

MARIANEWS

50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

January 2015

Happy New Year!

Showing off Our School Open House

The 24th Annual Open House program for prospective Marian High School students and their parents was held Sunday Jan 28, 2015, with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the school. This open house is offered to students in grades 9 through 12, from Carbon, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties interested in attending Marian for the upcoming school year.

Those who attended had the chance to browse through displays from the various academic departments, activities, clubs and library. After a welcome by Principal Sr. Bernard Agnes, Mrs. Mary Matunis and the Marian students led the group in a Jesus Jam song. Then the parents and prospective students were given tours of the school with chances to talk to students and teachers at Marian. The day ended with prizes and a \$500 scholarship for an incoming Freshman. What could be better?

Mrs. Patton
and the
Business
Department
Table



Music
Department
students

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Upcoming events -

Feb. 3 - Blue Activity
Feb. 10-24 - Phone-a-thon
Feb. 16 - President's Day (Holiday)
Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday - Mass

Feb. 19 - Gold Activity
Feb. 20 - Failure Warnings

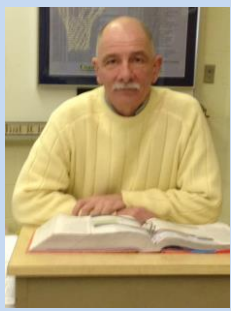
Did I read that sign right?

The Farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.



A Day in the Life of a Teacher

by Kayla Knepper



His mornings start off with coffee and then when he gets to Marian he does the attendance so everyone knows who isn't in school. He then starts off his day teaching World Cultures. He enjoys seeing the smiling faces of students the most. He is one of the most respected teachers here.

After school he is often preparing for whatever is needed for basketball, a game or practice. He is always attentive to the needs of his students as well though. He often holds a review for his sophomores the day before a test. Most interestingly his least favorite part about the day is getting up early.

This week I was given the opportunity to interview Coach Brutto for *A Day in the Life of a Teacher* article. Coach Brutto is the World Cultures, Sociology and Geography teacher here at Marian. He teaches sophomores through seniors. He is also the Head Coach for the Marian Fillies Basketball Team. He is a very busy man with an interesting routine.

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 6: The faculty at Marian has always been diverse. One of the things that makes Marian special is that we have mass once a week for our students. Although we don't have a priest on staff now every day, at one time there were many priests in the building as all day teachers. In 1965 when the new building opened there were:

Rev. Paul Bader – Vice-principal, chaplain, Boys guidance and Religion IV

Rev. Harold Dagle – Prefect of Discipline, Religion I-IV

Rev. William Reinsmith – Religion II and Athletic Director

Rev. Nicholas Troccola – Religion III, Mechanical Drawing, Art Club and Male Chorus



Picture in gym Created by Art Club and Father in 1965 out of glass bottles

AND of course Principal **Rev. Frederick Winkler**



A Heart - National Blood Donor Month

By: Alex Valusek

It keeps beating; thump, thump, thump. You feel it in your chest, that beating like a drum. Like a drum it needs something to keep it going, it needs blood. It's said that it's hard to get people to donate during winter, I'm inclined to agree, I know I'm not one to go out in the cold but people do need blood. January has been designated as National Blood Donor Month (NBDM) to encourage donors to give or pledge to give blood.

For some statistics right from the site. *"Every day in our country, approximately 39,000 units of blood are required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims. Our members' goals are to help If you are at least 17 years of age (some states permit younger people to donate with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and meet other donor requirements, you may be eligible to donate blood."* Take it from a donor, you can make a difference if you take 20 minutes and donate your blood today. [National Blood Donor Month](#)

Coach Dakosty Lifetime Achievement Award

Our own Athletic Director and Football Coach Stan Dakosty has been recognized by WNEP as the 2014-15 Coaching Achievement Award winner. Coach Dakosty's career here at Marian includes:

- 38 Seasons
- 296 Wins
- 6 District 11 titles
- 4 Eastern Conference titles
- And a STATE Championship in 1990

CONGRATULATIONS COACH DAKOSTY!

We here at Marian are so proud of You!



ASK ABBY!

Life is so much easier with a friend, relative, or teacher who could give us a second opinion or reassuring advice, yet not all of us have that sort of counsel in our lives. Not to fret I, Abby, will help you navigate through the thickets of the most adverse situations, soothe your worried mind, and guide you on the right path to at least a less dramatic life. You may wonder "What if I just need someone to talk to and not life changing advice," well fortunately for you I happen to be a great conversationalist and will be more than glad to respond to any letter relating to seemingly unimportant yet fun topics. If you don't know how an "Ask Abby Column" may work, I'll break it down for you. First you write on a piece of paper what you want to ask or say to me then you give it to a reliable source, Mrs. Costello, who will in turn give it to me. There is also the option to email her through your school email service. In the next Marian newspaper I will reply to your letter. Don't worry, this will all be confidential and I am required to not laugh at any letter unless you want me to.

Remember, you are your own best advisor because only you know what is best for yourself. Through my replies, I only hope to provide another view-point on a situation you may find challenging and perhaps together we can work out the best plan of action. Good luck with your future endeavors and I can't wait to hear from you!

Retro Article

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

Be It Here Resolved.....

In its continuous search for commendable endeavors by the students of our high school, MARIANEWS polled a number of Marianites concerning their New Year's resolutions. All said that this year they would definitely keep such resolutions as these:

I resolve not to try to do three hours of homework in a 20-minute activity period. – JAMES BONNER, 1A

I resolve to make a resolution next New Year – JOHN CASTAGNOLA, 1A

I resolve to buy a more absorbent crying towel for the next report card period – PATRICIA WALTERS, 3B

To discover a chemical formula to eliminate the need for doing written homework – JOSEPH STENEL, 2B

I resolve to do all my homework, pay strict attention in class, obey all rules of the school, and be buried by mid-term – BARBARA BRESLIN, 1C

I resolve to work extra hard on my biology project – growing myself – Petite JOANIE WILSON, 3C

I promise to get 150° when I subtract 30° from 180°, and not 120° as I have done repeatedly in the past – SUZANNE FEDORCHA, 1A

To keep my plastic spoon away from the Bunsen burner during lab period – ROBERT ORIEL, 2B

I resolve not to do too much homework – four hours per night is sufficient – BERNARD RIEDEL, 3C

I resolve to be at the bus stop on time every morning – GLORA MAHALAGE, 2C

I resolve to arrange a debate between Mr. Holkovic and Caesar – THOMAS SWIDER, 3C

And one last resolution: We resolve to stop taking polls. – THE EDITORS

A Frozen Winter

By Cassie Casella & Hailey Andrejco

January's weather has been colder than Elsa's heart and more depressing than the middle of *Frozen*. The roads are slushier than Olaf melting. This winter so far has been brutal weather wise. It's been cold and wet with tons of snow. Admittedly we lucked out and didn't get the TONS but we've had enough, the hope for snow days has been fulfilled. Though the temperatures have been everywhere recently, it seems to be settling at freezing and uncomfortable.

So curl up by the fire with a good movie or book (I had to add that for Mrs. Costello) and hot coco guys. It's going to be a long Frozen winter.



Christmas Production

On Dec. 17, Marian hosted its annual Christmas Show. It began with a presentation of *An Orderly Christmas Chaos* and *Emmanuel, God With Us*. This was followed by a small ensemble concert of the songs *Christmas Lights* and *Christmas is the time to Say I Love You*. Then the Concert Band stepped up to perform *An Irving Berlin Christmas*, *Toy Symphony* and *The Thirteen Days of Christmas*. The last part of the program was the Chorus singing the following: *Welcome the Holidays*, *Frozen (Choral Suite)*, *Mary's Child* and *Everybody's Talkin' bout the Baby Boy*. The evening was ended with a performance of *Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)* which included alumni members of the chorus.

Another wonderful show performed by the talented students of Marian High School. Thanks to Miss Martini for directing the play with her assistant Juliana Oberto and to Mr. Brimmer for his work directing the music. Can't wait for next year!



Some of this was repeated for the student body right before we went home for Christmas break.

To hear some of this go to the Music Department Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Marianmusicdepartment>

New Year's Resolutions Tips

By Sarah Bauer

Keeping a New Year's Resolution is hard. You might do well for a week or two, then you get tired or unmotivated. It seems to be the same year after year, and eventually you might stop making resolutions altogether. But you don't have to wait until January 1 to make a resolution, and you don't have to follow the same pattern every year. Here are some ways you can keep your resolution.

1. Checklist

Sometimes it's as simple as breaking your goal into smaller, daily steps. If you want to get in shape for example, don't be daunted by the idea of running a marathon. Start by adding to your checklist "Take a walk around the block" or "Do 5 push-ups." Gradually increase the amount of walking or push-ups. When you check off an item on your list, it can make you feel accomplished and keep you motivated.

2. Rewards System

Even though in your rational mind you know that improving yourself will have great effects long-term, if you don't see effects soon you can begin to lose motivation. Having short-term effects can make you more likely to continue with a good habit. These rewards should not be counterproductive. If your goal is to eat more vegetables, don't reward yourself with a whole bag of chips. I'm not saying sweets isn't a good reward, but remember to use moderation. Some ideas for rewards could be: one TV episode for one long walk, one cookie for a salad, etc. Whatever works for you.

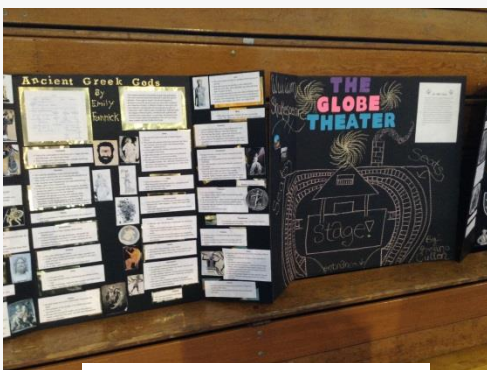
3. Motivational Quotes

Pinterest is a good place to find these. Print a few out and hang them on your wall, somewhere you can see them every day. And actually read them and think about them!

4. HabitRPG

This is like a checklist, but a lot more involved. It plays like an RPG, and you can level up and earn gold by completing tasks and developing good habits. There's even a community where you can encourage each other and join quests. It can get complicated and it's best to start with a few items on your checklist so you get used to how the game works, rather than adding your entire to-do list.

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English Department Table

Social Studies Department Table

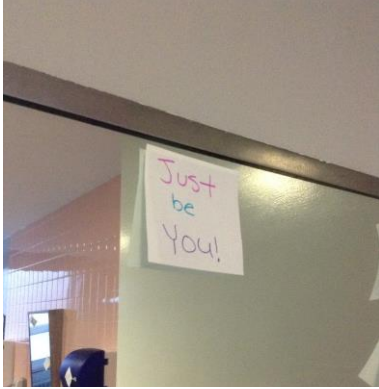
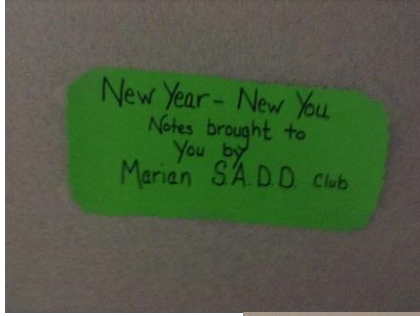


Athletics Department Table



SADD Inspires

The Marian SADD club, along with moderator Mrs. Matunis, came up with the idea of decorating the girl's bathrooms with inspirational quotes. While giving the bathroom a nicer look, they hope to inspire the girls to have a great day!



Marian Music Box

Perfect Storm When you don't hand in work to Mrs. Coles

Something in the Water..... I don't want to know!

What We Ain't Got English IV says heat

God Made Girls..... That says it all.

Gentle on my Mind Prayer in the chapel

I Don't Dance..... Unless Mr. Valente asks

The Body Electric..... Help from Media

Meanwhile back at Mama's the dog ate my homework

American Kids..... And darn proud of it.

YOUTUBE Video of the Month

Since youtube has become so popular, many videos of the dumbest variety have gone viral. People will spend hours watching dogs and cats acting cute and funny. (Why they don't just get one of their own to watch this stuff I'll never understand.) So many people spend their time sitting in front of a computer to work, and then go home and spend more hours watching youtube. Over 6 billion hours of video are watched each month on YouTube—that's almost an hour for every person on Earth. But there is so much out there what can I watch that is fun and worth while? Well that is what will be answered in this spot each month. If you have a video you would recommend, let Mrs. Costello know. For this month because it has been so cold and seems to be snowing often to cause delays and closings, try out this fun video.

Moses Brown - School Is Closed

Just in time for Blizzard 2015, Head of School Matt Glendinning has a special snow day message for you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjE72Q8s8wo&feature=youtu.be>

I can just picture any of our teachers doing this!

