

MARIANEWS

50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

February 2015

Baby it's Cold Outside

Will we ever see spring?

This question is being asked everywhere! This isn't news. Just look out the window or go outdoors and you can tell. But February this year was ALL about the weather. We have used up more than the number of snow days put aside so we will be losing some Easter vacation. The number of snow delays due to the bitter cold temperatures is unknown but since Christmas we have only been in school two Mondays and so many activities have been cancelled because of shortened schedules. According to Tom Clark on WNEP this is the third coldest February in our recorded history (and we have a few days left at this writing that will also be bitterly cold). We've become accustom to the words dangerous wind chill and polar vortex. The average temperature for our area in February is 37. I don't recall seeing to many days even near that temperature.



But things are looking up. March is next week and spring right around the corner. So hang in there Marian, winter can't last forever, but I'd still like to tell that ground hog what I think of his predictions!

Upcoming events -

March 3 – Blue Activity

March 6 – Exposition

March 9 – Prospective Parent night

March 11 – Penance Service`

March 19 – Gold Activity

March 21-22 Chinese Auction

March 27 – Living Stations

March 30 - 4th quarter begins

Did I read that sign right?

In an office:

After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.





Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

Marian celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-31 this year. Although it was a miserable week weather wise, it still had some highlights. It began on Sunday January 25 with open house. It was a success once again with many parents and prospective students talking to teachers and checking out the displays in the gym.

Monday was a snow day so we never got to see the movie *Cyberbully*, but we did begin the collection of socks, gloves and scarves for Catholic Social Services. There was a barrel for

each grade and faculty for a competition, winner to get a dress down day. Faculty were the lucky winners. Tuesday was supposed to be our annual Student Talent show but a snow delay postponed it until a later date. Wednesday had us coming to school on time for a mass said by Bishop Barres of the Allentown diocese. The Bishop reminded all to keep practicing their faith even when they leave to go to college. It was also Ice Cream sundae day.

Thursday was the day we got to see a terrific program. It was called the "Gift of Life" and organ donor program. Our speaker was Susan Koomar a Marian graduate. She discussed the important of becoming an organ donor and how to go about it. Being a Catholic

school she first assured everyone that organ transplants were approved by the Pope. The she explained that the easiest way to become an organ donor is to register when you get your driver's license or go to www.donor1.org. But if her words weren't enough to convince the students, there were several other speakers. First was Kevin Geklinsky, an organ transplant recipient. He told us how much danger he was in because he had needed a new liver. His story made everyone think because he was so young and many think of those needing organs as being elderly with organs just shutting down. But it was the next couple who caused many a tear to

come to the eye when Mr. & Mrs. Hankee told us about the death of their daughter



From Left to right:
Development director Sue Gerhard,
Sister Beranard Agnes, Susan Koomar,
Chris Hankee, Bill Hankee,
Kevin Geklinsky

Krista and how she saved five people with her organs. This is a reminder to register as an organ donor and make sure your family and friends do the same.

The final day of Catholic Schools Week was another snow delay but the faculty still got thank you notes and goodie bags from the National Honor Society. This was greatly appreciated by the faculty, especially since each thank you was personalized to the teacher. Hopefully next year's weather will be more cooperative.

Marian Student Chosen All- American

We would like to say a big congratulations to Abby O'Donnell being honored with the official MaxPreps All-American Certificate for Volleyball. Over 400,000 high school volleyball athletes can be found in the U.S., only the top one half percent are chosen for the All-American Team. You know that it takes more than personal dedication and devotion and even God-given talent. It takes commitment, hard work, determination, teamwork and perseverance the things that serve you well on and off the court. Abby has all of this and more. Congratulations Abby, we are all proud of you.



Teens for Jeans Clothing Drive

This month Marian ran a clothing drive called Teens for Jeans. Over a million young people are homeless each year in the United States, that's about 2 out of every 3 homeless people. The item request requested often that they need is a pair of jeans. This gives the kids a sense of normalcy in their not normal life. Jeans are also long wearing and versatile; they can be dressed up as well as down.

Over the past several years, Ae'ropostale and



DoSomething.org have been proud partners of Teens for Jeans. Together, they have helped collect over 4.3 million pairs of jeans to donate to homeless teens. If you have some jeans that are still in good shape but you have outgrown, bring them to the barrel in the lobby. Someone will appreciate them.

Retro Article

This is an article that was found in the March 1965 issue of the MARIANEWS

Platter Chatter

“To arms, to arms, the British are coming!”

Within the past few months the American music scene has been the battlefield of many “note-slinging” battles between American and British pop singers.

To head the list of British singers are The Beatles with their latest hits of *Eight Days a Week* and *I don't Want to Spoil the Party*, followed closely by Petula Clark, whose golden disc, *Down Town*, took America by storm. Gerry and the Pacemakers have been steadily climbing to the top with their recording of *Ferry Cross the Mersey*. *Can't You Hear My Heart Beat*, by Herman's Hermits, is now No. 1 throughout the land.

On the American scene, however, we have such great performers as Gary Lewis with his hit *This Diamond Ring*, Bobby Goldsboro with *Little Things*, Jewel Akens with his recording of *The Birds and the Bees*.

Among the groups we have Jay and the Americans with their double hit trick of *Let's Lock the Door* and *Come a Little Bit Closer*, and the Ad Libs with their song of *That Boy From New York*, the Tradewinds with their wax of *New York is a Lonely Town*, and the stupendous, hit-singing Supremes with their latest greatest hit of *Stop, In the Name of Love*.

SHINDIG, the best thing ever to happen to pop music, is one of the liveliest shows on TV. During the past weeks, SHINDIG has presented such talent as the Mindbenders with their recording of *Game of Love*, Little Eva with her moldy-oldy of *Locomotion*, The Righteous Brothers with *This Little Girl of Mine*, and the Beau Brummels with their latest hit, *Laugh, Laugh*. SHINDIG could rightly be called “Serendipity” because it is the greatest thing to happen to teenage music.

Marian Music Box

Good Vibrations when you feel the heat come on in the library

Midnight Confessions..... Lord I didn't study – Help!

On the Run cause Mr. Morgan's want the candy money

Back when I was Four..... I didn't have to study

Shut up and Dance at the prom

Fourth of July..... Summer at last

Something from Nothing..... my answers on the test

Blank Space between my ears!

I am Machine..... which means I don't always work

A Long Way from Africa Chapter 1 (This will be a continuing serial by Sarah Bauer)

The food stopped coming one day. Instead, my keeper climbed the electric fence and fell into the exhibit, not reacting to what should have been a very painful experience. I knew something was not right. The zoo was silent, as it had been for several days, so the only sound was the hum of the fence and the shuffle of the keepers' steps. She moved closer, her eyes filmy and unseeing .

I stood in front of my calf, Lily. She brayed indignantly. I lowered my head, showing off my sharp tusks, but I knew my threat display was not convincing. I could see that my keeper's dark face was coated with blood. Her familiar scent was almost overpowered by the reek of death and decay. She was dead, but she was walking. She lurched, and I expected her to fall, but she did not. My heart raced. I backed away. I couldn't bring myself to hurt my keeper. She had me and my herd cornered. I could see the gate, but it was closed.

Then it swung open with a creak. A blonde girl in a green “Save Endangered Animals” shirt had opened it. I wasn't sure if I could trust this girl. No scent of death on her, but I knew from what happened to my mother that living humans could be just as dangerous.

“Go, Victoria,” she shouted, pointing at the entrance to the zoo. “Go now! You're a sitting duck in this cage! There's more food out there!”

I placed myself between her and Lily, wanting to leave but not wanting to go near her. My keeper was closing in, and I snorted a warning. She didn't even flinch. I looked around at the other elephants in the exhibit, two males named Felix and George, and another female named Dumbo. They looked up to me. I was the oldest, the matriarch. They waited for my decision.

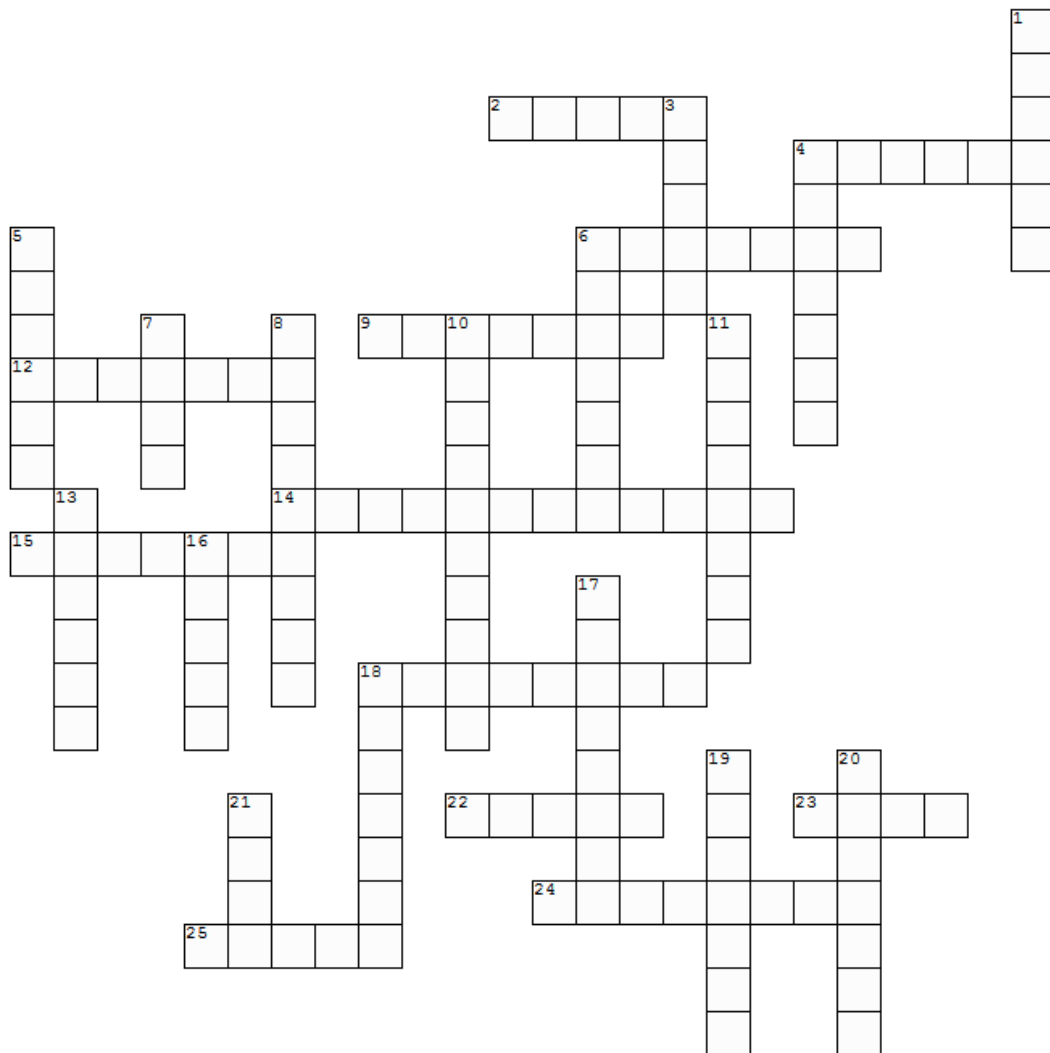
It was now or never.

I lowered my head and charged past my keeper, knocking her aside. I barreled down the path and out of the zoo. Nobody tried to stop me. It felt good to run this far and this fast. My cramped exhibit couldn't compare to the wide-open spaces of Africa I held in my herd memory. Neither could this, but at least it came closer. I could run as far and fast as I wanted, and no human would dare stop me.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.

Marian Teachers

Complete the crossword below. The first 20 to hand in correct crossword to Mrs. Costello get a prize.



Across

- 2.** Techno-god
- 4.** Attendance
- 6.** SADD
- 9.** Soup
- 12.** Physics
- 14.** French
- 15.** Lab rat
- 18.** Macbeth
- 22.** Rock Music
- 23.** Media
- 24.** Law Day
- 25.** Spanish club

Down

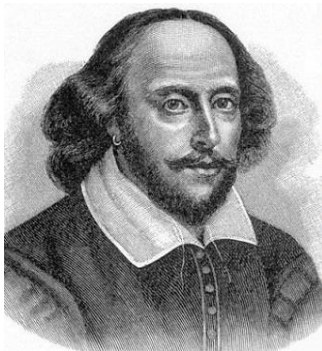
- 1.** Police
- 3.** Karate
- 4.** band
- 5.** AP Homeroom
- 6.** Play
- 7.** Geometry
- 8.** Movies
- 10.** Religion
- 11.** Media Specialist
- 13.** business
- 16.** Fish tank
- 17.** Book Report
- 18.** Candy
- 19.** World War II
- 20.** Dissection
- 21.** New English

To Be or Not To Be....

On February 28th, 2015, Sophie Damian, a sophomore at Marian Catholic High School will be competing in the 10th Annual Shakespeare Competition at De Sales University in Center Valley PA. Sophie will be representing Marian Catholic in this unique competition which offers interaction with professional actors and scholarship opportunities.

Twenty local schools will be competing and three schools from New Jersey will also round out the competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for student's to compete is the high light of the Shakespeare Season for De Sales. Students will interact with Patrick Mulchay, a veteran New York theater director and Dennis Razze, a 1977 graduate of DeSales University and Head of the Theater Program at DeSales University.

As an alumna, this competition is very near and dear to the heart of Mrs. Jo Lynn (Horowski) Gazo, the tenth grade English teacher at Marian Catholic. Mrs. Gazo and Sophie have been working tirelessly on Sophie's piece "Kate's Rant" from Taming of the Shrew. They are looking forward to the competition and a Marian Success!



"Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

William Shakespeare

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Marian Needs You

The Marian Phone –a-thon is in process. Marian could not exist if it were not for the support of it's alumni both physically and financially. The Phone-a-thon is a major fundraiser for the school. So if you haven't made your donation to the annual fund, please do so ASAP. Your school is important to you future and funds are needed to keep it going.

Marian Chinese Auction

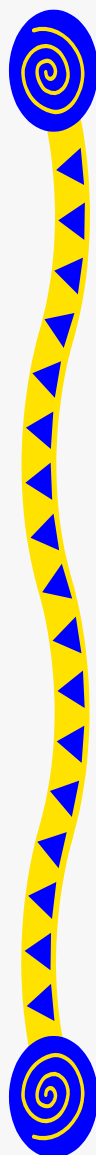
It's that time of year again when the Men of Marian Chinese Auction will be held on March 20 & 22. This is an important fund raiser for the Men of Marian who do so much for our school. But it is also a grand time. The prizes are always terrific and the new Faculty Fortune Tree, a tree with about \$1000 worth of gift cards, will also be chanced off. Who doesn't want to win that kind of prize! So put these date on your calender and come support your school, but also come have a good time and walk away with some wonderful prizes.

Celebrating Lent

When thinking about what to give up for Lent, it's easy to think about candy, soda, TV, etc. But what if you can't bring yourself to part with Pepsi or Pretty Little Liars? What if you want Lent to be more meaningful? What if you don't do much of anything you can give up in the first place? Here are some unique ways you can celebrate Lent:

1. Instead of giving up something, add something. Maybe add a few extra minutes of exercise, or an extra chore.
2. Replace what you're giving up with something more constructive. Instead of the hour a day you spend watching TV, read a book or study. Instead of a candy bar, eat more fruits and vegetables.
3. Use this time to break a bad habit. Maybe you tend to pig out while watching TV, or swear like a sailor. Studies show that it takes two weeks of abstaining from a bad habit to break it for good.

If you want to see how Marian celebrated Lent in the past, check out the pictures in the Lobby display. Some are from the Lenten retreats Marian use to have.



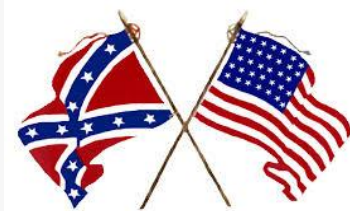
Commemorating 150 years

April of 2015 commemorates events that are a beginning and an ending. The beginning is the 150th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox Court house, the end of the Civil War and the beginning of a new nation. It also finds and ending with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. There will be programs and other events held in various places throughout the country to commemorate these anniversaries. To find out about these you can try these two websites:

<http://www.nps.gov/apco/150th-anniversary-of-appomattox-court-house.htm>

<http://www.fords.org/home/media-center/releases-and-updates/fords-announces-2015-season>

These are just two places with events. Here at Marian we have a great display in the Library with pictures of the Civil War, bulletin boards of Lincoln's assassination and the end of war statistics and lastly a three dimensional display of both the surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomattox Court House and the presidential booth at Ford's theatre with John Wilkes Booth about to shoot President Lincoln. Come to the library and check it out, and even better check out the books on display about these important historic events.



GODSPELL

Senior Play

This year's senior play will be the 2012 version of *Godspell*. The following is the cast:

Cast of Characters:

Jesus-Christopher Bruno-*Save the People, All for the Best, Alas For You, Beautiful City, Finale*

John the Baptist/Judas-Nicholas Sully-*Prepare Ye, All for the Best*

Disciples

Telly – James McKinley – *All Good Gifts*

George – Joseph Damiano – *Light of the World*

Nick- Anthony Stianchie - *Light of the World*

Uzo – Faith Befano – *By My Side, on the Willows*

Anna Marie – Amanda Champion – *Day by Day*

Morgan – Taylor Horvat – *Turn Back, O' Man*

Lindsay – Olivia Schugardt – *Bless the Lord*

Ensemble Soloists

Monica Baranko – *We Beseech Thee*

Ashley Fannick, Lauren Nietz - *Light of the World*

Rachel Meir, Kayla Rodick - *By My Side, on the Willows*

Cassandra Hoben – *Beautiful City*

Annette Ritzko – *Learn Your Lessons Well –Reprise*

Ensemble Speaking Parts

Faith Befano – Socrates

Kayla Rodick – Thomas Aquinas

Ashley Fannick – Jean Paul Satre

Lauren Nietz – Marianne Williamson

Cheyenne Bray – One Disciple

Monica Baranko – Galileo

Alexandra Stroia – Gibbon

Rachel Meier – Hegel

Kathryn Healy – L. Ron Hubbard

Audience members – Kaylee Ceci,
Shannon Masington

Ensemble

Nico Agosti, Joshua Ambruch, Francis DeFebo III, Matthew Karnish, James Kolbush, Christopher Miller, Michael Nicholson, Christopher Weber, Albert J. Wolk, Monica Baranko, Sarah Bauer, Rebecca Braun, Cheyanne Bray, Jeannine Cartier, Kaylee Ceci, Ashley Fannick, Gabrielle Fatula, Kathryn Healy, Cassandra Hoben, Kayla Knepper, Cecilia Koerbler, Sadie Kosar, Shannon Masington, Rachel Meier, Lauren Nietz, Abby O'Donnell, Emily Pilla, Annette Ritzko, Kayla Rodick, Gabriella Sacco, Bethany Shaud, Elizabeth Simone, Alexandra Stoia, Alexandra Valusek, Sierra Volkert, Katie Zemaitaitis, Alexis Zullo

Tamaqua Public Library

Every month during the fall, winter and spring there is a Teen/Young Adult Read and talk which teens can enjoy food, games, and of course lots of discussion about books! March's theme will be St. Patrick and Ireland! This program is for ages 10 to 19.

