McKinley, and Edward Kolonsky.

The band played four songs in the theme of time, starting with a piece written in the style of the late 1700 big bands, titled "Little Classic Suite". Next, the time moved on to a march from the vault of John Phillip Sousa titled "Wolverine March". Swing Jazz next enters the picture with "Birdland". Finally, the concert band ended with a bang with the "Magic of Harry Potter". After which Kelsey Hurst played a moving piano piece titled "Pour Le Piano".

Finally, the chorus went on. Members include, Sopranos: Faith Befano, Emily Betterly, Molly Carnish, Madyson Dyer, Ashley Fannick, Cassandra Hoben, Jennifer McKinley, Melissa Ramirez, Rose Reid, Kayla Rivers, Kayla Roddick, Olivia Schugardt, Olivia Sposato, Abigail Stankiewitch, Madison Stoyer, and Alison Walck. Altos: Amanda Champion, Amanda Esposito, Breanna Esposito, Emily Fannick, Gabrielle Fatula, Megan Fatula, Heather Getten, Mary Grega, McKenzie Habel, Taylor Horvat, Kelsey Hurst, Shannon Kelly, Kaitlin Kowker, Christine McCord, Rachel Meier, Annette Ritzko, Gabriella Smith, Gabrielle Smith, Makenzie Sugrue, Alexandra Valusek, and Camaryn Wheeler. Tenors: Joseph Letcher, and John Swierczek. Basses: Francis DeFebo, Michael Dino, Matthew Greenfield, Seth Harkins, Tyler John, James McKinley, and Anthony Stianchie.

The Chorus started with a song titled "Faithful over A Few Things", "Let It Be", as made



The Chorus
singing a Medley
from *Les
Miserables*



The Concert
Band playing
*The Magic of
Harry Potter*

<http://youtu.be/390K730cGkU> <http://youtu.be/8oatG90MDAs>

famous by The Beatles, with Ashley Fannick soloing, and next a medley of music of the famous Broadway play, *Les Miserables*. This song featured many soloists, including Kelsey Hurst, Taylor Horvat, Joseph Letcher, Olivia Schugardt, Amanda Champion, Olivia Sposato, Seth Harkins, Molly Carnish, Alison Walck, and Rachel Meier. The last song was titled "Let the River Run".

Some people say that pictures are worth a thousand words, but for music it's the sound. Check out the videos at the above sites.

Do you know Mother Goose



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the King's horses, and all the King's men
Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together

We all know these words even if we don't REALLY know what they mean. They are just silly rhymes from Mother Goose. But we here in America have a day to celebrate this fictional character

By Sarah Baurer

May 1 was Mother Goose Day. Mother Goose is credited with many children's stories and poems. I'm sure a lot of you have heard them a thousand times during your childhood. However, nobody knows who Mother Goose is. Some believe she is an actual goose who somehow gained the ability to write. Others see her as a kindly grandma who reads to children. There are also those who see her as a friendly witch. She is the childhood enigma that has captivated generations.

However, there is no one Mother Goose. Strange, right? Next I'll be telling you there's no Santa Claus! Mother Goose was actually many writers throughout the years. Nobody knows whether there was a real Mother Goose. Some believe she was a widow in 16th century Boston who was named either Elizabeth Foster Goose or Mary Goose depending on who you ask. She was said to entertain her grandchildren with stories, and her son in law wrote them down and published them.

This theory was disproved by French texts dating back years before Elizabeth Foster Goose/Mary Goose would have been born. She has even been found in some 10th century writing! A French legend says that Mother Goose was King Robert II's wife.

The one thing we know for sure is that Charles Perrault was the first person to publish a collection of Mother Goose poems in 1695.

Editor's Note:

But why celebrate a day to Mother Goose? Just a day to re-appreciate the old nursery rhymes, just silly nursery rhymes. Or are they? I wouldn't look up what they really mean if I were you. You'll have nightmares for sure.

A Dinner Fit for Kings Marian's Twenty-Fifth Annual Academic and Appreciation Dinner by Annette Ritzko

May 6, 2014 was the date of Marian's 25th annual academic and appreciation dinner. Let's face it; we students have a lot on our plate during the year, so a dinner honoring all that we achieve and do for our school is highly appreciated! Aside from the free meal, certificates and recognition are incentives for many students to go to this dinner, and the organizers of the academic and appreciation dinner go out of their way to make sure as many students as possible are acknowledged for their accomplishments.

In order, the programs, clubs, and achievements recognized are as follows: Student Council, Honor Roll, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Hugh O'Brien leadership representative(Kelsey Hurst), Bishop's Catholic Scholars(Kelsey Hurst and Michael McHale), Daughters of the American Revolution award(Robert Divigili), American Chemical Society High School Chemistry Competition(Matthew Karnish), Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Competition, Chorus, Schuylkill County Band, Diocesan Band, Lebanon Valley College Honors Band, Schuylkill County Chorus, Diocesan Chorus, District 10 and Region Chorus(Joseph Letcher), Eucharistic Ministers, Chapel Aides, Rock Music Ministry, Student Ambassadors, Scholastic Scrimmage, Yearbook, Mock Trial, Citizen's Bee, Guidance Aide Recognition(Alex Valusek), Development Aides, Media Crew, Student Achievement Workers, Desktop Publishing, Library Aides, Peer Listeners, Tastes of Greater Hazelton Apron Contest(Faith Befano and Annette Ritzko), Drama Club, and Future Business Leaders of America. Before Sister Bernard made her closing remarks, one last award was given to Cassandra Hoben for her good character and service to Marian Catholic High School and home town, Coaldale.

Billie Holiday Visits Library



History of Women in America Class has its final projects due. One of these is for the students to portray an American woman they have researched and BE her for class. They tell us about their life using costumes and props. Rebecca Cullen portrayed the great Jazz singer Billie Holliday.



What a row of certificates?



Students ready for dinner!



Coach Nietz Retires



After 30 years of coaching baseball at Marian, Head Coach Jeff Nietz has decided to retire. After serving as an assistant coach to Charlie "Chink" Connely for 10 years, Nietz took over the Head Coaching duties in 1994. In his 20 year tenure, he compiled a 275-154 record while his teams went to the District XI Championship in twice, winning in 2000 & won nine Schuylkill League Division Titles. "For the past 20 years I've been blessed with great kids and great coaches - the success I've had is because of them!" reflected Nietz; "The support from the Marian Community - the Administration, Teachers, Men of Marian and the parents has been outstanding!" A true highlight for him is not the hundreds of wins nor championships - but his contributions to the personal development of the hundreds of young men he coached throughout the years. In addition, he is quick to point out that his family has been a huge part of his success in the program. Coaching his sons Scott & Frank on the team as well as having daughter Lauren working as his manager/scorekeeper and wife, Rita Nietz serving as a Booster Club Officer throughout the years has kept everything in perspective for him. He stated, "at the end of the day or the conclusion of a season, it's all about your family buying into and being a part of what you love to do - it makes that activity one-hundred percent more enjoyable. To have had my family by my side, it made the wins better and helped ease the pain of a loss easier." In a fitting conclusion to his career, Nietz was recently informed he will be inducted into the Marian Hall of Fame this coming year.

What it feels like to Graduate

by Maggie Nicholson

I'll be honest; I don't know where the last four years of my life went. That time passed by as if I simply blinked my eyes. All of those days of coming into school and seeing everyone is something that is going to be missed, oddly enough. I won't wake up to that after I graduate. My friends and I will keep in touch, I know it, but I won't be able to see them every single day. We also won't see each other as often as we did over the weekend, but those good times don't have to end. Graduation *is* the end of high school; but it is also the *beginning* of the full life ahead of everyone in the class of 2014. Good luck, everyone, **we made it!**



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Both sides fought brilliantly and tirelessly, but in the end only the jury could decide which side was right. After closing remarks by Faith Befano and Mady Dyer, students and teachers were sent back to class and the jury was left to deliberate on what they had just heard and saw. After much discussion, the jury finally decided who would be the winner, and at the end of the day Sister Bernard announced that the plaintiff won. I'm sure you would agree that Law Day this year was packed full of excitement! We can only hope that next year's court case will be just as interesting

MARIAN TALENT SHOW by Andrew Dotter

After many months of waiting the annual Talent Show was held on May 5th, 2014. The classes were shortened and the entire school watched 12 acts perform live for everyone. Starting the show were Monica Baranko and Luke Williams singing "Everything Has Changed." Up next was Amanda Champion, accompanied by Faith Befano on piano, performing "Young and Beautiful" and "Hallelujah." Act Three was Kelsi Hurst on piano performing "Can't Help Falling in Love." Following that was Molly Carnish, accompanied by Paul Mulhern on piano, singing "Set Fire to the Rain." Next was Kayla Rodick, Taylor Horvat (on the drums), Olivia Schugardt, and Ashley Fannick singing "Royals". Act Six was Benjamin Ferko performing "Root Beer Rag" on the piano, followed by Henry Hinchey performing "A World on Fire." Act Eight was Olivia Sposato performing "At Last" by Etta James and an original song, "My Enemy". Up next was Ashley Fannick and Monica Baranko performing "Ho Hey". The final act was Michael Dino, Joey Letcher, Kelsi Hurst, Seth Harkins, Jimmy McKinley, Taylor Horvat and John Swierczek, better known as Shock Value! They performed an original song, "Some Dreams" and a cover of "Seven Nation Army" and "Wonderwall." But the crowd wanted more and Luke Williams gave an encore performance with "Waiting for the World to Change." Finally, Olivia Sposato finished the show with a cover of "Chain of Facts". After all the acts were done, it was time for the judges to give out awards for first, second and third places. Coming in third was Molly Carnish followed by Olivia Sposato in second. And the first place winner of the 2014 Talent Show was...Benjamin Ferko!! Congratulations to all the winners and participants, you gave us a great afternoon!!



Have a Great Summer!