

MARIANEWS

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Happy Spring? (Is It?)

Senior Play *Godspell 2012*

By Alex Valusek

Once again the Marian Senior Play was a success. This year's play was *Godspell 2012*. It is a play about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The only thing different about this story of Jesus is it's a musical set in modern times and has both the modern vernacular AND pop culture references. It is a thrilling reenactment that is child friendly and perfect for all ages.

Led by the international hit, "Day By Day," *Godspell- 2012* features a parade of beloved songs. A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs ranging in style from pop to vaudeville is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life. Good job cast and crew and directors!



Upcoming events -

May 1 – May Crowning
May 1 – Failure Warnings
May 4 – Law Day
May 5 – Academic Achievement Dinner
May 6 – AP English Exam

May 8 – Prom
May 14 – Ascension Thursday Mass
May 14 – Sports Assembly
May 18-19 – Sr. in-class exams
May 20-21 – Sr. Exams

May 22 – Mass
May 26 – Grad Practice
May 27-29 – Exams
May 29 – Baccalaureate
May 30 – Graduation

June 1 – Book Collection
June 2 – Junior report
June 3 – Sophomore report
June 4 – Freshmen Report
June 5 - Closing Mass

Did I read that sign right?

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD –
THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)



Earth Day

by Alexi Zukas

April 22 was Earth day around America and the Green Club was going to clean up the school and the road going to it. However, there was rain, so it was postponed to a later date. Earth day was founded on April 22nd, 1970. Let's all make an effort to be like the Green Club and clean up the planet and maybe plant a tree or too. Also, don't forget to recycle. God may have put aluminum on this planet but HE didn't mean for it to be in landfills or on the side of the road.



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 8:

Having covered all of the faculty at Marian that first year we need to remember those others who kept this school running. How would we survive without out custodians, cafeterias and office workers.

So here they are:

Custodians –

Mr. Alfred Yelito

Mr. Paul Bartal

Mr. Andrew Forish

Secretaries –

Mrs. Anne Eroh

Miss Ann Kehoe

Cafeteria workers –

Mrs. Clara Stiles

Mrs. Mary Bookstein

Mrs. Helen Engle

Mrs. Roberta Nesgoda

Mrs. Vera Turek

Mr. John Farell

So that covers all those who started this wonderful school back in 1964-65 school year. Next month to end this series will just be some fun facts that most of you don't know about the early years at Marian.

Purple Up for children of military families



Marian is joining the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. We know that military children face many challenges that are unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and moving frequently. Deployments and family separations can be stressful times for children. This year, they are inviting everyone to "Purple Up!" which is an annual campaign created four years ago by Operation Military Kids (OMK). OMK is an organization dedicated to military children. During the month of April they encourage community awareness and support of military children. OMK also asks the nation to join together for an event they call, "Purple Up! For Military Kids" and wear purple. Marian students participated and showed their support for children of people in the military forces.

Administrative Professional's Day

By Britney Zeigler

National Secretary's Day started in 1952. It was started by Harry F. Klemfuss of Young and Rubicam. Klemfuss recognized the importance and value of the position to a company or business. His goal was to encourage more women to become secretaries. The name of this special day has changed and evolved over the past few decades. The two new terms in use today are: "Administrative Professionals" and "Executive Admins". The two names sometimes mean different roles and responsibilities in different companies and organizations. But both are generally use for secretaries. This took place on April 22. Everyone please thank Mrs. Davis in the office for all the hard work she does for us every day. We couldn't survive without her.



Autism Awareness Month

By Kayla Knepper

Lights, sounds and people are all around you, and you start to feel your heart pounding. You feel like you're having a heart attack, but in reality it's just another panic attack brought on by the sensory overload around you. People stop and stare as you shut yourself away from the world to calm down. All you think is.. Why me?

April was Autism Awareness Month, and this kind of situation is very common for those with an Autism Spectrum disorder which includes disorders like Asperger's Syndrome and Rett Syndrome. These people often are unnoticed in the school. They tend to be more introverted and be able to go on and on about one topic for a very long time. Some people think they're just plain weird, but that's because they don't know the truth. We have to be more respecting as people, because you never really know what someone is going through.

Retro Article

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

Marianites Misconstrue Ben's Adages

Hark! Forthwith ye solemn words of wisdom from Poor Richards Almanac with reverent interpretation and evaluation by scholars:

The Sleeping fox catches no poultry.

Ye poultry saying, indeed. 'Tis certain Poor Richard later wished he had slept rather than written ye Fowl quote.

By diligence and patience the mouse ate in two the cable.

The preceding shows a definite lack of comprehension on the part of Poor Richard as to the nature of the dietary habits of a mouse. A Freud stated, "Show me a mouse who eats cables and I'll show you a Physco mouse." (Shades of Alfred Hitchcock?)

Those have a short Lent who owe money on Easter.

Definitely an attack on the credit system of capitalism. Perhaps should refer to P.R. as "Pink Richard" from this point, since obviously he didn't want to remain poor for long. Luckily for him, John Birch Society was not alert to his little slip.

Many a little makes a mickle.

This quote foreshadowed Poor Richard's attempt to rise out of poverty by cornering the mickle market. Unfortunately, there was no demand for mickle: after all, how many mickles do you use in a year?

One today is worth two tomorrows

Mr. Mardone (senior P.O.D.) wishes to know if this is on the open market. Since it deals with something everyone can use, he feels investment in the product shows definite possibilities.

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

To this we reply, "Listen, Dick, nobody likes a wise-guy!"

Finally:

People in glass houses shouldn't throw tones.

And so our stone throwing must come to an end, with humble apologies to Ben Franklin, and his creation, P.R. who was made a bit poorer by this article.

Eater Egg Hunt

By Case Shustack

On the 4th of April, the members of the Student Council and Marian Development Office held an event that certainly most of us would remember from our younger years: an Easter Egg hunt. Children up to age 7 to 8 could spend an hour or two, searching and combing the campus from the field to the front, in search of the illustrious colorful plastic eggs. The event kicked off around 10:00 am, registration beginning around 9:30. Now, of course, hard work must always be awarded! Many children went home, carrying bags of goodies and treats in their arms. Some lucky few received grand prizes! As this April comes to a close, so ends the 12th annual Easter Egg hunt, that as they said and still rings true today, the hunt will be rain or shine. And so it has, dear readers, so it has.

National Poetry Month

by Shannon Kelly

*...the hunger of this poem is legendary, it has
taken in many victims*

*back off from this poem, it has drawn in your feet
back off from this poem, it has drawn in your legs*

*back off from this poem, it is a greedy mirror
you are into this poem from the waist down
nobody can hear you can they?*

*this poem has had you up to here
belch*

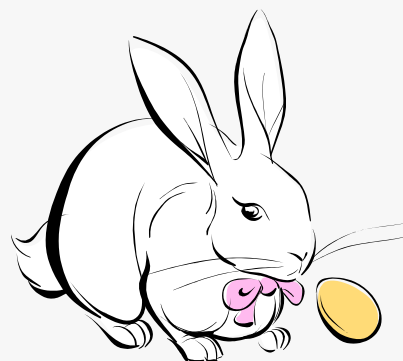
*this poem ain't got no manners
you can't call out from this poem
relax now & go with this poem*

*move & roll on to this poem, do not resist this
poem*

*this poem has your eyes, this poem has his head
this poem has his arms, this poem has his fingers
this poem has his fingertips*

*this poem is the reader & the reader the poem
~ Ishmael Reed*

This month, we celebrate poetry. Now before you scoff and tell me that poetry is boring or that you never agree with the teacher's interpretation, I'm here to tell you that's not what poetry is about. For the longest time I hated poetry for the same reasons. But then I began to read some independently and found-much to my surprise-that I actually enjoyed reading poetry. Poetry, it turns out, is very similar to song lyrics. The meaning is not set in stone like other written works and open to interpretations by each reader. Three people can read the same poem and find three different meanings. To me, that is the beauty of poetry, not the rhyme schemes or clever allusions the author uses. Take the time to enjoy some poetry. Pick whatever you like. Read it and enjoy it and don't break it down and analyze it. That is how it should be read.



Stress Awareness Month

By Annette Ritzko

April is that magical month when Easter makes its way around, flowers bloom, and teachers squeeze in those last few tests before the end of the year. However for seniors, it's a hectic hodgepodge from preparing for AP tests to the senior play. There's also planning for graduation while still trying to fit in track and field meets and baseball games. No wonder April has been picked for stress awareness month; it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of activities, but it's vital to take some time to sit back and relax.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, stress doesn't only trouble your mind it can also lead to a wide range of illnesses in the long-run from headaches to stomach disorders and depression. It can also severely increase your risk of stroke and heart disease. Don't start to panic because stress is easily reversible and you can prevent these things from happening. The first thing you must do is to identify where your stress is coming from and

whether or not you can change it. If it involves a situation you can't change, then walk away and let it go. If you can improve things then do so, but make sure to remember you only have control of your actions and not others. Finally if it involves a full schedule then take the time to organize your plans. I find that an organized schedule makes me feel more in control of my life and helps drive me into fulfilling my duties. Furthermore, fitting in school and sports may include pushing aside parties and weekends out with friends until your life is less hectic.

If you find yourself in a situation where your stress levels are maxed out, then step away from what you're doing or put down your book and do something more relaxing. You can take a short walk, drink some tea, read a book or talk to a friend or loved one until you feel better. Sometimes stress can be unavoidable, but don't linger on it and take advantage of the progressively nicer weather and the fact that summer is getting closer each day!

A Long Way from Africa Chapter 3 (This will be a continuing serial by Sarah Bauer)

The sun sparkled off the water. Exhausted, I stopped at the river to drink and bathe. I washed off the gore and grime. If the current wasn't so swift, I would go for a swim. I sucked water into my trunk and sprayed it into my mouth. The water wasn't very clean, but it was important to stay hydrated. I warned my calf not to drink too much. Cold water splashed on my head. I turned around to see Dumbo waving her trunk playfully at me. I filled my trunk with as much water as it could hold and sprayed it in her face. Felix and George joined in, spraying me simultaneously. Even Lily got in on it. Everyone ganged up on me, then we ganged up on each other. Soon we were all soaking wet and happy, energized by the playtime.

When we hauled ourselves out of the river, the sun was setting. Everything cast a long shadow. Everything was unfamiliar and dangerous in the world outside the zoo. Was Africa this dangerous? I doubt it.

There were cords on either side of the bridge, making everything look striped. It was clogged with cars. A few deadwalkers milled around. They came running in our direction. We swiped our trunks, and they sailed through the air. Some landed in a heap on the ground, others splashed into the water. The cars slowed us down, since we had to walk on the narrow sidewalk. It seemed like a lot of humans tried to leave the area at once.

The buildings were smaller here, separated by small patches of weedy grass. We stopped to graze. I noticed packs of dogs watching us. They smelled like the city. Maybe they followed us here or escaped earlier, when the humans started changing. From their smell, I knew they had been eating the deadwalkers.

The smell of death grew stronger, and the dogs disappeared into nooks and crannies. A small horde of deadwalkers surrounded us, and were quickly demolished. I knew this would not be a good place to set up a territory. We had to keep moving.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

A Long Way from Africa won first place in the League of Literaries showcase! This is a writers group from Tamaqua that ranges from grade 6-12. Every person displayed their stories to have them voted on by the public who came to the Community Arts center. Thank you to everyone who voted and donated. It was a fun afternoon filled with great stories! Congratulations Sarah!

School Library Month

April is here. We've had a few nice days (too few) to make it feel like spring. If the weather outside is still not to your liking, go to your library and check out a good book because this month is celebrated throughout the country as School Library Month. This month we celebrate the fact that students in our schools have access to a library right in their own school building. To celebrate the 30th anniversary the theme for 2015 **Your School Library Where Learning Never Ends** is the same as it was in 1985. We here at Marian are a community with a library. Since the budget cuts at the state level, many schools are eliminating the position of school librarian thinking it an expendable job. Berks County Catholic High School and Marian are the only Allentown Diocesan High Schools left that have a library and librarian. Many Schuylkill county public schools have also eliminated their library or have only one librarian to cover 12 grades. Studies done across the country prove that a school with a qualified librarian and a good library program raises test scores. So let's celebrate **our** school library and its essential role in education not just during April but every month.



We Remember by Tyler Hutta

This year we remember the 150th anniversary of a very tragic event in American history - the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. United States President Abraham Lincoln was shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, while attending the play *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre as the American Civil War was drawing to a close. Accompanying him at Ford's Theater that night were his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, a twenty-eight year-old officer named Major Henry R. Rathbone, and Rathbone's fiancée, Clara Harris. After the play was in progress, a figure with a drawn derringer pistol stepped into the presidential box, aimed, and fired. This figure was John Wilkes Booth. News of the assassination spread throughout the country the first news coming from the newspaper *The New York Herald*. A Souvenir copy of that newspaper hangs on our library wall. Lincoln was the first American president to be assassinated. An unsuccessful attempt had been made on Andrew Jackson 30 years before in 1835, and Lincoln had himself been the subject of an earlier assassination attempt by an unknown assailant in August 1864. In life, he saved the Union; 150 years after his death, he still inspires a nation.

