

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER



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"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."  
*1 Corinthians 6:14*

## PRAYING FOR POPE FRANCIS



With the passing of Pope Francis on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the students and staff of Bishop Ludden gathered to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as we celebrated his welcoming into heaven and mourned his loss from this earth.

## PURPLE FUNDRAISER

Our students dressed in purple to honor the tragic passing of a peer from Central Square and raise funds for Ronald McDonald House.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**LUDDEN GIVING DAY** MAY 6TH  
**GALA** MAY 16TH  
**SPRING CONCERT** MAY 21ST  
**NO SCHOOL/MEMORIAL DAY** MAY 26TH  
**NO SCHOOL/BISHOP'S DAY** MAY 27TH  
**ASCENSION MASS** MAY 29TH  
**HALF DAY/PD DAY** MAY 30TH  
**HONORS CONVOCATION** JUNE 2ND  
**VARSITY ATHLETICS AWARDS CEREMONY** JUNE 3RD  
**SENIORS LAST DAY OF CLASSES** JUNE 5TH  
**TENT DAY** JUNE 6TH  
**LAST DAY OF CLASSES** JUNE 11TH  
**LUDDEN DAY** JUNE 12TH  
**BACCALAUREATE MASS** JUNE 13TH  
**GRADUATION** JUNE 14TH  
**FINAL EXAMS** JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>  
**NO EXAMS/JUNETEENTH** JUNE 19TH

## Sport Schedules

*Let's pack the stands with fans!*

Boys	Girls
<i>Spring Sports</i>	<i>Spring Sports</i>
<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Outdoor Track</u>
<u>Golf</u>	<u>Lacrosse</u>
<u>Lacrosse</u>	<u>Softball</u>
<u>Outdoor Track</u>	

## HELP US MATCH THE CHALLENGES & DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!

Ludden Giving Day 2025 is quickly approaching. We are excited to continue this tradition at Bishop Ludden. We know that the Ludden community will respond generously to this call to give.

Please save the date: **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**. Our goal is **300 gifts starting today** to support the future of Bishop Ludden and its incredible students.

The success of the day, as always, depends on you. **Every donor counts!**

**To learn more about our special repeat matching challenge, check our website at [bishopludden.org/giving/comprehensive-campaign/](http://bishopludden.org/giving/comprehensive-campaign/). Another surprise challenge will be announced on May 6.**

To give, click on the GIVING tab on our website: [bishopludden.org](http://bishopludden.org) and check in on our Facebook page.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Kathy Gilheney '80  
Director of Development

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**LUDDEN**  
*Giving Day*



## May Exams

### **NYS TESTING FOR GRADE 7**

MATH MAY 7TH & 8TH

### **NYS TESTING FOR GRADE 8**

MATH MAY 7TH & 8TH

SCIENCE MAY 14TH

### **AP EXAMS**

AP CALCULUS MAY 13TH

AP BIOLOGY MAY 13TH

AP ENGLISH LANG & COMP MAY 14TH

## June Exams

### **FINAL EXAMS**

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - 23RD

\*SPECIFIC EXAM DATES TBD

### **REGENTS EXAMS**

BIOLOGY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> AM

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> PM

GEOMETRY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AM

ENGLISH JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AM

LIVING ENVIRONMENT JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> PM

GLOBAL HISTORY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> AM

ALGEBRA I JUNE 18TH PM

US HISTORY & GOVERNMENT JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> AM

EARTH SCIENCE PHYSICAL SETTING JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> PM

CHEMISTRY JUNE 24TH AM

PHYSICS JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> PM

ALGEBRA II JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> AM

\*[CLICK HERE FOR NYS REGENTS SCHEDULE](#)  
[PRINTABLE PDF](#)

## Study Tips and Tricks

1. Start early with studying--don't wait until the last minute!
2. Pace yourself both on test day and with prep
3. Get plenty of rest--don't stay up cramming!
4. Drink water and eat a good breakfast on test day
5. Take a breathe--you're a knight, you've got this!

## IB Examination Schedule - May 2025 Session

### Standard Level Courses

Teacher	Subject	Examination Dates
Hanson	Bio. SL	Paper 1a - 5/12/25 pm Paper 1b - 5/12/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/13/25 am
Sudol	Env. Sys. SL	Paper 1 - 5/2/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/5/25 am
Gharsallaoui	French SL2	Paper 1 - 5/20/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/20/25 pm Reading Comprehension Paper 2 - 5/21/25 am Listening Comprehension
Marsh	Spanish SL2	Paper 1 - 5/14/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/14/25 pm Reading Comprehension Paper 2 - 5/15/25 am Listening Comprehension

### Higher Level Courses

Teacher	Subject	Examination Dates
Henderson	Art 2	None  Comparative study 3/15/25 Exhibition 4/10/25 Process portfolio 4/10/25
Loving	Eng HL2	Paper 1 - 5/8/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/9/25 pm
Miller	HOTA HL2	Paper 1 - 5/5/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/5/25 pm Paper 3 - 5/6/25 am
Rowe	Psych HL2	Paper 1 - 5/7/25 pm Paper 2 - 5/8/25 am Paper 3 - 5/8/25 am

## Europe Trip 2025



Our students traveled across the world this month, celebrating the Easter season at the beautiful Cathedral of Mary the Immaculate in Monaco and visiting the Valley of the Fallen in Spain.



## Travel With Us!

Travel to Switzerland, Italy, and France with Mrs. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. P, and Miss Kulak in 2026!

Contact [mbabcock@syrdiocese.org](mailto:mbabcock@syrdiocese.org) for more information.

**Switzerland, Italy and France**

Click the plane to Sign up!



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## The Ludden Dozen

*Based on the cumulative GPAs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Bishop Ludden is proud to present its top academic achievers from the class of 2025.*

Joseph Dunham

Elizabeth Gaughan - SALUTATORIAN

Jack Marvin

Grace Olivia - VALEDICTORIAN

Ashley Pawelczyk

Meredith Pessirilo

Parker Pichoske

Mikhayla Reyes

John Ruddy

Alexi Sheen

Blake Sheen

Colden Sheen

Molly Smith

James Westers



## 2025 National Honor Society Induction

*Held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, these students were selected to join the National Honor Society for their continued excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character*

Berry, Gabriella

Lillis, Brenna

Brady, Nicholas

McIntosh, Gabrielle

Brunger, Nicholas

Natale, Maria

Campbell, Payton

Naveed, Momin

Carpenter, Ava

Pascarella, Jaylianna

DeCarlo, Mia

Pullano, Laura

Hoerl, Finnian

Sheen, Porter



Taylor, Anthony

## You're Invited!

Bishop Ludden's Annual Spring Concert  
Wednesday, May 21st, 2025, 7:00pm, Ludden gym

Please plan to join us for our end-of-the-year concert when our senior musicians will be honored! Invite your friends and neighbors to come hear the Junior High Chorus, Concert Choir, Beginning Band, Jr. High Band and Sr. High Band!

Join us after the concert for a reception to celebrate all our Ludden musicians!



### **Chorus Concert Performer Attire**

Jr. High Chorus: Same as for Christmas: Solid BLACK: Black pants/ skirt, tops. If it is very warm outside, short sleeves may be worn.

Concert Choir: Same attire as for Christmas Concert

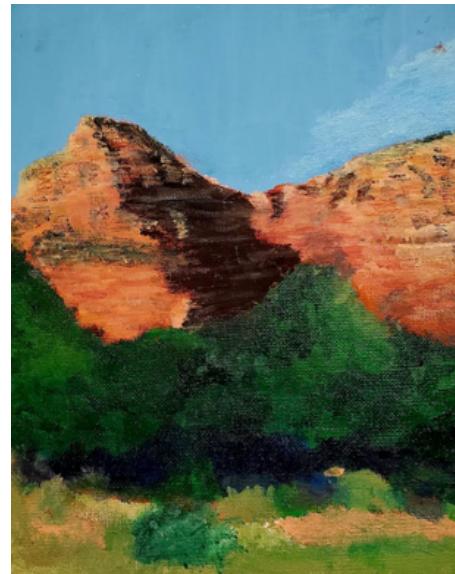
### **Visit our Pre-Concert IB Art Exhibition**

For the first time this year, our IB Art exhibition will be available for viewing for early concert goers. Wander down to the 600 wing between 6pm and 7pm to view our amazing artwork!

## IB Exhibition

IB Art is a part of our International Baccalaureate program and challenges students' artistic minds through creating their own end-of-year exhibition with their own curatorial rationale which analyzes their work in context. Seniors Max Boyea, Blake Sheen, Grace Olivia, Vieyla Thatvihane, and Jack Ruddy proudly stand next to their work displayed in the art wing.

*Please join us in celebrating our young artists by visiting our 600 wing "Center for Artful Expression" Exhibition from 6-7pm before our Spring Concert on May 21st*



*"Sedona Noon"*

Max Boyea

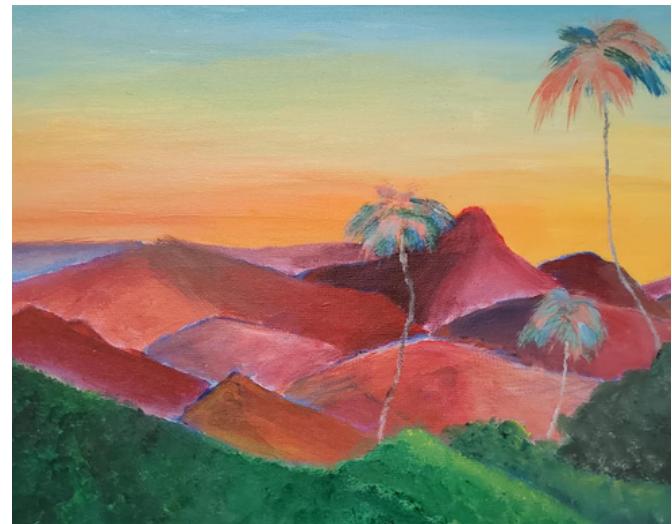


*"A Path in Woodland Serenity"*

Blake Sheen



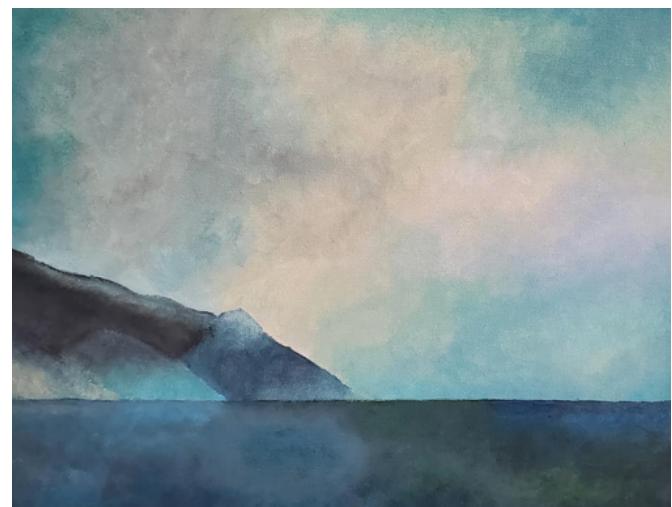
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*"Exotic Dunes"*  
Jack Ruddy



*"Silent Strength"*  
Vieyla Thatvihane



*"The Calm Before the Storm"*  
Grace Olivia

## History Bowl & Science Bee National Competitions



The squad was coached by Maxine Babcock and Susie Davis. The varsity team's senior, Aidan Grealish-Liquori, completed his third trip, as did sophomore Sophia Azria, who helped lead the JV team to three wins and second place in the Monroe Lower Bracket. The varsity team was rounded out with Momin Naveed, Payton Campbell, and Anthony Taylor. Alex Ewanyk, Mya Barnaba, Noor Naveed, Nina Barraco, and Asimwe Kabulete all contributed to the three JV wins.



Sophomore Mya Barnaba scored 19 points at the National Science Bee amidst some of the top sophomore science players in the world.



The students had amazing experiences, including meeting up with our sister school players from Bishop Grimes!



The team spends the day in Washington D.C. visiting The Holocaust Museum, both Air and Space Museums, the Asian History Museum, The African-American Museum, the Native American Museum, Reagan Airport, and Tyson Mall.



The team spent a day at Gettysburg, with visits to the museums and battlefields.

## Read-A-Thon

April is school library month and Drop Everything and Read month, so Bishop Ludden hosted our first annual Read-A-Thon competition. Each homeroom tried to read as many book pages as they could this month to win a dress down day. We had 61 participants read 91,464 pages across 233 books. Congratulations to Mr Ludwig's homeroom with 23,009 pages and to all of our participants for a job well done!



## Spring Writing Contest Winners



To celebrate spring, our students participated in a nature poem writing contest.

Congratulations to our three winners, Maria Natale, Lucian Waddell, and Asimwe Kabulete!

LOOKING TO DONATE TO OUR LIBRARY?

Please visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you for supporting literacy in our school!

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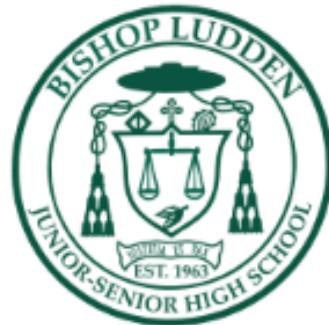
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*The Bishop Ludden  
Board of Trustees & Administration  
cordially invite our  
Golden Jubilarian Classes of 1966 through 1975  
to attend this year's  
Baccalaureate Mass as Golden Anniversary graduates.*

*The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
259 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
Friday June 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
Arrival at 6:00 p.m.*

*Please join us in the  
Cathedral's gathering space after mass,  
for a reception with coffee, dessert & camaraderie.*

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 16, 2025**  
with the enclosed response card or visit  
[bishopludden.org](http://bishopludden.org) under the alumni page  
and click on "Golden Graduates".

If you have any questions, please contact  
Kathy Gilheney at [kgilheney@syrdiocese.org](mailto:kgilheney@syrdiocese.org)

## REUNIONS



# BISHOP LUDDEN CLASS OF 2005 TWENTY-YEAR REUNION

JUNE 7TH, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

*Emerald Cocktail Kitchen's AMAZING Rooftop,  
133 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13204*

EVENT INCLUDES:

- Premium open bar
- Gourmet buffet dinner
- Music that doesn't include morning announcements

TICKETS: \$85 PER PERSON.  
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WELCOME

RSVP: Alena Anthony (alena.anthony@gmail.com) or  
Jake Slowik (jacob.slowik@gmail.com)



SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE THE

# 50th YEAR *reunion*

OF THE  
BISHOP LUDDEN HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 1975

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025, 4:00-8:00 PM

TUSCARORA GOLF CLUB  
2901 HOWLETT HILL ROAD  
MARCELLUS, NY 13108

TICKET \$75, DINNER & CASH BAR

RSVP: By July 2, 2025 [myevent.com/Bishop-Ludden-1975](http://myevent.com/Bishop-Ludden-1975)

CONTACT: Paul Schoeneck [PaulSchoenecksr@gmail.com](mailto:PaulSchoenecksr@gmail.com)



Save the Date!  
More details to come

Class of 1980  
45th Reunion  
Saturday Aug 2nd

Looking for something to wear  
to your reunion?  
Get your Ludden gear here!



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

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees 2025



### **Coach Oscar Vergara, Class of 1972**

Oscar came to Syracuse back in 1972 to move away from the hostile environment of Medellin, Colombia. He had a great experience as a student at BL and is the proud dad of four Ludden graduate daughters: Adriana, Amanda, Andrea and Alysa. At the age of 16, after sustaining a serious injury stopping any ability to compete in soccer; however, after arriving in USA, he got involved with coaching soccer at BL around 1974, as an assistant coach for one year and moving up to Varsity Head Coach the following season. While at BL we were able to build teams with players dedicated to learn the game the right way, adhering to the rule of "sportsmanship and fair play," for which they received Section III recognition. He led many successful seasons, making it into sectional play 43 out of 45 seasons. Oscar was twice recognized by the NYSHSA as the Parochial Schools NY State Coach of the Year which led to an inducted into the NY Hall of Fame in Oneonta. In addition, he won, the High School Coach of Significance Award as recognized by the United Soccer Coaches.



### **Marty Kress, Class of 1966**

When Marty Kress arrived at BLHS in September 1963, he was one of two students from St. Anthony's High School. Until then, his world had consisted of the sidewalks from his house, North to St. Anthony's, and South to the ball fields and basketball courts. Within a few weeks, BLHS became his new home. He was the first recipient of the Taylor Trophy for Athletics and Academics in 1964 and to be a starter on the varsity baseball and basketball teams for three years. When he graduated from BLHS in 1966 in the first graduating class, his network of BLHS friends extended across Syracuse and the world beyond, thanks to broadening of his horizons at BLHS by teachers and classmates and my mentorship by Coach Terry Quigley – a life-long friend.



### **Beth Sierotnik, Class of 2004**

As a Gaelic Knight, Beth was a member and 4-year starter on the varsity girls' basketball and lacrosse teams from 2000 - 2004. She was an All League Honorable Mention in basketball in 2003 and invited to play in the NY State Fair East/West All Star basketball game. In lacrosse she was captain 2003-2004, 1st team All League 2001-2002 and 2003-2004 and team MVP in 2003-2004. Beth was also a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete award winner in 2004. She continued her lacrosse career at Le Moyne College where she was one of the first Bishop Ludden girls lacrosse recipients of a Division 1 scholarship. Of the many recognitions she earned for her accomplishments on the court and field, she is most grateful to be a recipient of Ludden's Bishop Cunningham Award for scholarship, character, and athletic achievement. Beth credits her years at Ludden for her introduction to lacrosse, the opportunity to build lifelong friendships, and the strengthening of the values which continue to guide her life.

IN MEMORIAM: for full obituary, please click on the name

## Keith Love, Class of 1980



Darryl "Keith" Love, Sr. departed this life on March 27, 2025. He was surrounded by his loving family. He worked for the City of Syracuse in the Department of Parks and Recreation, where he retired after 31 years of service.

He was predeceased by his father, Barney Love, Sr. and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bertha Love of Syracuse, NY, his two sons, Jamar Love, Sr. and Darryl Keith Love, Jr. both of Syracuse, NY, and two daughters, Keyata Love-Williams (Eddielee) and Tiara Love, both of Syracuse, NY. He is also survived by three brothers Reginald Williams of Philadelphia, PA, Barney Love, Jr. of Murfreesboro, TN and Stefan Love (Marshell) of Syracuse, NY and one sister Bonita G. Love (Timothy Hill) of Syracuse, NY.

## Travis Guyder, Class of 1992



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Travis Guyder, 51, of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Travis passed away peacefully on April 9, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He attended Onondaga Central School, Christian Brothers Academy and graduated from Bishop Ludden High School. He then attended Canisius College in Buffalo, NY graduating with a degree in finance.

His life was a testament to kindness and compassion. A Loving father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Travis will be forever remembered for his vibrant sprit and unwavering support of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was a lifetime lover of sports, music, movies, and traveling. Hockey being his favorite sport, he went on as an adult to both sponsor and play for the Guyder Financial Bulls in Wisconsin, for many years. He then embarked on creating his own financial planning company, Guyder Financial Group, later expanding to Guardian Financial LLC.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Helen Guyder, his maternal grandparents, Richard and Margaret DeWitt, and Cousin, Alaina DeWitt.

He is survived by, his Daughter, Morgan Guyder, of Waukesha, WI, his parents, Thomas (Mary) Guyder, Camillus, and Janet Guyder of Onondaga Hill. Siblings, Jason Guyder (Amber) of Tully, twin sister, Rebecca Guyder-Eipp (Scott) of LaFayette, his soulmate, Trish Reiss of Wisconsin. He also leaves behind aunts, Uncles and cousins who adored him dearly.

MAY 6, 2025

*Save the Date!*



LUDDEN  
*Giving Day*

HELP US  
MATCH THE CHALLENGES  
& DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!