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## MARIAN MOMENTS

WISHES ALL ITS READERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,

THAT EACH DAY OF THE YEAR 2014 GRANTS PLEASANT MEMORIES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THEIR LIVES DESERVING CELEBRATIONS. LET THERE BE GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL OF THEM.

LET THEIR SELFLESS SERVICE BRING COMFORT TO THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE AROUND THEM.

*Manager*



Rev. Msgr. George Paul A.

We are at the threshold of a New Year. New Year opens great expectations in our life. The winners in life's game are not those who have never tasted failure, but rather those who have failed but who never gave up. All who are committed to face the challenges in their life are the successful. Bloom where you are planted. Wish you a successful 2014.

*Principal*



Prof. Tomy Michael

We are given a fresh start not only at the beginning of the year but every morning when we wake up. We have the chance to start anew and bring out our best. Discover your potential and commit yourself to the best. God will make something beautiful of your life. Wish you a Blessed New Year.

*Bursar*



Rev. Fr. A.R. John

New Year brings us a bundle of opportunities to afresh a new beginning. Identify your excellence and be proud. Put passion, zeal, and enthusiasm in to everything you do and be part of a success story. Here I wish all Marianites a glorious New Year. God Bless you...

We Wish You **M**eritorious Readers, that at the month of Jan - Feb'14

You would be **O**mnipresent at the sands of Marian

You would be Mellifluous by **M**arian at the month of March- April'14

You would be the most **E**thnic Marianite family at the month of May- June '14

You would be the **N**ova Star of Marian at the month of June-July '14

We would together follow the **T**heocratic conventions at the month of August-September '14

And together we would launch a Happy **S**tart of **2014**



Marian Engineering College Alumni Association (MECAA\_13) was Organized on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 at Bishop Benziger Hall



PTA Meeting of S1S2 ( BATCH 2013-2016) was on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 at the Bishop Benziger Hall.



### DID YOU KNOW...X-Mas Waste To Produce Biofuel

Scientists at Imperial College, London have figured out that if all UK's discarded Christmas wrapping paper and cards were collected and fermented using micro-organisms, high grade biofuel could be produced to power motor vehicles. According to researchers, an estimated 1.5 Billion Christmas cards and 83 square kilometers of wrapping paper are dumped to the trash by UK residents every year. Some are recycled, but most end up in landfills. The scientists say, this amount of paper could provide upto 12 million litres of biofuel enough to run a bus for upto 18 million km.

In the case of add-ons like glitter and scotch tape on the Christmas cards and paper, the cellulose molecules in the tape would be broken down into glucose sugars and then fermented into ethanol fuel, just like the paper itself. Insoluble items like glitter are easy to filter out as part of the process. If this technology can be developed further, waste paper might ultimately provide a great environmentally friendly alternative to fossil fuels, the scientists claim.

*'Family of Marian Moments Wishes You all Once Again a Very Happy, Prosperous and Greenery-filled 2014'*



## Computer Science & Engineering



**Ms. Sheeja Augstin**, presented a paper titled "Thyroid Classification as Normal and Abnormal using SCG based Feed Forward Back Propagation Neural Network Algorithm" at Marbaselios College of Engineering on December 17, 2013 and published in International Journal of Computer Science and Mobile Computing, ISSN 2320-088X, pg. 134-141.



**Mr. Robert S.**, published a paper titled "TCP/IP Stack Implementation for Communication over IP with AUTOSAR Ethernet Specification", in International Journal of Engineering and Innovative Technology (IJEIT), ISSN: 2277-3754 ISO 9001:2008 Certified, Volume 3, Issue 1, July 2013



A National Seminar on "Big Data Analytics" was conducted on 12th December 2013 and it was inaugurated by Mr. Sebastian Antony Ukken, Associate Vice President, Nest Technologies and delivered a talk on this topic. Dr.Sivasankar, NIT, Trichi handled the next session.



A five day Faculty Program on practical aspects of "Operating system and Network Programming" from December 2-6, 2013 was inaugurated by Dr.J.J.V Jeyasingh, Deputy General Manager, MCAD, VSSC. Mr. Shine S, Asst Prof, CET and Mr.Shibu V S, Asst.Prof, MBT delivered expert lectures during the program. Sessions were also handled by Ms.Vidya K S, Mr. Robert and Ms. Nisha J R of our department. This five day workshop aimed at gathering knowledge regarding the recent technologies in networking. Faculty from other colleges attended the workshop with much expectation and they benefitted much from this course. With this program participants could upgrade their level of knowledge regarding this concept.

### Seminars/Workshop attended by the Faculty Members

1. **Ms. Sheeja Augstin** attended a two week AICTE Sponsored faculty development programme in "Computational Tools in Research" at College of Engineering, Attingal in November 2013.
2. **Ms. Nisha J R, Ms. Vidya K S, Ms. Swapna H, Ms. Nishley E Joseph & Ms. Sajini Nirmal** have attended a five day workshop on "Cyber Security" organized by Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management - Kerala from 19-11-2013 to 23-11-2013.
3. **Ms. Lekshmi V S** attended a Faculty Development Programme on "Application Development using Java" from 27-11-2013 to 29-11-2013 organized by Department of Computer Science & Engineering, TKM College of Engineering, Kollam and she also attended a National faculty development program in "Entrepreneurship" at Techno park from 9-12-2013 to 21-12-2013.

## CGPU

- Infosys came for recruiting Marian Students on 23rd October 2013, out of 330 students 118 were eligible to attend the test. 18 students were finally selected.
- IBS conducted a pool drive on 6th December 2013 including John Cox Memorial Institute of technology at Marian Engineering College Total 13 students were selected out of which 8 were from Marian.
- South Indian Bank conducted a pool drive for recruitment of Probationary Officers on January 13th 2014. A total of 32 students attended the test.
- A group of students from Hohenstaufen High School, Kaiserlautern, Germany visited Marian Campus on Jan 22nd 2014 to interact with the CSE and IT students. The main intention was to know "Why IT professionals are more in India?"
- As part of the Campus Connect programme Infosys conducted a Road Show for the third year students on Jan 27th 2014.
- A one hour programme on GATE awareness is arranged for sixth semester students on 30/1/14 (Gate Forum) from 4.15 P.M. to 5.15 P.M.



**Ms. Santhi Krishna M S**  
IIIrd Rank  
S1 - M.Tech CSE  
University of Kerala



**Ms. Nitha Jino**  
IIIrd Rank - M.Tech -  
Software Engineering  
CUSAT (Faculty)



## GD – Demystified By Ms. Neenu Angelo



Group Discussions, endearingly termed GDs, have been continuing to play an essential part in job recruitments and admissions for professional educations since many years. Many candidates fail to make a mark in GDs mainly due to their wrong notions about it. There are a lot of myths regarding GDs and how to effectively tackle them.

**Myth 1:** GDs are an essential tool for selecting suitable candidates.

On the other hand, they are used for shortlisting candidates, in other words, for eliminating them.

**Myth 2:** The first one to talk will surely make it.

Wrong again! You need to talk first only if you are absolutely sure about the topic in hand and has a considerable knowledge about it. Otherwise, wait for a suitable opportunity.

**Myth 3:** The more you speak, the better your chances of making it.

The most common mistake candidates make! They talk and talk and do not let anyone else talk. Bad again! That gives a negative impression about you to the evaluator.

**Myth 4:** Pompous and high-sounding words make a great expression about you.

Be simple and straightforward. It is all about how well you can articulate your ideas in simple and clear language.

**Myth 5:** I spoke very less; I don't stand a chance.

You need to be a good listener to be a good participant in a GD. The key word is, be an active listener. But that doesn't mean you can forever be an active listener during the entire GD. Open your mouth when you think you have a valid point to make.

**Myth 6:** I should talk only when I am asked to.

Don't wait and wait for a proper opportunity to talk or till someone asks you to speak. It is completely your call. Grab the best opportunity to talk when you have something valid to say. At least, be a good listener throughout and grab the opportunity to provide a conclusion to the discussion.

**Myth 7:** I should have aggressive body language to gain attention.

This is where most participants fail. You should have a pleasant and warm body language and suitable gestures. A warm and friendly attitude always helps. Your expressions, body language, posture and tone of voice speak volumes about you.

**Myth 8:** I should always agree to the topic.

When a topic is given to you, you can either agree with it or disagree with it. Unlike a debate, you can even point out the two sides of the same coin.

**Myth 9:** I should make others agree to my point.

That is a very bad thing to do! You just need to express your point of view and have a positive mentality towards what others in your group have to say. Even when a group member disagrees with you, be patient with him and accept his point of view. When you need to disagree with someone, do that most politely.

### Dos

- ★ Intervene if the discussion is turning out to be hostile. It reflects your leadership.
- ★ Speak to-the-point, without repeating.
- ★ Encourage a silent member to contribute.
- ★ Back your points with examples, incidents or facts and figures.
- ★ Maintain eye contact with participants, and not with the evaluator.
- ★ Be gentle with your presentation.
- ★ Be natural, calm and maintain composure.
- ★ Think before you speak.
- ★ Strive towards a proper conclusion for your discussion.

### Don'ts

- Don't be loud or aggressive.
- Do not go overboard with enthusiasm if you are familiar with the topic.
- Do not interrupt others.
- Do not ask irrelevant questions.
- Never laugh at anyone's opinion.
- Do not try to formulate your next comment while someone is still presenting his input. Instead, listen!
- Remember that GD is an effective tool in problem solving, decision making and personality assessment. Know how to speak with confidence, how to exhibit leadership skills and how to make the group achieve the goal.

## MECAA '13- ALUMNI MEET OF MEC 2013

Alumni Meet of Marian Engineering College was organized on 21st December, 2013 at Bishop Benziger Hall. Nearly 54 members attended the meeting. The Manager, Rev. Msgr. A George Paul, presided the meeting and the convener Dr. M. Sasi Kumar (Professor and Head of the Department of Electronics) explained the activities of MECAA during the year 2012.

There were three executive committee meetings during 2012. Mr. Abin N.A of 2005 EC attended all the meetings. Ideas expressed by the committee members, like yearly awards to be given to the best outgoing student (Considering overall performance of students in all areas such as leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities, studies, etc) of each branch, invited lectures to the students in technical as well as non technical matters, placement activities and awards to students for cultural excellence were considered. Decisions were taken for the overall improvement and excellence of the college.

Mr. Abin N.A (EC), Mr. Anand V.R (ME), Mr. Abhinand (CE), Mr. Hari (EC), Ms. Anjana (CS), Mr. Aneesh (ME), Ms. Reshma sara Raji (CS) agreed to give lectures to the students on various topics in the coming semester (JAN/FEB/MAR 2014). Suggestions also came up for inviting selected senior students for the next general body meeting for awareness of the Alumni Association.



## Electronics & Communication Engineering / Applied Electronics & Instrumentation

On 11th November, 2013 the Department has organized a session on "Introduction to Random Processes and Applications" at the PG Seminar Hall for the Staff and M.Tech students' of Signal Processing. Dr. Jigi C.V, Professor, College of Engineering was the resource person.



On 17th December ,2013 the Department has organized a session on "Introduction to Transform Theory" at the PG Seminar Hall for the Staff and M.Tech students'of Signal Processing. Dr. Suresh K, Associate Professor, College of Engineering was the resource person.

### Seminars/Workshop attended by the Faculty Members

**Ms.Vinitha B. Elza** attended a two week AICTE Sponsored faculty development programme in "Computational Tools in Research" at College of Engineering, Attingal in November 2013.

**Ms. Ramola Joy P.** and **Ms. Sreena V.G** attended a 3 day programme on "Computer Vision and Image Processing" at LBS Institute of Technology for Women , in November 2013

We Congratulate our S8 ECE students **Ms. Aswini P. Joshua**, **Ms. Haritha Prasad U.**, **Mr. Rizwan Ismael**, **Ms. Parvathy Jayanthan** and **Ms.Karthika M.** for getting placed in **Infosys** and **Ms. Nazren Najeeb** , **Ms. Sish Liss Subhash (S8 AEI)** in **IBS**.

## Civil Engineering



**Prof.K.P.Narayan**, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering conducted a full time course for five days for the participants from different engineering colleges and industries on the topic "**Design of steel structures**". The co-ordinators of the course were **Mrs.Remya.R.Nair** and **Mrs Renju** of civil department

**Mrs Rani V. & Ms Aswathy Sasikumar** attended a one day conference (2ndPrabulla Kumar memorial lecture) held at Hotel Metro, Kochi organised by Indian Geo-technical Society(IGS)-Kochi chapter on the topic "Innovations in piling techniques" by **Dr. N. V. Nayak** (Principal advisor, Gammon India limited).



A course on "**UPGRADE TO UPDATE**" conducted by Metrosteels limited was organised for the staff and students by the Civil engineering association. The co-ordinators were **Mrs Renju.C.M**, **Mrs Remya.R. Nair** and **Mrs. Sanobiya B.S** of Civil department.



**Mrs Rani. V** participated in a panel discussion held on the topic "**The role of IGS in Engineering colleges in Kerala**" organised by Indian Geotechnical society, Kochi chapter held at Hotel Metro,kochi. The members who participated in the discussion were **Dr.Babu.T.Jose** (Patron, IGS,-kochi, Dean, AISAT), **Dr.K.Balan** (Professor,CET),**Dr.K.S.Beena**(HOD,CUSAT), **Dr.Chandrakaran** HOD, NIIT calicut), **Dr.K.K.Babu** (HOD, Thejus Engineering College), **Prof.G.Hari** (HOD, Saintgits) and **Dr.S.Jalaludeen shah** (HOD,IES Engineering College)

**Mrs.Rani V** , **Mrs Twinkle Vinu Mohan**, **Ms.Aswathy Sasikumar** attended a National Seminar on the topic "**Recent Advances in Geo-technical & Transportation Engineering**" at L B S institute of technology for women, poojappura.

**Mr.Abhijith R.P** has attended a course on the topic "**Design of Hydraulic Structures**" at Muslim Association Engineering college, Venjaramoodu

All M-tech students in Geotechnical Engineering attended one day conference (2nd Prabulla Kumar memorial lecture) at Hotel Metro, kochi organised by IGS- Kochi chapter on the topic "**Innovation in piling techniques**" followed by the panel discussion.

**Ms. Soorya S.R** M-tech student in Geotechnical Engineering have participated & presented a paper on the topic "**passive site remediation techniques**" in the National conference held at St. Thomas Institute for Science and Technology, Kazhakuttom..

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**Ms. Soorya S.R**, **Ms. Rageena S.S** , **Ms. Gayathri G.S**, **Ms. Haleema** M-tech students in Geotechnical Engineering participated in a conference held in Pankajakasthuri college of Engineering & Technology.

**Mr. Laswin Jacob** and **Ms. Savitha** of S8 CE were placed in **INFOSYS**

**Mr. Aditya vinod** and **Mr. Anvar** of S8 CE have participated in the National conference held at St. Thomas Institute for Science and Technology, Kazhakuttom

**Mr. Vivek George** & **Mr. Anand** of S6 CE won first prize in quiz competition held at National conference at St. Thomas Institute for Science and Technology.





## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

**Marian Association of Growing Mechanical Engineering Aspirants (MAGMA)** was inaugurated by **Dr. Achuthsankar S Nair**, Director, Centre for Bioinformatics, University of Kerala on December 13th, 2013. Students Interactive session by **Dr. Gireesh Krishnan**, Clinical Psychologist, Govt Mental Health centre, Trivandrum was organized on Dec 13th.



A Faculty Development program was organised by **MAGMA** on **"Cyber Crime Awareness"** on Dec 19th 2013. **Mr. Vikas Gopinath**, Cyber Forensic consultant trainer was the resource person.

**ROBOTRYST 2013-14**, a 2-Day technical workshop organised by IIT-Delhi in Association with ROBOSAPIENS Pvt Ltd. was conducted on Dec 17th, 18th at Marian. 95 students mostly from Mechanical, Electronics and Applied Electronics participated in the programme. A group consisting of Rahul, Abhiram, Sunish and Vinay (S4 Mechanical) got first position in the competition conducted on the second day. They will get a chance to take part in the technical Fest TRYST'14 of IIT-Delhi



**Sri. Fazil Mohammad**, Scientist, VSSC delivered a seminar on **"Aerospace Propulsion"** for S8 students on Jan 23rd 2014.

**Dr. K. Krishnakumar**, Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, CET delivered a technical session for S8 students on **"Application of Finite Difference Method in Heat transfer"** on 9th JAN 2014.

Assistant Professors **Ms. Sonia S Raj**, **Mr. Rajaneesh R Chandran**, **Mr. Madhavan R** attended 2-weeks workshop on **"Engineering Mechanics"** conducted by IIT-Bombay at Mar Baselios Engineering College, Trivandrum.

**Mr. Vaisakh Y.**, A.P., attended a DTE sponsored Inter Disciplinary course on **"Mechatronics"** at CET, Trivandrum in Dec 2013.

**Mr. Anoop V.**, A.P., presented 2 papers **"Analysis in testing of Laser hybrid weld joints"** and **"Thermal effect on crack propagation"** in an International conference at Mar Athanasius College Of Engineering, Kothamangalom in Dec 2013.

## NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF OF ME DEPARTMENT



Mr. Pratheek M



Mr. Rahul R S,



Mr. Chandu Raghav R



Mr. Hareesh R



Mr. Manu S Das



## THE STAFF DAY OF MEC'13

A staff day was conducted on 26th October 2013, Saturday. Various cultural programmes and competitions were organized in connection with the Staff day. Most of the teaching and non-teaching staff members actively participated with right spirit. All the staff members were divided into 4 groups and each group headed by a group captain. After a nail biting finish, the group headed by Mr. Rajaneesh R. Chandran emerged as overall champions with maximum points. The highlight of the program was the Quiz competition about Marian Engg. College led by our Bursar Rev. Fr. A.R John. After the competition a staff tour was also being organized. It was a day of joy which showcased the talents of all the staff members of Marian family.



## Excellence Meet @ MEC '2013

Marian Engineering College organized a Three Day Excellence Meet from 8th to 10th November 2013, titled **"ARETE 2013"** for the benefit of the Plus Two students as a community development programme. The Excellence Meet was inaugurated by the Manager, Msgr. A. George Paul. The aim of this programme was to give an intensive Entrance Coaching training for the +2 students. One hundred and ten students from the various schools under the Archdiocese and from other schools had participated in this Meet. The Meet was organized as a Residential programme. The main highlight of the event was the Entrance coaching sessions handled by experts from TIME. Continuous and extensive sessions were taken in the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry by eminent professors. A Mock Entrance Test was also carried out on the Third day. The students benefitted in a very big manner. Apart from the Entrance Coaching classes there were other important sessions as well. The participating students were given an orientation by Rev. Msgr. James Culas. Our Manager Rev. Msgr. A. George Paul briefed the students and gave a very useful and important guidance. Rev. Fr. A. R. John, Bursar, took a session on "Study Skills". The prayer session was handled by Mr. Joseph K. M. After the Mock Entrance Exam on the third day a motivational session was handled by Mr. Jose Hormese. The students were then given an Exposure to Engineering by Ms. Aswathy Ramabadran and later they were taken to the labs of the various departments. The students got an initial experience in the field of Engineering. The Programme was really effective and successful with the whole hearted support of the staff members of the college. The students gave a very good feedback about the event.



## Students Corner - The Memorable Moments of our S6 Students during their Most Enjoyable Trips, As Part of their Industrial Visit (September 2013)



Ode to the memories that mustered as par the tour organized by the college this year.

This was the time during which the values of friendship, togetherness, sharing and above all a handful of evergreen etchings were made. After all the waiting and anticipations made right from the start of the college life, it sure did leave a blissful mark in each one's heart who came along.

The places of visit included Coorg, Jog Falls, St. Mary's Island and Bangalore. Every place had a story for each one of us. Apart from all the excitement felt, we wished it had lasted a bit longer. We might visit these places in future and we're very sure that we would get struck with at least one out of the box memory from this tour.

### S6 CSE/IT



The fifth semester CS and IT students left for their industrial visit on September 14, 2013. The first stopover in our trip was Wayanad hills where we headed towards the Edakkal caves and then to Pookode Lake. It is a scenic freshwater lake in the Wayanad district.

The next day we headed to Coorg. Coorg or Kodagu, is a district in Karnataka. It is a region in the Western Ghats of Karnataka known worldwide for its coffee. Coorg, located in a mountainous region is one of the sought out places for Whitewater Rafting, it is a challenging recreational activity using a raft to navigate a river as the gradient offers the best conditions for speedy waters flowing over rocks causing drops in the river known as rapids in rafting. We had an exhilarating experience here and it was an adventure to remember. That night we had an unforgettable campfire by the riverside. We had great fun interacting with each other, singing songs, cracking jokes etc. After Coorg we had a night stopover at Mysore. We visited the Namdroling Monastery located in Bylakuppe in the Mysore district of Karnataka, a lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. The next morning we went to Bangalore where we visited the famous Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum. It had interactive exhibits and each floor of this museum is dedicated to a scientific discipline. It was a mind blowing, unforgettable experience for all of us. This visit was the highlight of our entire tour.

No trip is complete without shopping for the region's local attractions. Bangalore is considered a shoppers paradise and we had a blast bargaining prices at Commercial Street and Garuda Mall.

Then, WONDERLA!!!

We had an absolutely awesome time freaking out. After the exciting day at Wonderla, we headed towards Hogenakkal Falls. It is a waterfall on the river Kaveri located in the Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu about 180 km from Bangalore. It is referred to as the "Niagara of India".

That night we returned back to Trivandrum with a heavy heart that our wonderful trip was over but a heart full of memories for all the good times we had with our friends and the help and support of our teachers. We are really thankful to the college and management for granting permission for our trip.





It's been a wonderful set of days ,whether it be at Ooty, Bangalore, Mysore or Hydrabad, the trip was mesmerizing. Time flew by quickly, mostly having fun but sometimes testing us. It brought us more closer together and taught us that being a team is important. We are grateful to our staff members Balu Sir, Aswathy Miss, Laly Miss and also the management for giving us this opportunity. It was altogether an experience we'll never forget as it is said 'Travelling is indeed a knowledge'.

#### JESUS YOUTH

#### GRACE -13

11 Oct, 2013 to 13 Oct, 2013

Psalm: 19:7 The law of Lord is perfect; receiving the soul"

There was an awesome spiritual program for all Marian students and staff, Organized by JY of Marian. About 70 students and 20 staff from all departments actively participated in this 3 day residential program.

#### BETHEL -14

2 Jan, 2014 to 5 Jan, 2014

Psalm: 65:4 "Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts!"

Retreat for first year students from all departments has been conducted. Almost 65 students, 10 staff from various disciplines joined for this four day residential spiritual retreat. In this program students are enlightened spiritually and many could overcome from their carrier related problems. We saw the happiest experienced by those whose participating in both spiritual programs.

The following weekly program are organized by JY of Marian

1. Every Monday perpetual adoration from 4.15pm to 5.15 pm in Marian Chapel
2. All Friday 12.35 pm to 1.15 pm prayer group meeting.

#### AWAITING THE YOUTH FILLED YOUTH FESTIVAL 2014

Trivandrum is looking forward to the Youth festival 2014 ,which will be conducted at 3 centres of our home town namely University Campus Palayam, Student Centre PMG and University College ,Palayam.

Nearly 30 students from Marian Engineering College are taking part for various programs like Group dance, Group song, Monoact (male and female), Light music(male and female), Classical music(male and female), Debate(Malayalam and English), Essay writing, Poetry writing and recitation and Mappila Pattu.

Full stretch rehearsals and practices are on full swing.

We Wish them Good Luck for the Best.

#### Basket ball Tournament

The Seventh All Kerala Marian Basketball Tournament was held from 28-31<sup>st</sup> January at Marian Basketball Court. The professional college toppers from each university has participated in the tournament. The College Manager Msgr. George Paul Inaugurated the Tournament. In the Inaugural match, the host team Marian defeated Pankajakasthuri Engineering College. In the Semifinal section Marian defeated SCT College and Mangalam College of Engineering defeated CET. In the Spirited final match between Marian and Mangalam, Mangalam defeated Marian. Mr. Dixon from Mangalam was selected as the best player and the top scorer is Mr. Arjun from Mangalam. Mr. Bijo proved to be the promising player of Marian. The prize was distributed by Mr. Anwin.J.Antony, Suptd. Of Police in the presence of Principal Prof. Tomy Michael and Bursar Fr. A.R.John



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"The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman emperor and a humble Christian Martyr. The emperor was Claudius II. The Christian was Valentinus.

Claudius had ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods, and had made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ; not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned.

During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one."

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.

"Oh, Valentinus, I do believe! I do!" She knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly together, each praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

"Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world."

### JUZZ.. CHILL...



Vicky, who was 19 years old, was buying an expensive bracelet, to surprise his girl friend on Valentine's Day, at a jeweler's shop in Connaught Place, Delhi.

The jeweler inquired, 'Would you like your girlfriend's name engraved on it?'

Vicky thought for a moment, grinned then answered, 'No, instead engrave 'To my one and only love'.'

The jeweler smiled and said, 'Yes Sir, how very romantic of you.'

Vicky retorted with a glint in his eye, 'Not exactly romantic, but very practical. This way, if we break up, I can use it again.'

### Thought of the Month- D+

Two frogs named Will and Fern fell into a deep pit together. At first, they thought it would be easy to jump out. But after lots of failed attempts they cried for help and a crowd of animals gathered around the pit.

Everyone agreed it was hopeless so they urged Will and Fern to accept their fate. The harder the trapped frogs jumped, the more the crowd yelled at them to give up.

Finally, Will stopped trying.

Fern refused to quit and with one mighty try she leaped out of the pit. The crowd was amazed. Someone asked her why she kept trying when everyone told her she had no chance.

Fern was baffled. "What are you saying?" she asked. "I'm a bit deaf. I was sure you were all cheering me on. I couldn't have done it without your encouragement."

This story is of a woman who was in a transitional housing program recovering from a long period of drug abuse homelessness and hopelessness. She wanted everyone to understand how important positivism and encouragement can be to help people who seem distressed and unhappy to be raised to optimism. She said she got out of her own pit because caring people helped her believe in herself and gave her the confidence she needed to jump a little harder.

There will always be people in your life ready to tell you what you can't do. But Real friends root for you, support you and help you discover your inner talents and strengths.

I hope you will find and treasure those kind of friends and be one yourself.

Remember, Character Counts.....

Be Positive and Encourage your near ones and those who need you.....



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To know the performance of students, you may visit the College website : [www.marian.ac.in](http://www.marian.ac.in).

click the "TRACK A STUDENT" button and login using his/her admission no and his / her date of birth