

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

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November 2023

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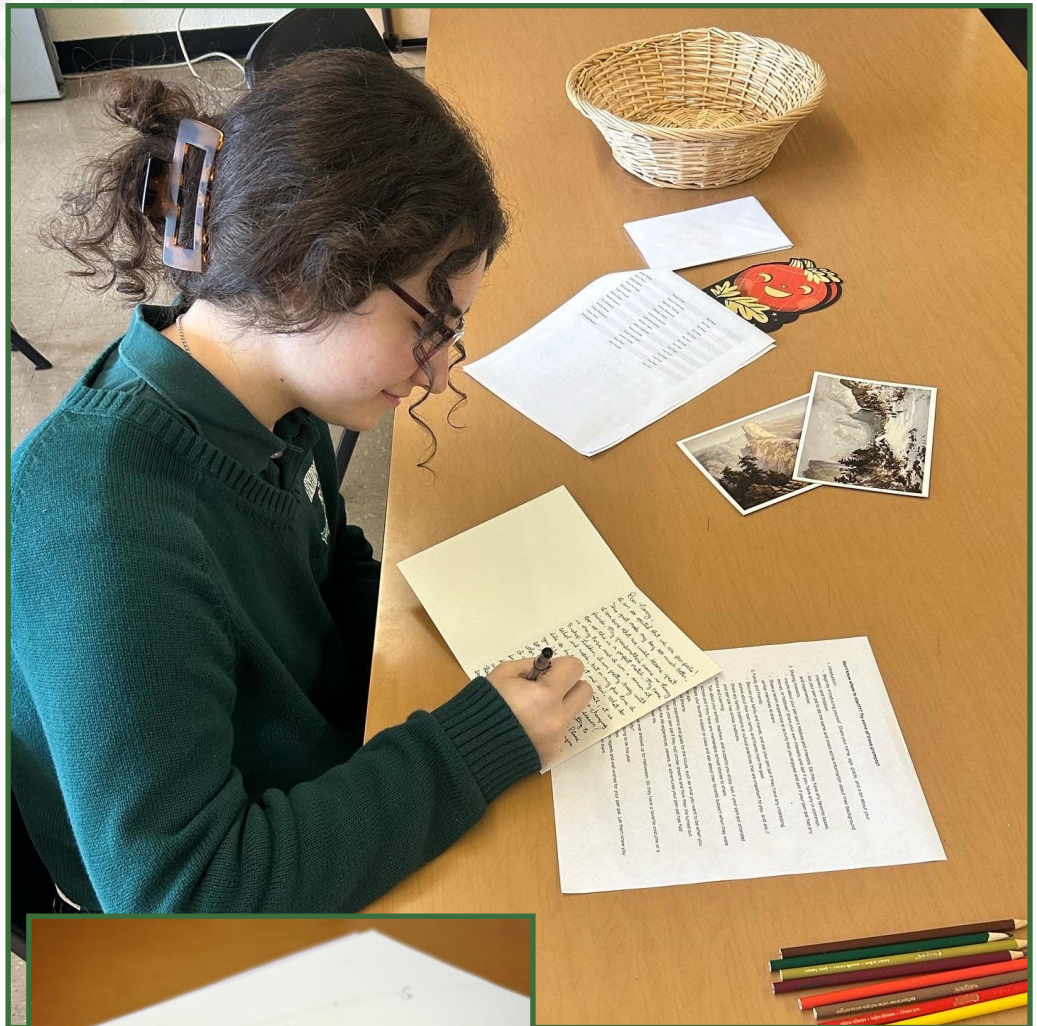
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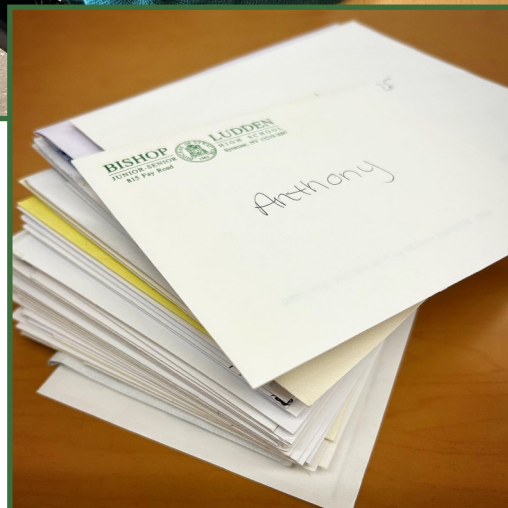
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More than 40 students wrote their first card for their new Pen Pal at St. Camillus Nursing Home, our neighbors! These students will keep in touch with the same resident throughout the duration of the school year, checking in with them, wishing them well, and building a bond.

Coaches vs Cancer Basketball Clinic

By Michael Masterpole

Bishop Ludden students Tim Dunham and Mike Masterpole organized a basketball clinic for their CAS project, which is a required component of the IB diploma. The goal of this project was to raise money for the Coaches vs Cancer Foundation. Coaches vs Cancer, in partnership with the National Association of Basketball Coaches, has united coaches and fans nationwide to help the American Cancer Society defeat cancer.

In addition to raising \$450 for Coaches vs Cancer, there were more than 40 participants in grades 3-6. The participants were from local schools ranging from Holy Family, Most Holy Rosary, Blessed Sacrament, Marcellus, Liverpool, and many more.

Tim and Mike are both members of our varsity basketball team. They wanted to help develop the skills of the youth, in hopes that they may play basketball for the Gaelic Knights in the future. Coach Driscoll, Coach Petrera, and members from both the boys and girls varsity basketball teams volunteered at the clinic. Our basketball program was more than willing to come together in support of this great cause, while also supporting the future of Ludden Basketball.



Christmas Concert set for Dec. 13

'Tis the season to be jolly! The Bishop Ludden Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13 in the Ludden gym. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to hear Ludden's bands, which will be conducted by Mr. Dave Majerus. You'll also hear Ludden's Jr. High Chorus and Concert Choir, directed by Ms. Jamison. Come support Ludden's music program and get into the holiday spirit at the same time.

Reception after the concert: If you're able to contribute something (some kind of dessert/ treat) for the reception, everyone (especially our student musicians) would appreciate it! Mrs. Kristen Smith has kindly agreed to organize our reception this year. Please email kristendonergmail.com if you can help in any way. Many thanks!

Reminders about concert attire for chorus students and parents:

Jr. High Chorus: *All black this year!*

Girls: Solid black shirt/ blouse with black pants or black skirt (length of skirt must meet the knees at least). Nice, dark shoes without heels, please!

Boys: Black button-down shirt and black (or navy) pants, and dark shoes (no sneakers, no sweatpants).

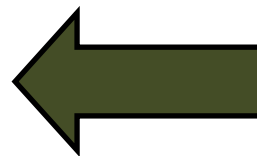
Concert Choir:

Girls: Long, simple, solid black dress. Some type of sleeve preferred. Dress should be "tasteful" (as in, no plunging necklines). Or a solid black top and black pants.

Boys: Black tuxedos with white shirts. Or a dark suit with a white shirt. Dark dress shoes.



Please email Ms. Jamison at ajamison@syrdiocese.org if you have any questions. Thank you!



Introducing
Ludden's
2023-24 Junior
High Chorus!

Congrats to the boys modified soccer team!



The boys modified team went undefeated with only 10 players. Coached by alumni Ted Ackerman.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,”

- Philippians 2:3



A senior escape ...



The Senior class escaped reality for a day to experience a much appreciated brain break!! Their day consisted of a hike to Tinker Falls, puppy therapy, Tully's tenders, Gannon's ice cream, spike ball, and beautiful weather. Thank you God for the gift of our seniors and the gift of today!

CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



ABOVE: Students Drew Brunger and Olivia Vogan take a break to smile for the camera. They take Independent Study Art with Mrs. Rhonda Henderson. **RIGHT:** Drew Brunger shows off his portrait of Mrs. Henderson. **BOTTOM:** IB Art students Christian Tetreault, Jandro Donigan, and Matthew Knechtle



Keep up to date on all the latest news at Ludden. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

FACTS portal now open

The Grant & Aid Application portal in FACTS is now open.

Families can apply online by visiting online.factsmgmt.com/aid.

The application and supporting documentation must be completed and submitted by **Feb. 1**.

If you need assistance in completing or submitting your application, contact me directly at 315-459-7175 or at mpetrus@syrdioocese.org.

Ms. Petrus's hours are typically 8 a.m. to noon if anyone would like to meet in person.

BL Team A claims 3rd at 2023 Ithaca Fall Invitational



Bishop Ludden took four teams to the Ithaca Fall Invitational Quiz Bowl Tournament and brought home the third-place trophy and two All-Star awards. Ludden's A team went 6-1 during the seven preliminary rounds, losing only to eventual champions Berwick A. The squad went to the championship round, winning the first two games and then fell by one question to Geneva A in Round 10. Captain Payton Campbell, Peter Smith, the tournament's top overall player, Alex Ewanyk, and Theresa Quigley defeated Berwick B, the only squad to beat Berwick A, in round 11 for the third-place trophy. Berwick A, at 10-1, took the championship trophy with a win over 10-1 Geneva A.

Bishop Ludden A beat Moravia 255-110, Geneva B 275-70, Bishop Ludden C 215-70, Union Springs B 375-30, Hopkins B 260-130, and then went into game six against 5-0 Cooperstown A. The team smoked Cooperstown 305-90. The six-game streak ended with a 315-135 loss to Berwick A. The team was seeded third going into playoffs and beat Hopkins A 240-90 and Geneva B 215-130 before taking on Geneva A in Game 10. The game had

constant lead changes before Geneva locked in the win on question 19 out of 20. BL A took 45 points on question 20, but the 250-230 margin sent Geneva to the championship finals. Bishop Ludden A then faced Berwick B, which came off defeating eventual champs Berwick A 185-145 in round 10. Bishop Ludden A pulled away on question 17 for the 230-100 victory. The squad had very balanced scoring throughout the day as they worked towards nationals in the spring. Peter averaged 67.27 per game, followed by rising star Alex Ewanyk with 16.36. Alex's first quiz bowl was in September. Captain Payton Campbell and Theresa Quigley averaged 10 and 9.55 respectively. Bishop Ludden B's squad, Captains Julia Smith and Zander Craner, Molly Smith, and Aidan Grealish-Liquori were 2-5 in prelims, before a 2-1 performance in the consolation round, where they defeated Union Springs A and Moravia.

Bishop Ludden C had two wins on the day. The squad was led by senior Captain Lily Janowski, who averaged 23 points per game, Gabriella Berry, who averaged 11.5,

Mary Papini, with 11.01, Sophia Azria with 5.0, and Noor Naveed.

Bishop Ludden D finished in sixth place with their 6-4 record. The team was led by All-Star Momin Naveed, with 36.50 points per game and Mya Barnaba with 23 per game. Captains Ryan Skanes and Olivia Smith averaged 10.5 and 5.71 respectively, with eighth grader Asimwe Kabulete scoring in the bonus section, which is not credited individually. They opened with a pair of one question victories, a 175-150 nipping of Hopkins A and 160-125 victory over Cooperstown B. They dropped a 105-70 game to Bishop Ludden B, then rebounded to defeat Skaneateles 250-95. They dropped the next two games to Geneva A and Berwick B before smacking Union Springs A 160-35. They just missed qualifying for the Championship round and were 2-1 in Consolation. They destroyed Union Springs B 210-10, dropped to Cooperstown B 205-85, then finished with a 170-50 drubbing of Bishop Ludden C.

The teams travel to Geneva on December 2 for the Geneva Invitational.

Quiz Bowl Fundraiser

The Bishop Ludden Nationals Travel Fund is benefiting from a Delta Sonic Fundraiser which runs through February 15. The team receives \$9 from every \$18 purchase of Super Kiss Car Wash.

The team has already qualified two teams for the Quiz Bowl Small School National Championship Tournament, Open Division.

Funds are used for travel, hotels, and museum trips. The team has qualified for five straight years and was number seven in the country in 2021.



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Food Science learns to plant bulbs



Parent Michael Skanes, father of senior STEM Captain Ryan Skanes, sponsored a project to plant daffodils, tulips, irises, allium, muscari, tritelia, and pink allium at the main entrance to Bishop Ludden.

Students in period 9 Food Science started the project, which the students in period 10 Food Science finished it. Students learned how to properly dig, plant, and protect the bulbs, which should bloom in Spring 2024.

Bishop Ludden eSports makes playoffs in Rocket League

Bishop Ludden's Gaelic Knights Rocket League team just knocked off #9 in the league Mesa Warriors with an overtime victory in Game 4 of the best of five match to clinch the #12 seed in PlayVS's Rocket League New York Playoffs. MESA Charter High School, who also made the playoffs, won game one 2-0.

Peter Smith scored the only goal in game two to even it up. Junior star Hayden Parkhurst and Peter both scored in game three for the 2-1 win. The game was a nail-biter with Hayden scoring to tie it up 1-1 before OT. Hayden's goal clinched the match.

Great job this season by seniors Pete, Zander Craner, Julia Smith, who assisted on one goal, and Aidan Bush. Bishop Ludden takes on #5 seed Washingtonville Senior High School's WHS Wizards RL Blue on December 1 in the round of 16.

The team is coached by Maxine Babcock.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Alumna Palladino ('86) named PETALS Honoree

Patty Downey Palladino was named a PETALS Honoree for September. She is being recognized for her tenacity to help veterans who needed a voice to resolve issues and concerns.

Patty goes above and beyond each and every day, incorporating VA's I CARE principles of listening with compassion and understanding to help veterans who reach out to the Patient Advocacy Office for assistance.

Congratulations, Patricia! Thank you for giving your best to veterans every day.



In Memoriam

Claire Donovan Cummings, class of 1970



Claire Marie Donovan Cummings, 71, passed on November 5, 2023 surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer. Born July 16, 1952, in Syracuse, New York to the late Joseph and Kathryn Donovan Sr as the first of 11 children. Beloved wife to Robert Cummings of 40 years. She was predeceased by her parents and siblings Michael, Joseph Jr, Kathryn and David Donovan. She is survived by her siblings Mary (Jeff Marcy) Farkas, Debra (Michael) Malfitano, Kara (Brian) Donegan, Jerry (Tina) Donovan, Teresa (the late Richard) Schofield, Patrick (Carol) Donovan and sister-in-law Trish (the late Michael) Donovan. Mother of Kathryn (Timothy) Lyons and Joseph Cummings. Nana of Brock, Paul and Jacquelyn Lyons.

Claire is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A graduate of Bishop Ludden High School, SUNY Canton, Empire State University and Syracuse University, Claire pursued her academic achievements with a fierce determination and dedication. She was an integral team member in various departments during her 41 year tenure at Niagara Mohawk/National Grid. Claire had a love of reading, travel and was an avid Syracuse University fan which she shared with her husband and family. In more recent years, Claire was a member of the Livestrong Program at the Skaneateles Community Center. The family is thankful for the many years of dedication and support of the Upstate Cancer Center Staff, especially Dr. Michael LaCombe.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Marcellus Free Library, and the Upstate Foundation in memory of Claire are greatly appreciated. Condolences for the family may be left at www.plisfuneralhome.com

Estate Planning/Preparing your will

Please remember Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School when working on your estate planning.

A bequest provides a lasting legacy by helping future students at Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School. There is also the potential for significant tax savings.

REUNIONS

Next year's reunions ...

The classes of '73, '79, and '84 are starting to plan their reunions for next year. Watch for details to come!

SAVE THE DATE: Class of 1974 will hold its 50th Reunion on Aug. 2, 2024. Details to follow next year!

Upcoming reunion

Class of 2003

The class of 2003 is holding its 20-year reunion from **7 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Nov. 24 at Rail Line Event Venue, Downtown Syracuse.** Pretty casual with food, drinks and music. Tickets available via Eventbrite.

Planning a reunion? We want to hear from you! Please call us at 315-468-2591



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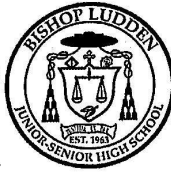
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November 2023

Dear Alumni and Friends of Bishop Ludden,

During this time of thanksgiving and gratitude, we ask that you please help make a Catholic education a reality for our scholars. Please donate to our Annual Campaign or contact us to make a pledge or donation to our Comprehensive Campaign. These campaigns directly assist families by providing necessary aid to those in need.

Read on for grateful messages from our scholars impacted by your generous financial gifts.

“I am so thankful that I can continue my education at Ludden. I get to challenge myself with the IB curriculum, play multiple sports at competitive levels and make life-long friendships!” – Elizabeth – Class of 2025

“My scholarship has allowed me to be a part of Bishop Ludden’s loving community.” – Elden – Class of 2025

“Going to Ludden keeps me with friends who I have known for years and gives me the opportunity to keep up my academics and athletics. Your kind donation is and will always be appreciated. Again, thank you dearly and God Bless.” – Adrianna – Class of 2026

“As well as helping me to stay enrolled at Bishop Ludden, your donation makes me strive to become a better student, athlete and Catholic. Thank you for everything. – Abigail – Class of 2025

Thank you for affecting the lives of our students with your kind donation.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Kathleen M Gilheney '80

Director of Development

Ways of Giving

GIFTS OF CASH

Cash and checks of any amount are welcome. Please make checks payable to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

GIFTS OF PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES

All securities that are traded on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, the NASDAQ, and other major U.S. Exchanges shall be accepted. The value of a gift of regularly traded securities will be the mean of the high and low of the stock(s) or bond(s) on the day the transfer is affected by the donor to the organization.

GIFTS BY BEQUEST

Cash bequests represent an important potential source of gifts. Direct, unencumbered bequests provide Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School the full value of the bequest and provide the testator's estate with a charitable deduction for the same value. Attempts shall be made to discover bequest plans whenever possible in order to determine whether inappropriate non-cash items have inadvertently been left to the organization so the donor can be advised how to conform his or her plans to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

There are four ways that a bequest can be made to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School:

1. A fixed amount of cash or securities or a percentage of the estate can be given.
2. In a residual bequest, after other beneficiaries receive a designated portion of the estate, the remainder of the estate is left to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.
3. A contingent bequest can be made where Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School will receive a portion of the estate only if the named beneficiaries predecease the maker of the bequest. Those who must provide for younger family members often select this form.
4. A testamentary trust bequest creates a trust and the income or stated amount is paid to the beneficiaries. On their death, Bishop Ludden Jr Sr High School receives the use of the gift. This option may actually increase life income for beneficiaries since it reduces the amount of the estate subject to estate taxes.

DIRECT GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Donors who are ages 70½ or older can instruct their plan administrators to make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School. The gift will count towards the donor's minimum distribution requirement. The gift is not included in taxable income, and no charitable deduction is allowed.

GIFTS BY LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance may be given to the organization. Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School encourages donors to name the organization to receive all or a portion of the benefits of life insurance policies that they have purchased on their lives. New or existing policies may be given outright or the organization can be named the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy.

Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School will accept fully paid life insurance policies in which the donor has named the organization to receive all or a portion of the benefits of the insurance policy. The donor's tax consequences hinge on whether the policy's ownership has been endorsed over to the organization and whether the benefits have been irrevocably assigned to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

A donor who irrevocably transfers life insurance to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School can claim income tax deductions for the policy's cost basis or cash surrender value, whichever is less. The donor can never claim an income tax deduction on the policy's face value.

Naming Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School as the beneficiary on the policy is not sufficient to generate an income tax deduction for the donor because the donor can change the beneficiary at a later date. To be entitled to a deduction, the donor must make the organization both beneficiary and owner of the policy. Upon receiving a paid-up policy, the organization, as owner, can surrender it and obtain the cash value or keep the policy until the death of the donor.

GIFTS BY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Charitable Remainder Trusts are separate legal entities, and their obligations are limited to their assets. Trusts file their own returns and make all payments from their assets and must have a federal trust number, making payments to beneficiaries under strictly hierarchical rules.