

# MARIANNEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

September 2015

## Welcome Back!

**New Faces** by Cassie Cassella, Seth Harkins and Alexi Zukas

This year Marian has brought many new surprises. Today we will focus upon the new faces at the school including the three newest teachers and custodian. We'll begin with the teachers: Ms. Velekei, Ms. Belfiore and Mr. Huegel.

Let's start with Ms. Velekei. When asked how she felt about Marian she said, "I feel that there is a sense of community here at Marian that is beyond. I am absolutely blessed to be here and happy." She attended college at Kings in Wilkesbarre with her favorite teams being the Eagles, Phillies and of course the Colts and Fillies. Her feelings on her job say it all, "I feel incredibly lucky to teach the future generations and leaders of this country. I couldn't imagine doing anything else." Well said, Ms. Velekei.

Next, Seth Harkins interviewed Ms. Belfiore. Ms. Belfiore graduated from Marian in 2006. While she was here she participated in Marching Band, Concert Band, Rock Music Ministry, Library Aide, Eucharistic Minister and Schola (a pre Rock Music Ministry choir for mass). When asked how it felt to be back at Marian in a teacher's position she answered, "It's difficult but I love it. The other teachers have been very helpful with anything I need. One thing I will have to get used to is calling teachers by their first names." Ms. Belfiore loves it here, it feels like home. Let's hope she sticks around since she teaches so many math courses, scholastic scrim and will be working with the Senior play.

The last teacher interviewed was Mr. Huegel by Alexi. He graduated from Penn State in 2010. When asked "What is your favorite



Ms. Velekei



Mr. Shemansik



Ms. Belfiore



Mr. Huegel

part about teaching with the teachers that taught you?" He said, "It is a unique experience." When asked what his favorite part about teaching at Marian he said, "It would probably be seeing each kid's unique personality and their methods of writing." Lastly, when asked what was his most crazy College memory, he told us the following story. "When we were doing a peaceful riot for Joe Paterno, the police were pepper spraying us. As they marched in the line, a guy dressed up as Captain America came out of our crowd and got pepper sprayed. It was the funniest thing I've ever seen."

As well as new teachers we have a new Custodian named Mr. Shemansik. When asked how he liked working at Marian he said he was having a great time and that he liked the kids because they were kids. Before coming to Marian he had similar jobs at Lowes and Panther Valley. We welcome his hard work here at Marian.

### Upcoming events -

Oct. 2 – Failure Warnings  
Oct. 5 – DeSales Trip  
Oct. 6 - Gold Activity  
Oct. 7 – FBLA Induction

Oct 12 – Holiday for students  
Oct. 14 - PSAT/ASVAB Tests  
Oct. 22 - Blue Activity  
Oct. 26 – 30 Book Fair  
Oct. 28 – NHS Induction

**Newspapers should proofread!**

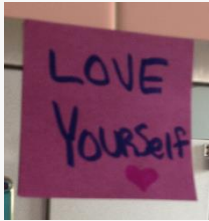
Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers



## Welcome Freshmen



The Freshman class was welcomed to Marian on their first day of school with speeches, pep rally and Hot Dogs. But even the bathrooms were welcoming. Once again SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) made the girl's bathroom a welcoming place with post-it notes on the walls and mirrors with uplifting and welcoming thought. Way to go SADD and thanks for all you do.



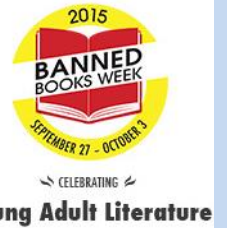
## New Library Look

Not only are there four new computers in the library this year, the front of the room has had a face lift. The old circulation desk is still there but now looks brand new. Mrs. Costello, with a little help from the summer custodians, put a new *face* on the desk. Looking good!



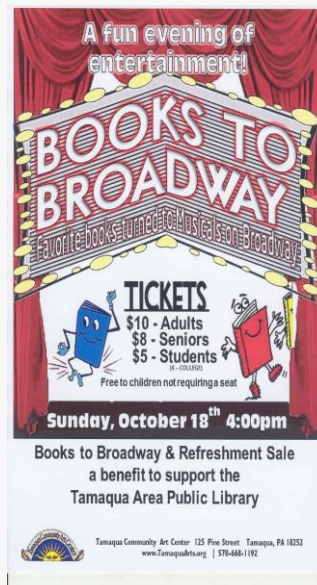
## Banned Books Week Sept. 27 – Oct. 3

America celebrates Banned Books Week the last week of September every year to celebrate our freedom to read and to remind everyone to fight censorship wherever they see it. This year the emphasis will be on Young Adult books as found in high school libraries. "Young Adult books are challenged more frequently than any other type of book," said Judith Platt, chair of the Banned Books Week National Committee. "These are the books that speak most immediately to young people, dealing with many of the difficult issues that arise in their own lives, or in the lives of their friends. These are the books that give young readers the ability to safely explore the sometimes scary real world. This Banned Books Week is a call to action, to remind everyone that young people need to be allowed the freedom to read widely, to read books that are relevant for them, and to be able to make their own reading choices." Our library has a display that shows some books that have been banned or challenged throughout the years. Also listen for the daily announcements with quick book facts.



## Book Fair Coming

This year's Book Fair to support the Library will be Oct. 26-31. The Theme for the Scholastic Book fair will be, "A Monster of a book fair" The library will be decked out with mythological and literary monsters including Frankenstein's laboratory. We will have a giant Venus Flytrap, sort of like from *Little Shop of Horrors*, as a goal chart to keep track of how close we are to our goal of \$2400.00. So save up your funds and come to the book fair because Reading is so much fun it's scary!



## MARIAN FILLIES VOLLEYBALL DIG PINK NIGHT

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Marian Fillies Volleyball Team, along with the Nativity Area Volleyball Team, will host a Dig Pink Event at Marian Catholic High School Gymnasium. This event will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015. This event is being held in conjunction with the Fillies Annual CYO Appreciation Night. Attending District 5 volleyball participants will be honored for their participation in the program.

All proceeds generated by the "Dig Pink" fundraiser will be donated to the Side-Out Foundation which awards grants to medical research organizations and entities dedicated to providing compassionate support to breast cancer patients and their families.

The Fillies are asking all fans to wear "pink" to the event on October 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at Marian Catholic High School. The Fillies are holding a "Dig Pink" T-shirt sale and will be selling chances for a \$200 gift card basket, iTunes card and a pink volleyball.

With the support of our community, we look forward to presenting the Side-out Foundation with a sizeable donation! Please join us on this fun night as we cheer on the Fillies and support a great cause!





## ***"Every Piece of Trash Matters"***

By: Preston Biros

September 16, 2015 was the day that the Green Club, under the supervision of Mrs. Bechtel, began to clean Marian Avenue. The club split into multiple groups to cover more ground. One group would clean up around the Marian's Football Field and the Marian School grounds, while the other groups began to go down Marian Avenue toward Interstate 54.

There were many bottles, cigarette buds, and McDonald bags. My group consisted of five people Brayden Webb, Zoryana Duda, Emily Roberti, and Scott Faust. We were in front of the last group. The group would constantly need to fend off the swarms of gnats and speeding cars; Mrs. Bechtel had to call the police so the cars wouldn't run us over. Oh the joys of volunteering, but at least through our hard work the environment is a better place. Give it a try some time, you will feel good about the results.





## Outstanding Chemistry Teacher

During October the Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society recognizes an Outstanding Chemistry Teacher. This year Mr. Robert Valente has been selected for the honor. This award is given to recognize local chemistry teachers for dedication to their students, their colleagues and professional development in their field. Mr. Valente defiantly exemplifies the requirements for this honor. Congratulations Mr. Valente!



## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Inducted

On September 23 a group of Marian Seniors was accorded a very high honor, chosen to become Eucharistic Ministers for our school. This is a position not offered to everyone. To be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist you reflect not only a response to your Baptismal call to serve the people of God, but a commitment to Christ as you share in the leading aspects of our Faith Community. Eucharistic Ministers are trained with a deep understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine. Due to the fact that we now have only one priest for Mass, these Extraordinary Ministers are necessary for all students to receive the body of Christ. We are grateful that so many of our Senior class is willing to give of themselves for this very important service to the school. Bless you all.

## Student Council Induction

Each year Marian inducts its new Student Council at a mass to celebrate this event. The Student Council has a highly active and functional role. Its purpose is not to govern the students, but to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration. Additionally, the Council seeks to foster and strengthen school spirit and pride. It is an organization that is comprised of student leaders who represent their fellow students and school. Throughout the year these Student Council members contribute positively back to their school and community in a variety of ways. It is only fitting that here at Marian we induct these students at the most important part of our week, the celebration of the Eucharist. Congratulation to the Student Council for 2015-2016.



Father Finlan blessing the pins



Sister Bernard waiting to hand out pins



Marian Student Council 2015-2016

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Did I read

## Obituary

A special Marian Alum died this summer, Michael J. Jupin Jr.. He graduated from Marianin in 1964, the year before this building was opened. What makes him special for this newspaper is that for two years he was the photographer for the MARIANEWS. This led him to build a darkroom in his cellar and form a love of photography all his life. Nothing like high school activites to open up new worlds for someone. RIP Michael.

## FBLA Strikes Again

Once again the Marian family has shown its Christian charity by raising funds to help eradicate cancer in children. The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) organization held a Gold Out on Friday September 19 at the Varsity Football game against Minersville. The money raised during this game went to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This hospital treats children with cancer, but not just medically. It also assists families with transportation, lodging, and meals. St. Jude is one of a few pediatric research organizations in the United States where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. Because of this they count on us the public to help support their work. To raise the money and get volunteers to help FBLA did a few things:

- Held sign ups during school for volunteers to work at the game
- sold gold out t-shirts during school and at the game
- sold balloons to be released
- held a bake sale at the football game
- passing the collection can at the game
- ordered gold shoe laces and socks for football players

Congratulations and a big THANKS YOU to FBLA for their charitable efforts.



### Youth Writer's Group in Tamaqua

Are you a writer looking for a peer group to help improve your writing skills? Join the League of Literaries (LOL) Youth Writer's Group! We are based at the Tamaqua Community Art Center. Make friends from other surrounding school districts and improve your writing techniques through the guidance of students your age. Fun activities, competitions, parties, and field trips are also provided throughout the year. We welcome members from grades 6-12. No professional experience is needed. All you need is a willingness to learn and a creative mind. Notebooks and writing utensils are provided. Our president/teacher is Marian senior, Molly Carnish. We meet on a weekly basis, year-round on Tuesday nights from 6PM to approximately 7:30PM. Join for a fun and educational experience! Contact Molly Carnish for any questions/concerns.

### Super Moon

On Sunday Sept. 27 we had a Supermoon Lunar Eclipse. This is also called a blood moon. It is when three things happen together: a full moon, when it is closest to the Earth and a full lunar eclipse. The last time this happened was in 1982. The next time this will happen will be 2033. Those of us who saw it were lucky since it was really cool. The rest of you- check out these pictures taken by Mr. Costello.

