

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

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October 2022

## Our students from Ukraine return home

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Our Ukrainian students Nick Ihantiuk and Anastasiia Haran rejoined their father in their home country after fleeing Ukraine in January of 2022. Bishop Ludden held a good bye ceremony for them before they left where the band played their national anthem, they were walked in by Nick's soccer team holding the Ukrainian flag, and fellow students and friends said a few words on their behalf about how much they will be missed.



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## COUNSELING

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# Seniors: College application process to start soon

The application process is about to be under way for our seniors. Please make sure your child is researching the requirements needed for the individual schools and watching deadlines. Counselors and teachers need at least 2 weeks notice in order to write a letter of recommendation.

### In-person and virtual college visits

The Counseling office is hosting in-person and virtual college visits with college admissions representatives. Attending these college visits are a great way to learn more about colleges a student is interested in and be able to connect with the admissions representative. Students can find the schedule of college visits on Naviance and listen to announcements for upcoming visits. Students can get passes for visits from the Counseling Office on the morning of the visit. If a visit is virtual, there will be a link to register for the visit on Naviance.

### Scholarships

Scholarship information will be posted on Naviance ([www.connection.naviance.com/bljshs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/bljshs)) as well as emailed directly to students. Many more will come through closer to January!

Here are some financial aid websites that are helpful:

[www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

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[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.fastaid.com/map.htm](http://www.fastaid.com/map.htm)

### Federal student aid

On Oct. 1, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens up to students and their parents. Now is the time to apply for financial aid. First go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) to sign up for a Federal Student Aid ID) for both the parent and student. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "The FSA ID." Then go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to fill out the FAFSA application. If you have questions when filling out the FAFSA feel free to call Mrs. Schoeneck or Ms. Doyle in the Counseling Office. It is recommended that FAFSA applications be filed by February 15 for the best financial aid possible. Some colleges also require that a student fills out a **CSS Profile** which is the financial aid application for certain private schools. You can do this on College Board's website- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). They will have a list of all the schools that require this application.

The PSAT for juniors and some sophomores will be given on **Wednesday, Oct. 12th** starting at 8a.m. Students have been given information during math class and a separate letter will be sent to parents with more information as well.

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## In brief

### Europe 2024

From Scotland to France! This trip is currently 50% full. If you don't want to miss out, please check out the itinerary and tour details at [eftours.com](http://eftours.com). The tour # is 2558339NH. This trip includes time in Edinburgh, London and Paris! We are certain it will be an incredible adventure! If you have other questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pietropaolo at [spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org](mailto:spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org). We look forward to traveling with you!

There will be an enrollment meeting for the 2024 trip to Scotland, England and France on October 19. It will be at

6:30 in the cafeteria. Contact Mrs. Pietropaolo with any questions.

### Rummage sale

Bishop Ludden Choir and Cheer squad are having a rummage sale on Saturday Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. here at the school. Please consider donating gently used clothes and household items and coming out to support our students!

### Physicals

Updated physicals and immunizations are required for attendance and sports. Please submit to the Health Office.

### First students to earn IB diploma

The International Baccalaureate Program at Bishop Ludden successfully completed its second year in June with 10 students completing all the tasks required to be eligible for the IB Diploma. When all the test scores were reported and confirmed, eight students met all of the requirements to receive an International Baccalaureate diploma!

As our students headed off to their respective colleges, we received news that a good number of them have been given credit for their IB college level work. One student was awarded 42 credits for her IB work at Bishop Ludden! While somewhere between 16-24 credits seemed to be the norm, some colleges choose to grant no credit, as they want the students trained by their particular school. We recommend that students/parents ask schools what their policies are regarding granting IB credit before they make a final decision.

Some of the comments we have heard from our college freshmen are:

**"I was just assigned a paper just like an Internal Assessment (IA) - 30 pages on my topic of choice! IB prepared me well!"**

**"IB genuinely makes college work seem very chill!"**

The registration for May 2023 is taking place now and payment will be due to IB mid-November. With that in mind, invoices for the registration fees will be sent out in October. As of this time, the invoices will be sent out through FACTS. Please look for an email mid-October as to how to make this payment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Busa, IB Coordinator, at [hbusa@syrdiocese.org](mailto:hbusa@syrdiocese.org)



### 2022 CAS Projects

To earn an International Baccalaureate diploma, students have to complete a CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) project of one month in length.

#### Some noteworthy projects:

- Reese Evans completed a project for Emmaus Ministry where she worked with other knitters to knit hats and scarves for homeless people of the Syracuse area.
- Madison Moen organized and carried out a blood drive with the American Red Cross at the end of May where she helped to raise 38 units of blood. Students, parents and faculty members all contributed to the donation of blood.
- Sara Boyea and Kaitlin Kibling helped to raise money for Golisano Children's Hospital by selling socks for Sock Out Cancer week. With the help of the Bishop Ludden community, the girls helped to raise \$843 and 84 pairs of socks to the Oxford Inn.

## DRAMA

# Hunchback of Notre Dame—Note Date Change!

SOUFFLE	Regina Shattell*
CHEESE	Megan Cameron*
HEAD GUARD	Isaiah Apps*
GUARD TWO	Natalie Nojaim
GUARDS	Gabby Berry, Sophia Azria
GYPSY MOTHER	Molly Smith
SISTER MARIE	Giana Calangelo
SISTER ANTOINETTE	Mary Papini
CARDINAL	Natalie Nojaim
DOM FROLLO	Paul Owens*
QUASIMODO	Jon Daher*
GRINGOIRE	Ben Thieben*
QUEEN	Chloe Ward*
KING	Isaiah Apps*
ACTOR	Spencer James*
ACTRESS	Alexis Netti
CLOPIN Jimenez*	Amelia Tkacz-
LA ESMERALDA	Brigid Hardick*
GYPSY DANCERS	Quinn Eskandar, Julianna McMullen, Elizabeth Whewell Sloane Brunger, Meredith Pessirilo
UGLY FOOLS	Spencer James*, Isaiah Apps*, Molly Smith
JUDGE	Chloe Ward*
ASSISTANT	Mikhayla Reyes
ARISTOCRATS	Isaiah Apps*, Leyna Nguyen
CHILD	Julianna McMullen
EXECUTIONERS	Isaiah Apps*, Natalie Nojaim
CROWD	Leyna Nguyen (12, 17, 19) Sophia Azria (3, 9, 15) Mikhayla Reyes (5, 7, 11)
PEASANTS:	Julianna McMullen (1, 7) Quinn Eskandar (3, 9, 14) Elizabeth Whewell (5, 11, 16)



**7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4**  
**2, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5**  
**Adults \$10**  
**Students and Seniors \$8**

CREW: Isabella Rivera\*, Ysabella Martinez-Vendetti, Ryan Brady\*, Laura Pullano,  
Talan Hilliker, Lily Janowski, Cailin Lillis, Gabby Munroe, Heidi Becken\*, Maria Natale,  
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\*Senior

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**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

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5582	5583	5584	5585	5980	5981	5586	9001	9007
9025	9006	5013	5014	5258	5241	5380	5242	5025
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# Bishop Ludden expands e-sports offering

by Maxine Babcock

Bishop Ludden, the only private school in the Syracuse area to offer e-sports, has expanded its e-sports offering. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association recognizes esports as a varsity sport offering and many colleges offer scholarships to outstanding players.

The Bishop Ludden Gaelic Knights were 25th in the State in Rocket League in Fall 2021. The 2022 Fall program added Splatoon and Smash Bros Ultimate. Splatoon is a team event with four players competing against four other players through best of five matchups. Teams from all over the country compete. Smash Bros Ultimate is a three player vs three player head to head match-up through three sets of play; both Smash Bros and Rocket League are for New York teams. Bishop Ludden is the only private school in the Syracuse area to offer esports. The three teams are coached by Maxine Babcock. "The long-term plan is to hand off the program to a more experienced coach by next year. BL Alum Isaiah Horne helped us get the program started last year and assisted coaching. We have started to build up our equipment and have invested in the highest speed internet available to facilitate our gaming," she explained.

The team is managed by Max Townsend, who will be eligible to play when he turns 13. The Rocket League Squad consists of high scorer Hayden Parkhurst, Peter Smith, Ben Gentile, Anthony Taylor, and Ryan Skanes. Splatoon is led by Peter, along with Anthony, Ben, Ryan, and Isaiah Apps. Smash Bros starters are Isaiah, Ben, and Peter, with Anthony and Ryan subbing in. All players are new to Smash Bros and Splatoon, while Ryan is the new recruit for Rocket League. The team competes through November 17 with Splatoon matches on Tuesdays, Smash Bros on Wednesdays, and Rocket League on Thursdays.

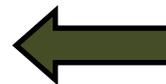


## Classroom connections

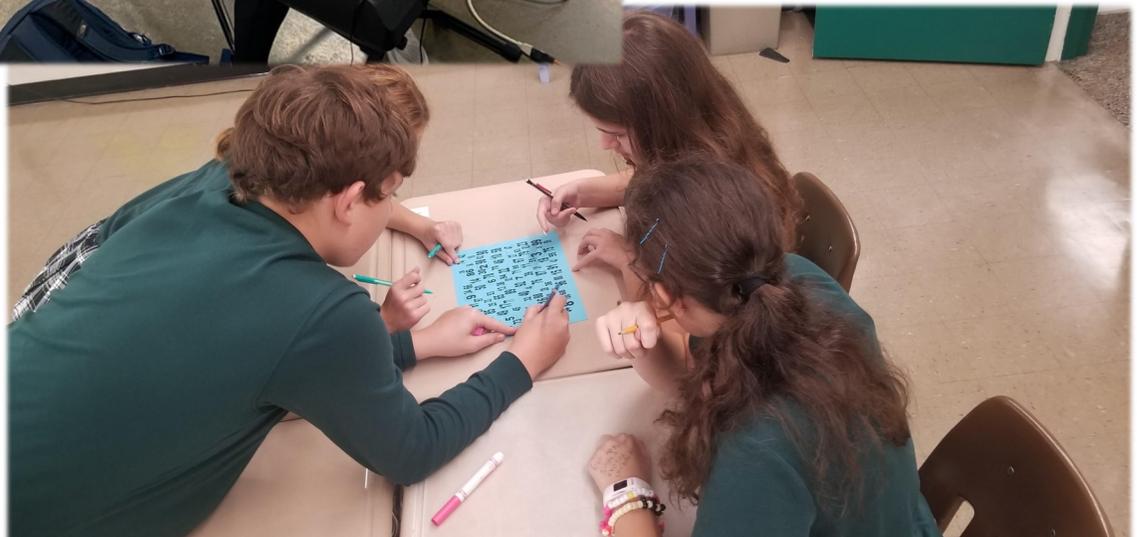
In Miss Coolican's 7th grade social studies, Ms. Johnson visited and students participated in team building exercises. Students had to communicate and work together to stack the cups using string and a rubber band.



Chorus, band (welcome, Mr. Jaquay!), general music, and music theory classes are well underway, as is our newest class offering, Beginning Piano/ Keyboard, taught by Ms. Jamison. Here, piano students focus on their latest piece to practice, "Ode to Joy!"



Math 7, 8, and 12 started the school year by answering the question, "What does good group work look like"? Pictured is one of several teams playing the 100 # challenge.



### October: Respect Life

For You formed my inward parts;  
You wove me in my mother's  
womb.  
I will give thanks to You, for I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;  
Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;  
And in Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.



Psalm 139:13-16

### Bishop Moynihan Pro Vita Award

The Office of Family/Respect Life, Diocese of Syracuse is once again offering a scholarship in honor of the late Bishop James Moynihan.

The Pro-Vita Award is available to any high school senior in the seven county diocese.

Bishop Moynihan was a fearless leader in the pro-life movement. He was dedicated to building a Culture of Life, promoting vocations, and strengthening Catholic schools. Following Bishop Moynihan's passing in 2017, the Family/Respect Life office created the Pro Vita Award to honor his legacy.

Funds are awarded based on submissions answering the following: *Why are you Pro-Life and how will you help build a culture of life?*

Source: <https://www.syracusediocese.org/offices/familyrespect-life/respect-life-month/>

*Dear St. Joseph,*  
help us to imitate your  
faithful trust and courage.



### Bishop Ludden: A Diverse Community

Our Bishop Ludden community is vast yet tight-knit with students coming from 20 school districts that range from Geneva to the west, Sandy Creek to the north, Tully to the south and Chittenango to the east.

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## First Bishop Ludden graduation class reunites



Msgr. Heagerty celebrated mass with members of the class of '66—the first graduating class from Bishop Ludden. They started as sophomores when the school opened in 1963. Msgr. Heagerty, 95, complimented the class as the foundation for the great Ludden tradition. Some alums stayed after to mass to tour the school.

The mass in the BLHS chapel was held in honor of their deceased classmates and faculty. Kathy Dillon Brownjohn provided the music.

*A special thank you to the 56th Reunion Committee: Peg Brereton, Kathy Dillon Brownjohn, Maureen Hickey Conklin, Carolyn McPeak Fletcher, Steve Kingston, Gilda Morina Syverson, Brenna Williams (reunion booklet designer and daughter of James Williams), James Williams, and Jackye Zimmermann.*

# 1966—56th Reunion



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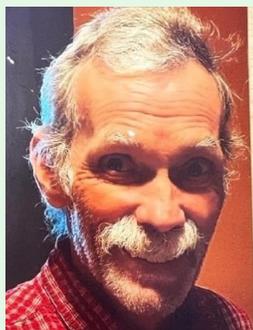
- 3rd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame—Aug. 6, 2023
- 29th Annual Patrick T. Mathews Gaelic Knights Open—Aug. 7, 2023
- Go online to [BishopLudden.org/athletic/hall-of-fame](https://BishopLudden.org/athletic/hall-of-fame) to submit a nomination for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Thank you to all the alumni who came to our Homecoming gathering and cheered our Gaelic Knight's football team to a victory of the Notre Dame Jugglers!



### In memoriam

## Maurice Downey, Jr., class of 1973



Maurice P. Downey, Jr., 67, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, after a long illness. Maurice was an honor graduate of Bishop Ludden High School and attended SUNY Plattsburgh. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years on the USS Enterprise. He worked for many years at Cicero-North Syracuse School District and at NYS Thruway Authority.

Maurice will be remembered for his love of music (especially Jackson Browne), trivia expertise, sharp sense of humor, and affection for his family. Maurice was predeceased by his parents, Maurice P. Sr. and Jeanne (Dowling) Downey; partner, Michelle Tamez; and sister, Sister James Therese Downey, OSF.

Surviving are his sons, Matthew, Daniel (Sara), and David (Ashley); daughter, Bridget Downey; seven grandchildren; siblings, Mary (Clete) Gualtieri, Ann (Ken) Rakowski, Grace (Brian) Davin, John (Sandy), Joseph (Casey), Jeanne (Jeff) Bradley, Charles (Claire), and Patricia (Michael) Palladino; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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## Michael "Magic" Hrab, class of 1977



Michael "Magic" Hrab, 63, of Syracuse, passed away Thursday at Crouse Hospital. A lifetime resident of the Syracuse area, he was a graduate of Bishop Ludden High School and Le Moyne College and received his Law degree from Western New England Law School.

Michael was a lawyer with Hancock and Estabrook, LLP. He wanted to personally thank everyone he shared his life with and apologize to anyone with whom he had unfinished business. Aside from the persons he shared his life with, Michael had several passions in life. Early on, it was magic, then law, then magic and law. He started performing magic at age 10 and that passion grew to include a loved and close circle of friends from around the world, along with his acceptance into multiple local magicians' groups.

Michael wanted to be a lawyer since age 7 when he first went with his father, Leon, to the family lawyer when his mom, Mary, went to Heaven. His dad helped formulate Michael's love for politics and religion, often saying "My

dad fought in World War II so that we can disagree, vote to see who wins (this time!), and then share a beer together." Speaking of which, Michael was a Scotch connoisseur.

Michael enjoyed his attendance at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church where his grandfather was a founding member in 1913 and its first bell ringer. Michael was a proud past president of the church's Holy Name Society. His faith in God and Heaven was unshakable. And he loved to think of the heavenly reunion he will have with Jesus, Mary, Michael's parents, and even his former pets and Houdini!

Michael was predeceased by his parents, Leon and Mary Hrab. Surviving are the love of his life, Wendy Cavallaro; sisters, Joyce Corbett of Syracuse and Barbara (John) Eberz of Cicero; nephew, Paul Corbett; step-daughter, Gina (Tyler) Blum; step-sons, Richard (Stephanie) Cavallaro and Anthony (Melissa) Cavallaro; and grandchildren, Angelo, Giovanni and Gabriella Cavallaro, Tyler Jr. and Alex Blum and Stella and Sophia Cavallaro.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Dr. Erlebacher, Dr. Cherny, and Hanna of HOA.

Like Mike always said, "It's all good."

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## The 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion

### Reflections from a '66 classmate *by Gilda Morina Syverson*

Here I am in the passenger seat traveling from Syracuse back to North Carolina with my dear husband, Stu, driving. It is the morning after our 56<sup>th</sup> reunion and all I have been interested in doing is reading every detail of the booklet that Jackye Zimmermann, Jim "Twister" Williams, and Jim's daughter, Brenna created with Joe Lancaster's quote on the cover based on his thoughts after our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion six years ago.

My husband has 60's music playing in the background. First the Beatles song, "Yesterday," starts playing before "All Together Now," soon follows. I had initially said "No" to writing an article for the Newsletter to Kathy Gilheney, Class of 1980, now Director of Development at BLHS. She had approached me after our Mass on Saturday morning in the hallway outside the chapel at Bishop Ludden. Yes, the same chapel where we would meet the boys as they circled around the belt line from the boys' wing, and as the girls circled around through that same line as we approached from the girls' wing.

**Just the night before, Friday,** we had met upstairs at the Blarney Stone on Tipperary Hill in the West End. Everyone immediately began talking to each other about our lives and reminiscing about old times back at Ludden. It was a small group at this reunion for various reasons—Covid, family commitments, illnesses, the inability to reach fellow students, and a number of other reasons that happen when one becomes an adult, moves away or doesn't. In fact, the booklet that Jackye and Twister put together starts out:

*Dear BLHS Mates of the first Graduation Class,*

*We'll say it as it is, straight out: When we accepted the work of chair and cochair of the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion, we had no idea it would be as hard as it has been to get to the reality of a gathering as we are doing this weekend of September 9-10. First of all, why did you move around so much since the committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> spent three years gathering all your correct contact information?*

The message went on mentioning the adventures members of the class must have been on since they were often hard to find, how grateful Jackye and Twister were to know us, the class of 1966, and the "amazing plane trip to the New York World's Fair for the day in 1965 ... in lieu of a junior prom ...". That particular event came up often during this reunion. At the end of their welcoming letter, both of our dear friends encouraged us to "stay



**Taken at the Blarney Stone. First Row, left to right: Kathy Dillon Brownjohn, Peg Brereton, Kitty Vincent, Mary Helen Barrett Rowell, Gilda Morina Syverson; Second Row, left to right: Jackye Zimmermann, Maureen Hickey Conklin, Nancy Pierce Collins, Carolyn McPeak Fletcher, Bob Bigsby, Tony Psyck, Chris Hewitt Lloredo, Mary Beyrau Schalk; Third Row, left to right: John McCarthy, Steve Speno, Jim McLaughlin, Jim "Twister" Williams, Ron Puchir, Danny Coughlin, Bob Gettino, John Schalk.**

*well, keep up your energy, always be the kind people we know you as."*

Even though it was a small group, as soon as we gathered on Friday evening, everyone started talking to each other, as we shared our life experiences—some joyful, some difficult. And it came up time and again about the unique opportunity of being the first graduating class of Bishop Ludden High School.

**Kindness flourished as we moved around the room** sometimes asking the person, even if they had their name tag on, who they were, LOL—especially between the guys and gals. We all got it having had been separated from the "other side" of that chapel like two angel wings spread out pushing our teenage selves apart from the opposite gender. After all, the members of the class of 1966 all know the story about the nun who felt a particular energy floating across the gym. Darn, how did I miss it?

At the Mass on Saturday morning, Kathy Gilheney had a table set up outside the chapel with a number of items including two of our yearbooks, a composite photo of The Class of 1966 that

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## Reflections *from last page*

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most of us never knew we could have purchased, Bishop Ludden green pens, two copies of a Newsletter, the booklet on the Sports Hall of Fame Induction from July 31, 2022.

**Coach Terry Quigley was in the book and had a plaque** on the wall inside a huge frame that had been built to honor many of the guys who played ball over the years. Who could ever forget what Coach Quigley, who recently passed away, had to say at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion about the first class having been the amazing group of students we were. Yes, he was talking about “us!”

Monsignor Haegerty, now 95 years old and looking terrific, also began talking about our class before Mass began. What fond and happy memories he shared. Father Hagerty, as we had known him then, was delighted to bring up again that not only did the students who walked through the door not know what was going on, neither did the faculty and staff. I loved the honesty. And he was smiling and full of joy when admitting that we all figured it out together. He also mentioned the World’s Fair and how Ralph Ferrara went from being a quiet, unknown kid to Senior Class Treasurer just by missing the plane back to Syracuse. (Not on purpose, of course.)

Kathy Dillon Brownjohn played guitar and sang three beautifully chosen songs for the occasion. I was struck by the lyrics in the song “Go In Peace” especially when Kathy sang, “Go in peace. Go in kindness. Go in love,” words that seemed to surface throughout our time together.

**Now, I am admittedly a bit biased toward the arts**, so when the Director of Development was proud to point out the Sports Hall of Fame wall and the contributions that had been made for it to be built, I assured her if they had an Arts Hall of Fame I might be interested in contributing to such a display myself. She made sure in the tour of the school afterwards that we got to see the new Fine Arts Wing that wasn’t there when we had attended. It included a music/choral room with risers and a grand piano, a band room, and two art rooms—one a ceramic room with a kiln. Touché, Kathy Gilheney!

Our evening at Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus, overlooking the 9<sup>th</sup> hole on the night of a Full Moon, was as welcoming as our time at the Blarney Stone and at Mass in the chapel, where by the way a list was passed around giving those present a chance to read a few names before passing the paper on to the next person, until we read 35 student names and those of the 12 faculty and staff who had died. That night, Maureen Hickey Conklyn and Peg Brereton brought back the Remembrance board displaying photos of those whom we know have passed on, along with the obituaries they were able to find.

Peter Cappuccilli, events director at Tuscarora, and a member of the BLHS Class of 1969, presented a delicious Italian meal, including food for gluten-free types like myself, as well as cannoli for dessert. Before the meal was served, Jackye announced she’d say grace. We held hands and then she started with the traditional prayer of, “Bless us oh Lord ...,” before adding another grace. “We love our bread, we love our butter and ...” every-

one still holding hands but not quite knowing what she was up to, until we got to the words, “most of all,” and then we all said loud and clear and with great laughter and recognition, “we love each other.”

Before, during and after the meal, we continued our conversations of looking back to the past and sharing the present, as if 56 years had not gone as quickly as they had. Everyone’s memories weren’t always easy, but there was a remarkable amount of healthy honesty, and kindness for each other, present or not, which made me feel even closer to my fellow classmates and grateful for my times at Ludden and the life that followed.

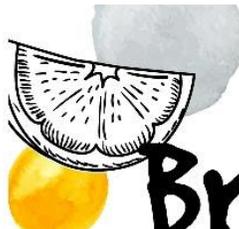
**I want to end with a few more things that struck me.** Kathy Gilheney stopped in on Saturday night and shared with us what was going on at Ludden. We all know enrollment is not where it was when we attended BLHS, but I felt hopeful that the inclusion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School program, now part of Ludden’s curriculum, is something that could attract many types of students, from all religions and cultural backgrounds. I was fortunate to have been an IB examiner in the Fine Arts area for a couple of years thanks to Jackye, who had also been an IB examiner in French, and recommended me to the program. It is a marvelous educational opportunity, and I hope that those in Syracuse are aware of what the IB Program has to offer the region and that the word spreads that Ludden has made a significant contribution for students by adopting the program.

At the end, someone answered the call that Jackye and Twister had written on the bottom of the 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion booklet, “*Please tell or email one or both of us that you are assuming the position of the chair of the 60<sup>th</sup>.*” Sure enough, Jackye was excited to announce that Steve Speno offered, as long as there were “three,” she held her fingers high, yes “three” other volunteers, to help him out. There were! Pete Cappuccilli also made an offer if we’d like to return. So, keep him in your prayers that he and all of us stay healthy for when we meet again in 2026.

And although, like others who could not make the reunion, we are grateful to Jim Reagan for working back at his home setting up a private FB page entitled *Bishop Ludden H.S., Class of 1966*. Hop on Class of 1966, and if you’ve never been on FB, join so we can keep up with each other.

**As we ended our weekend together**, we heard Jackye when she asked us all to each make a commitment to “say something when you see something,” that may not be right in this world, and to teach the same to your children, grandchildren and friends.

The sun went down on Hole No. 9 overlooking the greenway, shadows of tall trees in the background, the unique-shaped four-sided clock that stood outside the windows of the room we were in, as it reflected each moment in time. Rising in the distance was the Harvest Full Moon shining a bright light toward our next gathering a short four years away.



# PK-12 Breakfast Menu



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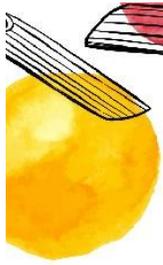
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Biscuit-wich Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>3</b>	Bagel-ful with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>4</b>	Assorted Cereal: <i>Cinnamon Toasters, Chex, Cheerios, or Raisin Bran</i> with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>5</b>	Banana Muffin with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>6</b>	Cinnamon Fresh Toast Sticks Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>7</b>
<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY NO SCHOOL</b> <b>10</b>	Vanilla Yogurt Cinnamon Granola with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>11</b>	Assorted Cereal: <i>Cinnamon Toasters, Chex, Cheerios, or Raisin Bran</i> with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>12</b>	Cinnamon Ultra Slice Bread with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>13</b>	Maple Waffles Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>14</b>
Breakfast Sandwich Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>17</b>	Greek Yogurt Cinnamon Granola with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>18</b>	Assorted Cereal: <i>Cinnamon Toasters, Chex, Cheerios, or Raisin Bran</i> with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>19</b>	Zainy Ultra Slice Bread with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>20</b>	Blueberry Waffles Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>21</b>
Breakfast Crossantwich Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>24</b>	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>25</b>	Assorted Cereal: <i>Cinnamon Toasters, Chex, Cheerios, or Raisin Bran</i> with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>26</b>	Blueberry Muffin with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice <b>27</b>	Maple Pancakes Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>28</b>
Breakfast Bagel-wich Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit <b>31</b>	Strawberry/Blueberry Yogurt Strawberry Granola with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice	Assorted Cereal: <i>Cinnamon Toasters, Chex, Cheerios, or Raisin Bran</i> with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice	Lemon Ultra Slice Bread with Assorted Fruit Skim or 1% Milk Juice	Triple Berry French Toast Skim or 1% Milk Juice Assorted Fruit

It is our intent to have these choices available to all students at all times, however, there may be occasions when choices are limited.

A reimbursable meal must include at least 1/2 C. fruit, with an entrée.

\*All meals offered are available with choice of 1% or Skim White Milk daily



# PK-12 Lunch Menu



- Available Daily:**
- PK-12 Entrees:**  
Cheese Sandwich  
PBJ w/Cheese Stick  
Yogurt Parfait
- Standalone MS & HS Entree:**  
Fruit Platter
- HS Only Entree:**  
Assorted Pizza
- K-12 Sides:**  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
Hummus Veggie Boats



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Buffalo Chicken Pizza or Cheese Pizza Cheddar burger (HS) or Cheeseburger (HS) Tossed Salad Peach Cup <b>3</b>	Burrito Bowl Red Pepper Strips Strawberry Cup (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>4</b>	Chicken & Dinner Roll Baked Beans Apple Crisp (K-12) Mixed Fruit Cup (PK) <b>5</b>	Veggie Chili w/Corn Muffin (K-12) Chicken Tenders (PK) Baked Potato (K-12) Applesauce (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) Potato Wedges (PK) NY Grapes <b>6</b>	Teriyaki Lo Mein Steamed Sugar Snap Peas Canned Pears <b>7</b>
<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY NO SCHOOL 10</b>	Taco Bowl Black Bean Corn Salad Strawberry Cup (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>11</b>	Mega Leg Chicken & Cornbread Roasted Red Potatoes Mixed Fruit Cup <b>12</b>	Turkey Gravy w/ Homemade Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Apple Crisp (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>13</b>	Pot Stickers w/Sweet & Sour PC Broccoli Canned Pears <b>14</b>
Cheeseburger or Classic Burger Tossed Salad Peach Cup <b>17</b>	Mexican Meatballs w/Rice & Beans Tostada (HS) Tomato Cucumber Salad Strawberry Cup (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>18</b>	Buffalo Chicken Nachos Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Cup <b>19</b>	Philly Cheese Steak Potato Wedges Applesauce (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>20</b>	General Tsao Chicken over Vegetable Fried Rice Sugar Snap Peas Canned Pears <b>21</b>
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Pizza Burger (HS) or Classic Burger (HS) Tossed Salad Peach Cup <b>24</b>	Beef Enchiladas Kernel Corn Strawberry Cup (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>25</b>	Chicken & Waffle Sweet Potato Mash Mixed Fruit Cup <b>26</b>	Italian Pasta & Meat Sauce Cauliflower Applesauce (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) <b>27</b>	Chicken Eggrolls w/Sweet & Sour PC Broccoli Canned Pears <b>28</b>
Rodeo Burger or Classic Burger Tossed Salad Peach Cup <b>31</b>	Chicken Empanada Mexican Boat (K-12) Salsa (PK) Strawberry Cup (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK) Carrot Sticks (PK)	Hot Link with Peppers & Onions (K-12) Corn Cobbett Mixed Fruit Cup	Toasted Cheese & Tomato Soup Carrot Coins Applesauce (K-12) Fresh Fruit Wedges (PK)	Korean Beef Bowl Coleslaw Canned Pears

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A reimbursable meal must include at least 1/2 C. fruit or vegetable. Assorted fresh fruit and hummus veggie boats available in café daily.

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