

MARIANEWS

50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Welcome Back!

New Faces by Kayla Knepper

This year at Marian has brought many new surprises. However, today we will focus upon the new faces at the school including the three newest teachers and new cafeteria lady. We'll begin with the teachers. These new teachers are Ms. Kaur, Mrs. Hydock and Mr. DiMarco.

Let's start with Ms. Kaur. She is Marian's newest geometry teacher. She was drawn to Marian because it is near where she grew up and she loves the community. She got her degree from Penn State. Right now she is greatly enjoying the students and loves how the teachers are willing to help. Prior to Marian she had a job as a long term substitute at Weatherly. She is very open to questions and has an open door policy.

Next we will meet Mrs. Hydock. She is the newest Spanish Teacher at Marian, and her son goes here as well. She came here because she saw an opening. She went to college at Lehigh Carbon Community College and then Penn State for law enforcement. This is her first year of teaching, prior to this however she was in law enforcement. She wants the best for all her students and her biggest goal is to have them all succeed.

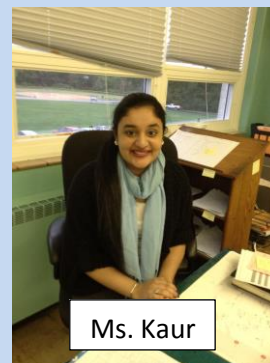
And lastly we have Mr. DiMarco, He is a physics teacher. He came here because he enjoys teaching in Catholic Schools. He went to Lehigh University for his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He likes that the kids are nice. He has long termed subbed in Catholic schools prior to Marian. He was also a college professor.



Mrs. Hydock



Mr. DiMarco



Ms. Kaur



Mrs. Salazar

As well as new teachers we have a new Cafeteria Lady named Mrs. Salazar. She has had experience being a volunteer lunch lady and a volunteer gym teacher at McAdoo Catholic and since it closed she has missed the school community. She got a call asking her to work at Marian and she happily accepted. She went to Lackawanna Junior college for two years. She loves seeing all the student's smiling faces and takes pride in knowing that the students are all properly fed and content.

Upcoming events -

Oct. 2 – Blue Activity
Oct. 6 – Yearbook drive
DeSales Trip
Oct. 8 – FBLA Induction

Oct. 15 - PSAT/ASVAB Tests
Oct. 21 - Gold Activity
Oct. 27 – 31 Book Fair
Oct. 31 - Halloween

Did I read that sign right?

For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the 1st floor.



Cyber Safety Comes to Marian

Internet Safety



by Sara Bauer

This is why it's very important to be skeptical of people you meet online. Don't give out any personal information. If you wouldn't put it on a billboard, don't put it online. Be careful of any photos you post; many digital cameras automatically record the GPS location of your photo, and your mobile phone can broadcast your location when you post status updates. Also, don't post statuses or pictures about your vacation during the trip, and don't tell people when you're leaving. That broadcasts to thieves that your house is empty.

If someone you met online wants to meet you in person, don't accept the offer (and don't make the offer to them either). If you feel like you have to meet them, do so in a well-lit place with lots of people around and bring your parent(s) or guardian(s). You never know what might be lurking in the untamed wilderness of the Internet. Just remember: don't feed the trolls, don't believe everything you see, and don't be afraid to call for help. Have fun and stay safe!

Recently there was a presentation about online safety. I know a lot of you slept through it, thinking "I know that stuff already!" or "These situations are ridiculous!" Well they're not as ridiculous as you may think.

One of the best and worst things about the Internet is anonymity. Anyone can be anything. Someone who may be very awkward in public could be popular online. A physically or mentally disabled person can go online and socialize without being judged. Or a pedophile could disguise themselves as a normal teen.

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.

The school year of 2014-2015 is special here at Marian because it celebrates 50 years of this school. Yes Marian High School came into existence in 1954 with a unique campus of Freshmen attending classes in Tamaqua at St. Jerome's High School, Sophomores were in Lansford at St. Ann's and Juniors and Seniors were in Coaldale attending St. Mary's. Since the new school included many different towns the nickname or mascot for the school was the "Colts"

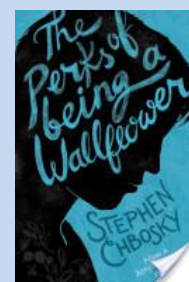
combining the letters from the schools. The "C" stood for Coaldale; the "L" for Lansford; the "T" for Tamaqua; and the "S" for Summit Hill. The "O" would represent all other towns attending Marian. It was obvious that a central school was needed, especially when enrollment outgrew the physical capacity. Plans for a new building were revealed by Bishop McShea of the Allentown Diocese.

Next Month – the new building

Banned Books Week Sept. 21 – Sept. 27

America celebrates Banned Books Week the last week of September every year to celebrate our freedom to read and to remind everyone to fight censorship wherever they see it. Our library has a display that shows some books that have been banned or challenged throughout the years. One such book that has been added to the banned list last year is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. So instead of picking apart what some see as offensive in the book, let's see it from someone who read THE WHOLE BOOK, **Molly Carnish**.

"I first read *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* in 2012 when I was in eighth grade. I heard about it through another story that made reference to it. I was interested and bought the book at Barnes & Noble. This book takes place in a Pittsburgh suburb and is about a boy, "Charlie," who is nervous about starting his freshman year in high school. He is very shy and does not make friends easily. At a football game, he meets and befriends two seniors who take Charlie under their wing and encourage him to socialize more by taking him to a party.



Book Fair Coming

This year's Book Fair to support the Library will be Oct. 27-31. The Theme for the Scholastic Book fair will be, "Readers of the Round Table." The library will be decked out with a medieval theme complete with castle, knights and even a sword in the stone goal chart to keep track of how close we are to our goal of \$2300.00. So save up your funds and come to the book fair and read a lot of Camelot – or whatever you fancy.



Breaks the record!

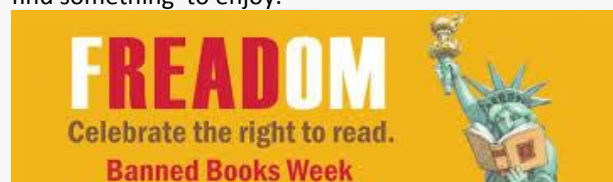
By Alex Valusek



Tina Capparell is a freshman of the class 2018. This up and coming runner beat Marian's school record for our varsity cross country course. When asked how it felt she said "It felt good to reach my goal." One can only imagine what she will do now. Well, Tina went and beat it again. As a member of the cross country team I can say we are very glad to have her as one the team. Keep going Tina!

The book is written as a set of letters to an anonymous character from Charlie. We have total insight to Charlie's thoughts and it made me feel as if I was in the book, myself, observing everything he did. Throughout the book, there is reference to pop culture; such as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. There is also reference to real-life issues such as drugs, problems with sexuality, and abuse. These are things that are covered in the news, on TV shows, etc. all the time. It is no excuse for this book to be banned. This is actually one of my favorite books. It's a quirky and thought-provoking book with interesting characters. If you haven't read it already, I would highly recommend you do!"

As you can see banning this book would have deprived Molly of the enjoyment and learning moments from this book. So celebrate your **freedom to read**. Come to the library and find a banned book to read. You just might find something to enjoy.



Retro Article

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

Roving Reporter Reviews By J. Casagnola

In my recent survey I have collected facts which may help you to understand your gruesome classmates more thoroughly.

The first survey was taken among the frosh and soph midget corps. The survey shows that thirteen of the corps have been lost in various cracks and crevices throughout the building, while eight were stomped into the floor by some of the new faculty members. One midget faculty member was also stepped on by some of the new students who thought he was one of the gang.

Seven of the corps members have broken arms, legs, and backs respectively; it seems the covers of the books they stand on to open their lockers slip out from under them; and lastly, one boy was lost when a cyclonic wind from that mean old electric hand dryer blew him out the door of the boys' bathroom, rendering him part of the wall across the hall.

The next survey shows that the senior boys are complaining about a group of Amazon girls walking through the halls spooking the guys. Oh, and by the way, underclassmen, don't be alarmed by those two dark-complexioned senior boys who pretend to be native Ubanghi and Zulu spearmen, but if you should happen to hear "Bwana, bwana, me see many panther tracks," my advice to you would be DUCK.

The fourth survey shows that the girls are afraid of the boys on the football team because they carry war clubs with them. Well, don't be alarmed because they are not beating off girls – yet. These clubs are known as "ugly sticks" and the boys beat themselves over the head so that they can be uglier than their coaches.

The fifth survey tells that the students say their locks are walking down the halls onto different lockers. This is not true. They run down the halls onto different lockers.

The last survey shows that Marian High School has the greatest bunch of spirited students and accomplished teachers in the whole world.

Volleyball Success

Not only is our volleyball team doing terrific this year (no surprise there!) but Abby O'Donnell has reached a wonder accomplishment 3000 assists. Way to go Abby! And way to go Fillies!



MARIAN FILLIES VOLLEYBALL DIG PINK NIGHT

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Marian Fillies Volleyball Team, along with the Mahanoy Area Volleyball Team, will host a **Dig Pink Event** at Marian Catholic High School Gymnasium. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. This event is being held in conjunction with the Fillies Annual CYO Appreciation Night. Attending District 5 volleyball participants will be honored for their participation in the program.

All proceeds generated by the "Dig Pink" fundraiser will be donated to the Side-Out Foundation which awards grants to medical research organizations and entities dedicated to providing compassionate support to breast cancer patients and their families.

The Fillies are asking all fans to wear "pink" to the event on October 1, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at Marian Catholic High School.

The Fillies are holding a "Dig Pink" T-shirt sale and will be selling chances for a \$200 gift card basket, iTunes card and a pink volleyball.

With the support of our community, we look forward to presenting the Side-out Foundation with a sizeable donation!

Please join us on this fun night as we cheer on the Fillies and support a great cause!

Freshman Reaction to Marian:

A survey taken in a Freshmen English class

- Surprised at amount of homework
- Upper classmen very accepting
- Lunches are very good
- Teachers are nice
- Like how friendly everyone is
- Like how positive teachers are
- Homework not too bad
- Teachers help when you are having a hard time
- Did not expect the students to be as friendly as they are
- I feel welcome
- There are a lot of nice people
- Happy to be part of Marian Family
- Feels like everyone at Marian are friends
- Along with the amazing teachers, the school is our real teacher
- I made new friends

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Fight Beneath the Friday Night Lights

By Annette Ritsko

Can you imagine spending your childhood in a hospital, receiving painful treatments? All the while, you aren't even sure if you will have another birthday. This is the reality of a childhood cancer patient. Although childhood cancer is considered "rare," about 13,500 children a year are diagnosed with some form of cancer and around 25% of all children diagnosed, will die. About 60% of childhood cancer survivors suffer late-effects, such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers. In spite of these facts, childhood cancer research is greatly underfunded. September is childhood cancer awareness month, and the greatest act of support you can do, is to spread the word and help others be aware of such an insidious disease.

Friday, September 26, 2014, Marian Catholic's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club hosted a "gold out" to support Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital and childhood cancer awareness. The "gold out" was held at the Men of Marian stadium as the Marian Colts took on Blue Mountain. During the game, many wore gold in support of the cause, while Marian Catholic's FBLA club sold gold t-shirts, baked goods and collected donations. All proceeds were given to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital to help in their fight against childhood cancer



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Lobby Display

Check out the lobby display. It will change each month. The pictures in September were from the first yearbook. Check out Octobers by Oct. 6.



Marian Music Box

Roar for Marian Colts and Fillies
Sleep Walking to class
Shake it offsummer's over, get back
to school
Story of my life.....forgot my homework
again!
Blurred Lines..... what happens after
pulling an all nighter
Rather Be still at the beach
Cool Kids..... never bully!