

MARIANEWS

50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

May/June 2015

Happy Graduation!

Graduation Day

May 30, 2015 will be remembered by this year's graduating class as a turning point in their life. Graduation day is always an important event in anyone's life, but this year's class is the 50th to graduate from this building. They are proof that the Marian community is alive and well. The classes of 1955 and 1965 had representatives at graduation. Over the Memorial Day weekend, the first graduating class of the school building had a class reunion with a tour of the building. There have been a few changes since they were here, but this graduating class can tell them that the most important things are still the same: faith, academics and family. We graduated 79 students with 70 going on to higher education, 5 into the military and 4 going into the workforce.



Good Luck Class of 2015!
We'll miss you

Upcoming events -

June 5- August 30 – Summer break
June 15 – Prospective Parent night
June 8-12 – Fillies Basketball Camp
June 30-July 2 – Fillies Softball Clinic
July 6-10 – Fillies Volleyball camp

July 13-15 – Colts Football Camp
July 24-26 – Summer Picnic
August 31 – First day for Freshmen
Sept. 1 – First Day upper classes

Did I read that sign right?

Outside a second hand shop : We exchange anything – bicycles, washing machines, etc.
Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?



Chorus and Concert Band Concert

Bv: Alexi Zukas

Witness, and Children Will

Listen. One of the songs played by the band was *Brazil*, coming from the South American country.

Obviously, you aren't reading this for the highlights of the concert. You are here to find out the results of the raffle. **For the first time ever, Mrs. Sheer didn't win.** You heard it here, folks! She didn't win. However, the winners are as followed:

My Grandfather, John V. Zukas

Sr. won a flower basket,

Mr. Staianchi, father of Tony Staianchi, won the lotto ticket bulletin board,

And our very own Mrs. Costello won the family picture frame.

On behalf of the school newspaper, I'd like to thank everyone for reading and I hope you read it next year.



Before I begin the summary of the concert, I would like to thank those of you who showed up on behalf of the chorus and concert band. We had a great time and I hope you did too.

Marian's annual Spring Concert Band and Chorus concert was on Wednesday, May 20th at 7pm.

Several songs were sung by the chorus such as *Galop* from the *Solfège Suite*, *Who Will Be a*

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.

Final installment: Since all teachers and staff have been covered here, I think we need to see some of the unusual differences in the school since the first year.

Many classes were segregated by gender and especially gym.

Even the cafeteria was segregated with the boys on the outside wall side and girls on the side by the bathrooms.

We had bowling as a sport.

We had majorettes (with skirts down to the knee)

Music department larger than sports.

Prom in the gym which seniors decorated.

Girl's uniform was jumper and guys wore suit jacket and tie always (except for gym)

LOTS OF NUNS and you didn't mess with them



Sr. Joseph Marion 1970

Student Achievement Dinner

On May 5th the 26th annual Academic Achievement Dinner was held in the gym. This dinner is to honor those students who have done well in not only academics but other school clubs and organizations such as: student council, band and chorus, Eucharistic Ministers, FBLA and various aide groups. Mr. Morgans, the coordinator of this dinner, welcome the students, their parents and faculty. After a lovely dinner, Mrs. Sheer read off all the names of those getting awards and our principal Sr. Bernard Agnes congratulated everyone for all their hard work and dedication to Marian. After the benediction by Fr. Schoenauer, the students were able to pick up their certificates for each award they received. A big THANK YOU not only to these students but to those responsible for the dinner: Mr. Morgans and the girls who sell ice tea to pay for it; Mrs. Costello for making the hundreds of certificates and Mrs. Davis for the terrific slide presentation that is shown each year of the students in these activities. Also a thank you goes out to the media club for setting up the gym. A good time was had by all.



Certificates galore

Woman on 20

Just a follow up on the article last month about voting to put a woman on the \$20 bill. The votes have been counted and the woman that the people chose was Harriet Tubman. A petition has been signed and forwarded to the president.

Hundreds of thousands of people voted and the top 4 choices were:

Harriet Tubman, Underground railroad conductor—118,328 votes

Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady and social reform activist—111,227 votes

Rosa Parks, Civil Rights activist—64,173 votes

Wilma Mankiller, First Female Chief of Cherokee Nation—58,703 votes

As the press release for the website says, **We like to think of the whole experience as Women's History Month on steroids estrogen.**

To learn more go to: <http://www.womenon20s.org/>

Alumni News

Samantha Faust, a 2013 grad, has been accepted to the Disney College Program for the extended fall program. She will be working in Disney from the end of May until the beginning of January. As a part of the Disney College Program, participants have the incredible opportunity to advance their strengths and interests, meet guests and cast members from around the country and take part in educational opportunities students can't get anywhere else. This truly unique program allows participants to network with leaders, take part in personal and career development classes, and build transferable skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, guest service and effective communication. While in Disney, she will be receiving credit as a junior at Villanova University. She has a dual major in Communications (Journalism) and Economics

Eric Faust, a 2010 grad, and his band, Lenina Crowne, recently released an EP entitled "Try Me a Gramme". It is a collection of original songs written by Eric, who is the lead vocalist, and lead guitarist. The band formed in the summer of 2013, and has performed at THON the last 2 years, and last year won the Battle of the Bands and opened for Movin' On at State College. They are rated one of the best bands in State College; performing cover and original songs. Their music is a blend of influences from Bob Dylan, the Beatles, Dave Matthews, and Dr. Dog. The EP is available on iTunes, Amazon, Bandcamp and Spotify.

Retro Article

*This is an article that was found in the June 1965 issue of MARIANEWS.
This included hand drawn illustrations in the original.*

Thoughts on Summer

The dreams of Summer are creeping near
For it's almost the end of another school year,
Nine months of blood and sweat are over,
Now we can romp and play in the clover.

The surf at the beach is kicking up a storm
Cause the sea is so restless and the air so warm,
Soon the surfers will be lying on the sand,
Taking life easy and getting a tan.

The cabin in the pines may suit on'e taste,
There, relaxation never goes to waste;
The call of the wild and the fresh mountain air
May please one better than New York's Fair.

For some it's the city that gives them delight,
Or a trip to Coney Island on Saturday night;
In Philadelphia, the kids can go to the zoo
And Pop can see the Phillies too.

Some people may fancy fishing in a brook,
Or camping out and being cheif cook;
Others may find time to use their green thunb,
While some pick huckleberries tell fingers are numb.

The swimming pool is great when it gets too hot,
Or why not play baseball on the vacant lot?
Or cut the hedges, or mow the lawn;
You can always rest from dusk til dawn.

You might try boating on the nearby lake,
Or cleaning your yard with a shovel and rake;
There are many things besides a snooze
That will help you escape the summer blues.

Enjoy your Summer in the mountains or nooks,
Cause when September comes – it's back to the books;
From the MARIANEWS Staff to one and all,
Have a happy vacation and we'll see you next fall.

By Leonard Marzen

Drama Club Trip

The Marian Catholic Drama Club went to New York on May 2, 2015. We went to see "Aladdin" and after the show some of the students met the "Genie" who did a fabulous job and was very fan friendly. After the show, Miss Martini arranged for the drama club to be recognized at the 5:00 mass at St. Malachy, the actor's chapel where they were given a medal of St. Genesious, the patron saint of actors. The priest was Fr. George who gave the students a brief overview of the chapel and sacristan Joseph Ulichny gave out the medals.



Literature and Art

Metamorphosis

Drawing contest from Mrs. Dougherty's Senior English and AP classes winners are as follows:

1st Place Matt Karnish – AP



Runners Up

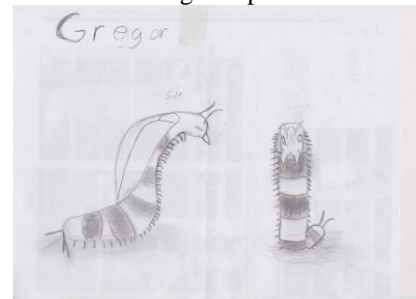
Zlexis Zullo – College Prep 1st period



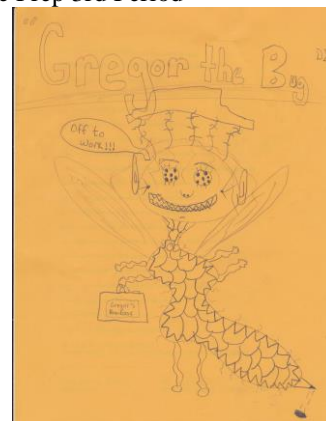
Shannon Masington – College Prep 3rd Period



Alex Valusek – College Prep 1st Period



A special creativity award to Angelo Maskornick – College Prep 3rd Period



Marian's Crowning Glory

By: Annette Ritzko

If you haven't already noticed, Marian Catholic holds The Virgin Mary in high esteem, and what better time to show our love for her than during May, the month that honors all mothers. On the first of May, Marian holds its annual May Crowning mass, where an elected May Queen crowns a statue of the Virgin Mary. This year, I, Annette Ritzko, had the honor of being chosen as the May Queen with James McKinley as my escort. Aside from the queen, are the four other members of the May court. This Year's May court included Ashley Fannick, Taylor Horvat, and Kayla Rodick. Their escorts respectively were Matthew Karnish, Christopher Weber, and James Kolbush.

Personally, I was thrilled to have been chosen as the May Queen, knowing that my peers were the ones who picked me. I also had a fantastic time going through this experience with three of my closest friends, and I know they felt the same way. However I didn't only want to assume for the rest of the May court, so I asked for their opinions too. According to Ashley, she believes the May Queen and her court should be "honest, kind-hearted, always put others first no matter the situation, and should ultimately epitomize the values of the Virgin Mary."

When I asked Kayla what her favorite part about being on May court was, she responded "Being able to share the experience with three of my closest friends. That answer is easy!" And finally Taylor summarized what I'm sure the whole court was thinking:

"I feel so grateful that my classmates thought of me when choosing this year's May court. I can't thank everyone enough, and I'm so happy to be a member of the May court with three of the best friends a girl could ask for. I believe that those on May court should show kindness and respect towards others, and should always try to bring a little happiness into each day."

Thank you again to those who voted for me and my friends, as previously stated it meant a great deal to us. I couldn't think of a better way to end our careers at Marian, than by crowning the greatest symbol of a mother's love.



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady of Heaven, Mary our Mother. So we Sing:

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring flowers of the fairest
From garden and woodland and hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

Refrain:

Oh Mary, we crown you with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Marian Our Mother



Teachers Retire

By M. Costello

Marian is losing two fantastic teachers this year through retirement, Mrs. Cathy McDonald and Mrs. Mary Davis two teachers that I work with closely since one is English and the other is technology, the two areas important to the library.

Over the years Mrs. McDonald has taught English at most grade levels but especially British Literature to the Juniors. These last few years she took over the Senior research class when Mrs. Marcia Evans retired and has work as a team for this class with me. Mrs. McDonald also has been in charge of the National Honor Society for years along with the co-coordinator for Middle States.

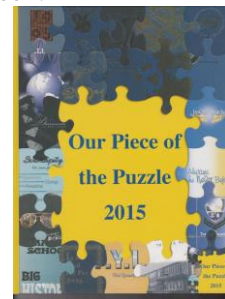
Mrs. Davis has had a wide variety of responsibilities here at Marian. Besides teaching Desktop Publishing and other computer classes, she has been to go-to person for all technology. Having problems with your computer, printer projector, everyone call for Mrs. Davis. Each mass day she is also busy setting up for mass and even then is not done because if it is a special mass, she is running around taking pictures for yearbook or for the Marian insider. As for the yearbook, check out the other article on this page.

These are just a few of the things these ladies have done for our school. The last thing to remember about them is their dedication to the students and making Marian the best they can. Goodbye ladies you will be missed.



Year Book Award

This year's Marian Yearbook had the great honor of being chosen as a National award winner for the Jostens National Program of Excellence. This award is given to a yearbook advisor who is a great and effective teacher, who inspires her yearbook to greatness, creates a diverse yearbook content of including everyone in their school, and also who uses and teaches technology at the highest levels so that when their students leave the nest they are prepared with 2015 life, technology and journalism skills. Our yearbook staff for the 2015 yearbook was: Kaylee Ceci, Joseph Damiano, Kathryn Healey, Sadie Kosar, Shannon Masington, Michael Nicholson, Lauren Nietz, Christian Nonnemchaer, Abby O'Donnell, Annette Ritsko, Madeline Vetter, Sierra Volkert, and Alison Walk under the direction of Mrs. Mary Davis the yearbook advisor. Congratulations on a wonder yearbook and you rightly deserve this award. What a nice way for Mrs. Davis to retire with an award winning yearbook!



A Long Way from Africa Chapter 4 (This is a continuing serial by Sarah Bauer)

It took several days to walk through the community. Every house looked the same. Sometimes I thought we were walking in circles, but we hadn't crossed our own scent trail. I made sure we turned no corners. We followed the line of cars, walking most of the day, frequently stopping to graze. I realized that we haven't seen water in a long time. We would need to find a watering hole soon. Every night, we found a clear patch of grass to sleep on. We only needed a small amount of sleep, so we often walked by the light of the moon. I slept with Lily, Dumbo slept with Felix and George.

We finally made it out of the field of human houses. Now we were surrounded by trees. The road cut through the trees, so we followed that for a short while. Then I smelled water. We would have to go through the trees to reach it.

George ambled up to a tree, put a foot on it, and pushed forward. The tree creaked, then cracked. There was a loud rustle of leaves as it fell down, taking branches from its neighbors with it. Felix, encourage by George's success, brought down a neighboring tree. The two males cleared a path for us as we headed for the water. But it was slow going. I smelled bears. They could be a problem for us, with their long claws and huge bulk. They would know we were here. Whether they decided to attack us or stay away, I was unsure.

Our noise scared many creatures away. I heard a few stubborn birds chirping. There was no smell of death here, only the green scent of growing things and the various smells of the native wildlife. A few were familiar: squirrel, chipmunk, birds. Most were not, since my experience was of the city and not the forest. Everything about this new world was alien. How would I find a home range?

TO READ THE REST GO TO <https://www.fictionpress.com/s/3229094/1/A-Long-Way-From-Africa>

Oh What A Night – The Prom

This years Prom was held on May 8 and it was a terrific night. The weather was gorgeous and so were the girls (the guys looked great too). The King and queen were Joseph Damiano and Megan Fatula. Everyone had a great time and you can tell from these pictures.



Safety: Mock Accident Shows Students the Pain of DUI

May 7th at Marian saw a horrendous accident in our front parking lot, a head on collision with bodies everywhere. The local police arrived followed by fire trucks and an ambulance. One person needed to be life- flighted after the jaws of life were used and the helicopter landed on our front lawn. The county coroner arrived for the dead. All of this was caused by drunk driving, or so the students were told in this very dramatic demonstration of what happens when a driver is distracted while driving or under the influence of alcohol. This demonstration was the day before the prom to remind our juniors and seniors who attended (and all those watching out the front windows) what the realities of DUI and distracted driving are. Officials parked two cars that had been demolished in actual drunk-driving accidents nose to nose. Students played out the roles of drivers and passengers--complete with fake blood and feigned injuries. Emergency crews played themselves. After the demonstration, the students returned to the gym for a talk of one person's experience with losing a family member to distracted driving by another driver. This may seem harsh to some but many people need to see the reality before they will believe, especially teens. Students need to hear the sirens and witness the drama of the event just as much as they need to see their friends zipped into body bags and taken away from the scene. Perhaps this demonstration may save someone's life in the future.

