

MARIANEWS

50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Happy Thanksgiving!



BEFORE AND AFTER!

First graduate of new school
tells how it was!

by Rosario Cracchiolo

To celebrate this 50 year anniversary of the Marian Building , we interviewed someone who was a member of that first graduating class in 1965. Her name was Meda Seaver back then and she was involved in the glee club and the science fair while at Marian.

When asked:

1. What did it feel like to come to this new school she answered: *We were always aware that it was a very big deal to be the first graduating class. This was the culmination of a dream for the various parishes, the diocese of Allentown and of course the parents who had, in addition to tuition, participated in the fund raising as well.*

Meda Seaver
Graduate of Marian 1965



Today Meda Wisler



2. Was there segregation in the school? *The sexes were segregated in homeroom and any assembly, but we did participate in class together .*

3. What was great about the new building? *After three years of class in storage areas, choir lofts, church basements and auditoriums, Marian were state of the art. WE EVEN HAD LOCKERS.*

4. How did it feel to be the first to graduate from the new school? *We were proud to be graduating seniors but graduating from Marian High gave us a little panache.*

Upcoming events -

Dec. 3 – Penance Service
Dec. 4 – Meet the Colts and Fillies Night
Dec. 5 – Failure Warning
Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Feast

Dec. 17 - Christmas Concert 7PM

Dec. 18. Financial Aide Night
Dec. 24- Jan.2 Christmas Holiday



Did I read that sign right?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS



Halloween at Marian

by Alexi Zukas



On Halloween, the entire student body came to school in their costumes. The largest of the group was the volleyball team who was dressed up as a jungle theme. There was also a mariachi band, Popeye and Olive Oil, a banana, 3 blind mice, and more.

Teachers gave out candy to all the students on the first floor near the lobby, and everyone had a great time. Even some of the teachers got into the spirit and dressed up. After the walk around, Tina Capparell received a special hoodie on behalf of the school because she went to states for cross country. Prizes were handed out to the groups at the end of the day for best costumes and groups. After the prizes were handed out, the day ended with the Powderpuff games, held inside the gym due to rain.

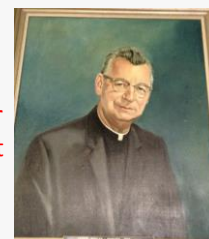
History of Marian 50 Years

In multiple articles we will look at the history of this school and some of the highlights throughout the year.

Part 3:

In the ten years of Marian High school history before the new building, three priests served as principal. Rev. Frederick J. Frazer filled the office for the first two and a half years and was succeeded by Rev. Gerald P. Quain whose tenure was terminated after only 15 months when Father was stricken with a heart attack. The Rev. Frederick A. Winkler assumed the post August 1959 and was principal at the opening of the new school until 1967.

Following Fr. Winkler were:
Rev. Robert Zoba1967-1969
Rev. Edward Sacks
1969- 1974
Rev. Edward Coleman
1974-1977
Mr. Jack Malarkey.... 1977-1998
Sr. Bernard Agnes 1998-present

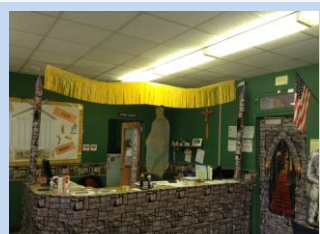


Father Winkler Portrait in Library

Readers of the Roundtable at the Book Fair! By Sarah Baur

The quest of the Book Fair was a great success. We met and exceeded our goal thanks to the fine students of the kingdom of Marian High School. So many students bought books, the numbers were literally off the chart! Some of the most popular choices were *The Hunger Games*, *The Maze Runner*, and *Divergent*. The graphic novels and, surprisingly, cookbooks were also popular. With a great variety of books from reference to celebrity, there was something for everyone.

The library was turned into a castle, with a frightening green dragon hovering over the scene. Luckily it did not attack, and it was later defeated. The enthusiasm of the students was evident in the crowds that met in the library throughout the day. The freshmen especially showed great excitement, surpassing the other classes on the tally board. The Readers of the Round Table reign victorious once again.



Annual Ring Mass

By Cassie Casella

The Marian Ring Mass or Unity mass as it is now called, took place on November 12, 2014 for the Junior class. All students in this year's Junior class received a pin and many received Marian Class Rings. The pins and rings mark the unity of the class, showing their school and class spirit.

Our principle, Sister Bernard, handed out all of the rings and pins, while also making a lovely speech to the school and parents attending.

Overall the ceremony was a great and memorable experience.



Christmas Shopping Tips

By Nirali Patel

Christmas is a jubilant time of the year. You can see sparkling lights and beautiful decorations everywhere. This special holiday is just around the corner and people are starting to shop for their loved ones. Many people order online, and others like to spend time listening to the jolly music in the malls trying to find that perfect gift. Shopping for everyone can be stressful and expensive, but here are a few tips to make the process fun and easy.

1. Have a set budget
2. Make a list of everyone you need to purchase for.
3. Do NOT wait till the last minute.
4. Plan out presents, and know exactly what you are looking for.
5. Avoid using your credit card to keep post Christmas stress down.



Retro Article

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

Profiles Lacking Courage

All of us at one time or another come face to face with the necessity of taking sides on both great and small issues. As we grow more mature these decisions become more frequent and more demanding. What is your impulse? Do you stand for what is right even if it means loss of popularity, friends, or status? Do you side with the stronger group? Do you renounce or betray your principles? Like Pilate, do you try to wash your hands of ANY decision, hoping to please both sides?

The demand placed upon your conscience to answer these questions will be in direct proportion to the degree of maturity you have reached. In answering them, remember Pilate's fate – he earned respect from neither Jew nor Roman, and lost his own self-respect – quite a price to pay for seeking security in indecision.

Just what decisions are we referring to? Basically, the decision of many students to carefully avoid any action in school which might be frowned upon by their counterparts, and the decision of some to criticize any constructive work that might be done.

A carful of sisters arrives in the morning. Immediately, some students will try to slink from public view. Those who volunteer to carry some books are given the third degree by their friends and the ones conscripted to carry the books behave like lambs being led to slaughter.

Homework is copied, with no thoughts whatever about the wrong being done. Students who hand out homework to be copied are as much at fault as those who copy it. Lavatories, in a beautiful school for which we waited so long are already being defaced.

Those who might want to help the school are often the most abused. Correcting a companion with a bad habit, or just picking up a piece of paper from the floor, merits a deluge of ridicule from those who do not have the courage to defend what is right.

What is it that seems to be lacking? Probably maturity. The price of maturity is simply the courage to do the right thing from day to day. For a teenager with some measure of courage the horizons are unlimited. To today's mature young man and woman there are new worlds to conquer if they have what it takes. We dare you to meet this challenge!

Girls Playing Football?

By Ethan Antolosky

Powderpuff games, sounds like a strange game of cosmetics but it is girls playing flag football. Marian had their Powderpuff games on Halloween and these are the results.

In the first game, we had Seniors vs. Freshmen. The Seniors were dressed in pink and black while the Freshmen were dressed in lime green and black. Seniors had a victory over the freshmen and went on to the finals.

In the second game, we had Juniors vs. Sophomores. Juniors dressed in gray and orange while the Sophomores were in Orange and black. The Juniors had a victory over the Sophomores and went on to the finals to face the Seniors.

In the finals game, Juniors and Seniors played against each other for a shot at the gold. In the end the Seniors had a victory over the Juniors winning the tournament and a dress down day for their class. Great job to the Senior girls!



Donations for our Troops

By Alanah Hall

Throughout the month of October Marian Catholic High School collected goods and funds for Operation CAN DO that will be used to create care packages for local troops stationed overseas.

Marian put together two big boxes of goods, with generous help, money and time from the student body. These goods will come in handy when the troops are stationed overseas because many of these comforts of home are not available. Here at Marian Catholic High School, we take generosity and caring very seriously. We are very proud to present the boxes of goods and funds we have organized to the Student Action Committee and the American Legion of Freeland. A big THANK YOU to our troops, HAPPY THANKSGIVING and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thanksgiving Survey by Tyler Hutta

A thanksgiving survey was sent out to the Marian student body and faculty, 133 responded. The results are in and tallied up. Some are interesting

What sport do you and your family watch on thanksgiving?

Auto Racing- 3

Hockey- 6

Soccer- 1

Other Sports- 16

Basketball- 2

Soccer- 1

Football- 105

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?

Family Time- 63

Food- 62

Friends- 2

No School- 1

Sports- 1

What is your favorite part of the meal?

Everything- 7

Cranberrys- 1

Deserts- 16

Greenbean Cassorle- 1

Ham- 7

Kielbasa- 1

Pickles- 1

Silverware – 1

Potatoes- 20

Stuffing- 36

Sweet potatoes- 1

Turkey- 42

What family tradition do you like best?

Eating with family- 88

Going to movies- 1

Hanging out with girlfriend- 1

Family football- 1

Shopping- 9

Watching movies- 5

Watching sports- 28

Veteran's Day Comes to Marian

On Nov. 11 Marian celebrated Veteran's Day with its annual assembly. The Master of ceremonies this year was Courtney McCall who started off the day with the band playing the National anthem. Melissa Ramirez then gave a history of Veteran's Day. Emma Macaluso discussed the student view of Veteran's day with a theme of sacrifice. The history of the flag was given by Henry Hinchey. Just a note of clarification, Betsy Ross did NOT make the first American flag. This story was given by her grandson 50 years after her death and there is no proof in either George Washington's records or Congress. Unfortunately this folk myth is perpetrated each year on Veteran's day.

The guest speaker for the day was Arthur Brownell a Veteran of the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He told us how he was drafted while in college so joined the Air Force since he wanted to learn how to fly. He had to learn how to take orders but found that easy since it was a team effort. Arthur flew a C141 which is a plane with a large back door to drop equipment or men over Vietnam. He also did a lot of humanitarian work such as helping flood victims in India. His job also included secret mission as when he knew three days ahead of time that Richard Nixon would resign as president when orders were given to be prepared to take Nixon and his entire household back to California. Arthur then served eight years as Chief of Safety which included flight and industrial safety. He is now a member of the Federal Aviation Association but attends various military functions and is proud to put on his uniform. His closing remarks were to encourage students to seize the opportunities that the military can give, both tough times and fun times, to serve their country.

Following Mr. Brownell, the band played a tribute to America followed by Savanna Krusinsky reciting the Poem "In Flander's Field" by John McCrae which remains one of the most memorable war poems ever written. Flanders Belgium was the worst area hit during WWI. The bodies of the dead buried everywhere but the Poppy flower still found a way to survive. To see such beautiful flowers growing across fields that were already sown with the bodies of thousands of dead men must have left an impression on the minds of all who witnessed it, the flowers delivering a curious mixture of the red blood of the fallen yet the regeneration of new life. Following the poem was a moment of silence with Gabrielle Fatula playing the song "Taps", which is also called "Butterfield's Lullaby" or the first words "Day is Done" which is the true meaning of the song.

Sister Bernard Agnes thanked Mr. Brownell for his speaking with us but also Mr. Brylewski and Mr. Hackenburg for also being Veterans and serving our country. The assembly ended with the singing of our Alma Mater.



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Silver Weekend

By Josh Skotek

Marian sports had a weekend that did not end up the way either of the teams expected, the volley ball team losing a tough one followed by the football team the next day. Two silver medals are not what Marian sports wanted but it's nothing to hang their heads about. Making it to the games is still a huge accomplishment. To the Seniors on the teams - thank you for everything you've done for Marian sports. You guys have added to the great tradition.



A Christmas Concert

By Chace Shustack



Having trouble bringing out your yuletide spirit? Feeling those Thanksgiving blues? Caught up with dealing from bruises from Black Friday? Well, the solution to these (not the third one, you should seek a doctor) is quite simple. A Christmas Concert and Play, what else?

On December 17th, we invite you to come under the spotlights in the Marian drums and voice performing classical chorus. Feast yourself with delicious mean, you do have that New Year's



spend a cold winter night with friends and family Auditorium. Enjoy a musical entourage of horns, holiday tunes by Marian's own school band and baked snacks and drinks (but not too much. I resolution coming up, don't you?)

Then, as the lights dim and iPhones go activity and movement. The holiday life! What will it be about? Who will be in it? Why am I asking you all these questions? Well, I only ask you to come and see. Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there! (I'm so sorry).

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Drama Club News

By Britney Ziegler

The drama students will present "An Orderly Christmas Chaos". This play is originally written by Donna- Jean Breckenridge. Also the other play they are preforming is "Emmanuel, God with us." The readings will be presented at the Christmas Carol Concert Wednesday December 17th at 7:00 pm. The show is directed by Sister Judith and Miss Martini. Some of the people involved are Krysllyn Postupack, Abigail Pazdon, Faith Befano, Amanda Champion, Michael Ecker, and Joseph Maguschak. Come out and celebrate the holidays with the Marian Family and enjoy a wonderful performance.

Marian Music Box

If I had a hammer.... I'd build play scenery
Blowin in the Wind A cheer for the Colts
Leavin on a Jet Plane.....for holiday vacation
Puff the Magic Dragon..... loves Marian
This land is your land.....Colt Country
Where have all the flowers gone.....Winter's here

Chose these songs from the group Peter, Paul and Mary since Mary Travers' Birthday is this month.



Marian Inducts National Honor Society Members

During Mass on October 29, 2014, The Marian National Honor Society inducted its new members. According to the National Honor Society website, they were established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Here at marian we have quite a few of these. Congratulations students!

