

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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The International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) recently authorized Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School as an IB World School for the Diploma Programme. Bishop Ludden is now a part of a global community of schools committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who will be ready to negotiate their futures successfully and make contributions resulting in a more peaceful world. Read the article published in Eagle Newspapers on page 2.

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Reminders

- CLIX Portraits will be here on Wednesday, Dec. 4 for **Retakes and Winter Sports photos**.
- Parent Nights: Save the Dates!
Tuesday, January 28: 11th Grade
Thursday, January 30: 8th Grade

IB INFO Line

Bishop Ludden is now AUTHORIZED to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). We will be offering IB courses to juniors and seniors starting September 2020.

Authorized!

As of October 29, 2019, Bishop Ludden is an IB World School, authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme (DP) in September, 2020. This was good news, and delivered to us much sooner than we originally anticipated. But that's a real plus, since we are now free to inform current and potential students and their families about the DP, the courses we will offer, and the skills students can expect to develop as IB DP students.

The IB DP at BL

Students who are entering JUNIORS in September, 2020 will be the first group eligible to complete all qualifications to earn an IB Diploma. Students who are SENIORS in September, 2020 may select from some of the IB classes offered, but it will be impossible for them to complete all the requirements for the actual Diploma. However, every IB course is college-level learning that exposes students to the rigor of post-secondary study, and so, by itself is valuable, proven college preparation. IB courses are either Higher Level (HL, or two year) or Standard Level (SL, or generally one year). Bishop Ludden currently will be offering the following IB classes next year:

English Literature HL

French SL

Spanish SL

History of the Americas HL

Environmental Systems & Society SL
Mathematics Analysis SL
Visual Arts HL

To meet the needs and interests of our students, we may offer an additional math class (Mathematics Applications SL), and also ONE of the following social sciences courses: Geography HL, Philosophy HL, Psychology HL, or Social & Cultural Anthropology HL. Decisions on these course offerings will be made based on student interest and staffing availability. Over time, we anticipate adding more IB courses.

In addition to the six content courses, IB Diploma students take a class called Theory of Knowledge (TOK), complete projects in Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS), and produce a major research paper called the Extended Essay.

Information, Please ...

Early in 2020, we will announce a number of information sessions to help both students and their families become more familiar with how the IB Diploma Programme actually works. There will be general sessions for all BL families, specific planning sessions for incoming juniors, and information regarding options for 2020-21 seniors. Sessions will occur more than once, and information will be made available for all members of the Bishop Ludden community. Parents or families with specific questions can contact the IB Office or the Counseling Office at Bishop Ludden. Watch for announcements via email and this newsletter as the Programme kickoff approaches.

IN THE NEWS

In recent weeks, two local news outlets, Syracuse.com and Eagle Newspapers, published articles on Bishop Ludden's latest achievement. Below is an excerpt from Eagle Newspapers, written by Ashley Casey. To read both in full, go to our website, BishopLudden.org.

College hopefuls who are looking for a more rigorous academic program will be in luck next fall. Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School will become the second area high school to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Starting in September 2020, students in 11th and 12th at the private Catholic high school in Syracuse will be able to take IB classes.

Principal Leo Cosgrove and IB Program Coordinator Ann Day have been working for the last two years to bring IB certification to Bishop Ludden. Both Cosgrove and Day previously worked at Corcoran High School, which is the only other school in Onondaga County that offers an IB diploma.

"It's a rehearsal for college ... under the careful guidance

of a teacher who knows your name and won't let you walk off a cliff. Colleges are happy to take your tuition money and let you fail," Day said. "For me, the beauty of the IB Diploma Programme is students for their entire junior and senior year are stepping up their game under a school that cares about them."



From the Counseling Office

Pre-ACT scores with explanations were mailed home to sophomores with report cards. If you did not receive your score, please contact Mrs. Schoeneck.

PSAT scores will be arriving mid-December. Students will receive an email from the College Board, if an email was provided at the time, so they can access scores themselves directly through College Board. Mrs. Schoeneck will be reviewing the results through religion class before Christmas break as well as providing them with information on future SAT and ACT testing.

Mrs. Wittchen and Miss Gilbert are continuing their work with the seventh grade during Skillz. Currently, they are sculpting stories, allowing students to rewrite childhood fairytales from a different point-of-view. They are helping students understand the importance of empathy and perspective. Next month, they will focus on gratitude and kindness.

Mrs. Wittchen and Miss. Gilbert will start entering ninth grade classes in January to introduce Naviance and complete the *Do What You Are* assessment, which will jumpstart the career and college process.

Seniors are working hard on college applications and some students have even received acceptances! Please be sure to stop in the Counseling Office to let us know your happy news and bring in a copy of your acceptance letter. Those of you who have still yet to apply, please make sure to submit your transcript request through Naviance to notify me that you are getting ready to apply.

First Quarter Principal List

Seventh grade

Lila Acosta
Grace Bain-King
Jackson Catalano
Thomas Cervantes
Joseph Dunham
Bailey Ganoung
Elizabeth Gaughan
Aidan Glennon
Grace Hilton
Charlotte Hsaio
Gabiella Lenchert
Jack Marvin
Natalie Nojaim
Grace Olivia
Meredith Pessirilo
Parker Pichoske
Mikhayla Reyes
Sophia Rivera
John Ruddy
Alexi Sheen

Blake Sheen
Colden Sheen
Molly Smith
Wi Jeong Suh
James Westers
Natalie Testa
Eighth grade
Delia Adams
Giana Calangelo
Zander Craner
Timothy Dunham
Jane Haggerty
Lilianna Janowski
Michael Masterpole
Philip McGarvey
Mary Papini
Sarah Prowak
Peter Smith
Ye Ryeong Suh
Dean Willson

Ninth grade

Achol Aroman
Ryan Brady
Norah Casey
Samuel Colella
Sarah Fink
Annie Gaughan
Bridgid Hardick
Catherine Keegan
Siobhan Kivlehan
Therese Murry
Keiara Odume
Paul Owens
Clare Ruddy
Amarah Streiff
Amelia Tkacz-Jimenez
10th grade
Charles Colella
Ava DiRubbo
Reese Evans

Patrick Hammer
Kaitlyn Kibling
Ashley Kochanek
Victoria Parsons
11th grade
William Anderson
Brian Buttner
Aidan Craner
John Galeazza
Michael Gaughan
Erin Kerwin
Jordan Kochanek
Paul Kolenda
Aine McIntyre
Josephine Shattell
12th grade
Emily Bouchard
Nguyen Nguyen
Antonio Scutari
Sarah Thompson

*For High Honors and Honors
list, see page 4.*

First Quarter High Honors List

Seventh grade

Maxwell Boyea
Thomas Canfield
Sophia Chemotti
Owen Ellis
Elise Ellison
Benjamin Gentile
Aidan Grealish-Liquori
Ysabella Martinez-Vendetti
Alexis Netti

Kimberly Nguyen
Adrianna Parker
Jonuel Quinones
Abigail Reynolds
Mia Scutari
Paige Townsend

Eighth grade

Brendan Bieling
Grace Fink
Jaiden Holloman
Jordynn Howard

Luke Infanti
Grace Martin
Leyna Nguyen
Serena Royal
Molly Sexton
Kathryn Wiegand

Ninth grade

Evan Cervantes
Camryn Collins
Jonathan Daher
Faith Griffin
Beatriz Gurgol
Rhyen Hergenhan
Spencer James
Allison Kerwin
Andie Leo
Dimitri Reynolds
Isabella Rivera
Anne Sardino
Roberto Scutari
Regina Shattell

Benjamin Thieben
Savannah Williams

10th grade

Amelia Adams
Heidi Biernacki
Sarah Boyea
J'Brielle Bullock
Mark Collins
Anderson Corriero
Peter Dunham
Andrew Janowski
Timothy Long
James Mack
John Michael Owens
Rachel Sherwood
Summer Smith

11th grade

Achot Aroman
John Baker
Matthew Brunger
Dominick Chatas

Alexia Chemotti
Anya Collins
Timothy (Tianqi) Jiang
Amelia Lamendola
Michael Losi
Nathaniel Maitland
Yisu Park
Lauren Petrie
Axel Rivera
Ashlee Robertson
Katherine Ruddy
Francesca Todeschini

12th grade

Jayden Burney
Andrew Cervantes
Daniela Deapo
Gryffin Hardick
Noah Kerwin
Jack Moen
Katelyn Oswalt
Joseph Suddaby

First Quarter Second Honors List

Seventh grade

Ayen Aman
Keegan Cain
Andrew Towsley

Eighth grade

Andrew Brunger
Madison Burns
Michael DeLorenzo
Honour Fitzgerald
Gerald Fout

Katherine McCarron
Elden Proper
Andrew Pullano
Ryan Skanes
Christian Tetreault

Ninth grade

Isaiah Apps
Megan Cameron
Carrington Carter
Carson Cognetti
Michael Donohue

Bianca Grund
Mercede Lara
Kennedy Wicks
Shadavies Williams

10th grade

Alexander Adams
Wol Aman
Allison Bradley
Jacob Donohue
Emily Flynn
Cullen Lillis
Joseph McGarvey
Katie Nguyen
Isaiah Patterson
Jordan Puchalski
Paige Smith
Patrick Towsley

11th grade

Jasmine Cuffee
Deirdre Kivlehan
Mia Mignacca
Avery Myers
George O'Malley

Aisha Osbourne
Jaiyah Pierce
A'jia Reese
Abigail Ryan
Kailee Tucker
12th grade
Zachary Cadden
Liam Casey
John DeMonte
Ryan DeVaney
Bridget Downey
Kathleen Fallon
Brigid Lawless
Liam Mahar
James McGarvey
Symone Mitchell
Emily Monroe
Rose Morris
Nathaniel Parkhurst
Kadi Piagentini
Angela Rotunno
Robert Sexton
Eddie Sharpe
Megan Virkler



Bishop Ludden Performing Arts Presents!

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28

1 p.m., 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29

ADULTS \$10

Students and Seniors \$8

Tickets available at the door.



**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

'Tis the season to be jolly!

The Bishop Ludden Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the gym. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to hear Ludden's Jr/Sr High bands and Chorus 7, Chorus 8 and Concert Choir! Come get into the Christmas spirit and support Ludden's music program at the same time.

Reception following the concert:

After all concerts, we have a reception. If you are able to contribute something (some kind of dessert/ treat) for the reception, everyone (especially our student musicians!) would appreciate it! Mrs. Christine Prowak is kindly organizing our receptions this year! Email her at cprowak@gmail.com if you're able to contribute anything or help in any way. THANK YOU!

Concert attire for Junior High Chorus

Girls: Solid white shirt/ blouse with black pants or black skirt (length of skirt must come to knees at least). No leggings or jeans. Nice, dark shoes, but no high heels please!

Boys: White shirts and black pants, nice, dark shoes (no sneakers, no sweatpants). No ties.

Concert attire for Concert Choir

Girls: Long, simple, solid black dresses (tasteful, please! No

plunging necklines, etc.) Nice shoes, but please avoid high heels!)

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

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

In other news ...

DELTA SONIC FUNDRAISER:

Once again this year, Concert Choir singers will be selling Delta Sonic gift cards for car washes and interior cleanings! These are GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!! Please ask a Concert Choir member if you're interested OR email Carol Rojek at crojek2@twcny.rr.com. Thank you for your support!

ALL-COUNTY CHORUS:

Huge **congratulations to Brian Buttner** for auditioning and being accepted into the Sr. High All-County Chorus! This is a very competitive chorus, made up of top high school singers throughout Onondaga County. The All-County Festival Concert will be held at 3 p.m. (time not confirmed) on Saturday, Jan. 11 at West Genesee High School. All are welcome to come hear the 2020 Sr. High All County Chorus, Band, and Orchestra!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

**To purchase online, go to
lostensyearbooks.com.**

8% NYS Tax must be added

Be sure to order by January 31st 2020 in order to be guaranteed a yearbook. We DO NOT order extras.

YEARBOOK \$65.00









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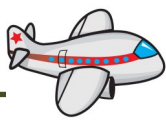
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Grade: _____
ID#: _____
Homeroom: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Contact Email: _____

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Subtotal			
Tax	8%		
TOTAL			

YAY! THANKS FOR ORDERING!

TRIP NEWS



2020 SPAIN AND FRANCE —

The absolute last day to enroll on this trip is December 15. I know that there are a few people out there still on the fence.

If not enrolled by the 15th of December, there is no possibility of being on the same flight. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Pietropaolo at spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org.

2021 SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE —

There are already 33 people enrolled in this trip. Please be aware that there is a limit of 50 for this trip.

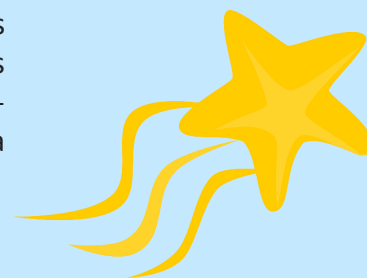
If interested, please go to eftours.com/enroll2272899MN for more information and to enroll. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pietropaolo at spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Junior High Christmas Social will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, December 7. Tickets are \$7. Students are allowed one guest from another school. The guest must be in 7th or 8th grade. They must be signed up in the Main Office in the week before the Social.

We will be having raffles and snacks as well as an ugly Christmas sweater contest. Those students who participate in the ugly Christmas sweater contest will receive a dress down day pass!



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

As usual, we are looking for your help! If you can chaperone, donate snacks or drinks, it would be very much appreciated! Please contact Mrs. P at spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org with any donations!



SENIOR HIGH MISTLETOE SEMI-FORMAL

The Senior High Mistletoe Semi-Formal will be held from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 14.

Young ladies should be in skirts, dresses, or dress slacks. Please be modest. **Gentlemen** are to wear dress pants, dress shirt and tie.

Tickets are \$10 and **SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY!!!!** They will be on sale the week of December 9. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

Again, we are asking for volunteers to chaperone and/or donate baked goods and water. If you can help out with either of these activities, contact Mrs. P at spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13 5PM-9PM

LUDDEN'S • HOLIDAY • HELPER!

\$20 PER CHILD
DONATION FOR GIFT WRAPPING
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Bishop Ludden's Big Brothers Big Sisters weekly program has successfully come together with more than 25 "bigs," nine "littles" from Most Holy Rosary School (MHR) and six "littles" from Syracuse Academy of Science (SAS). Our BBBS program this year is the largest in the county!



Bishop Ludden "bigs"

Anne Sardino

Kate Fallon

Roberto Scutari

Faith Griffin

Therese Murry

Timothy Long

Alex Adams

Patrick Hammer

Dominick Chatas

Liam Casey

Sam Colella

Abbey Ryan

Gryffin Hardick

Caitlin Ascioti

Summer Smith



The groups of students meet weekly in the cafeteria for one hour. There, BL students support their "littles" academically and socially through studies and play.

Alexis Pietrowski

Autumn Despirito

Kailee Tucker

Noah Kerwin

Nathaniel Maitland

Reese Evans

Kieran Hoerl

Amelia Lamendola

Angela Rotunno

Patrick Towsley

Anderson Corriero

Erin Kerwin

Brigid Hardick

SCRIP PROGRAM: GIVE A GIFT CARD AND EARN MONEY TOWARD TUITION!

Do you shop at Target? Walmart? Amazon? JCPenney? Marshalls? Kohls? Barnes & Noble?

Do you eat at Applebees? Olive Garden? Panera Bread? Cheesecake Factory? Subway? Dunkin' Donuts?

Are you planning a big home improvement project with Lowe's or Home Depot?

How about making vacation plans with Airbnb? American Airlines? Hilton Hotels? Carnival Cruise Lines? Disney?

SCRIP gives you the opportunity to earn credit towards your student's tuition when you make your normal purchases from hundreds of retailers

So, how does it work?

Think of it as substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP, you're purchasing a normal gift card to use just like cash. But with every card you purchase, you're earning money back towards the cost of tuition at Ludden. SCRIP cards can be used for groceries, clothing, gifts, gasoline, vacations and more! Extended family and friends can also order through your student, earning your family even more credit toward tuition!

How does buying a SCRIP generate revenue?

You order your SCRIP gift cards through the school and pay full face value for them. Bishop Ludden is able to buy SCRIP from hundreds of local and nationwide retailers through the Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. The discount, which varies from 1.5% to 25%, is returned to you as tuition credit for the following school year.

For example, if you purchase a \$50 gift card from a retailer that is offering a 10% discount, you have already saved \$5 on next year's tuition bill.

If you're planning a shopping trip to Target or a dinner at Cheesecake Factory, plan ahead and shop with SCRIP! Earn money back in the process — it really adds up. Families have earned hundreds of dollars towards their tuition bills.

How do I order SCRIP?

Download and complete an order form. There is a one time \$20 set-up fee paid annually, which covers shipping costs. Send the order to school with your student on the due date (always on a Monday) and the rest is up to our SCRIP coordinator. Your SCRIP order is returned to you or your student at school the Friday of the same week.

If you will not have a student enrolled at Bishop Ludden next year, the rebate amount will be donated to the Ludden Fund.

DROP OFF	PICK UP
Dec. 9th	Dec. 13th
Jan. 13th	Jan. 17th
Feb. 10th	Feb. 14th
Mar. 16th	Mar. 20th
Apr. 20th	Apr. 24th
May 11th	May 15th
June 8th	June 12th

At Bishop Ludden, our SCRIP coordinator is Heather Chemotti. Please feel free to contact Heather at hchemotti9@gmail.com with any questions. For more information, including order forms and a full list of participating retailers, visit www.bishopludden.org

WELCOME!



Reem Kattura-Salamy

Reem was born and raised in the Middle East and moved to Texas after high school to attend the University of Texas at Austin. At the university, she completed a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering and earned her math teaching certification through the UTeach program. Since then, Reem taught in Texas classrooms for 12 years, nine of which were at a Catholic school and three at a public school.

Outside of school, Reem was quite involved at her church in Austin. She was a choir member for 13 years where she got to sing in her native language, Arabic, and she helped out with youth group for several years. Reem also got into fitness in 2013 and became dedicated to working out in an outdoors boot camp-style class.

A couple of years ago, Reem met her husband while visiting New York City. They got married at the end of September and Reem moved to Syracuse to join her husband who already worked in the area. Syracuse is now their new home and they are excited to build memories together.

Best advice I was given: Don't worry about changes or new seasons in your life because God will always give you the graces you need to go through any new phase.

Best advice to my students: Be kind and respectful to others. When you leave school, teachers will not remember all the numbers attached to your name, they will remember how you acted and how you treated others.

What do I love about being a math teacher? Watching students gain confidence in a subject that for many is scary, and seeing that light bulb when they finally get it.

What do I like about Bishop Ludden so far? The small and tight community. Everyone is like family and welcomes newcomers with open arms.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7



Scholarship Exam

Saturday, December 7

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fee: \$20—Cash, Check or Card

Register online,

<https://www.bishopludden.org/admissions/scholarship-exam/>

Shadow Day

Thursday, December 5

Or by appointment.

For more info or to register, visit:

<https://www.bishopludden.org/admissions/knight-for-a-day/>



CONGRATS TO FRANCESCA TODESCHINI

Bishop Ludden junior Francesca Todeschini was nominated and selected to receive the 2019 Girls World Expo Girl of Merit Award at the Nov. 24 Award Ceremony in Liverpool. This honor recognizes the exceptional effort she's made to serve the community and the leadership and inspiration her effort has provided to young women. Congratulations, Francesca!

VARSITY MASTERMINDS



The Varsity MasterMinds team smoked CBA 255-50 and knocked out ESM 270-105 in league opener. Paul Kolenda and Gryffin Hardick led with 70 and 65 points respectively, followed by Aidan Craner with 30. JV A was 2-1 with their only loss a triple overtime thriller with ESM.

Paul Kolenda was the #3 Player at the Tournament!

MEET MONTY

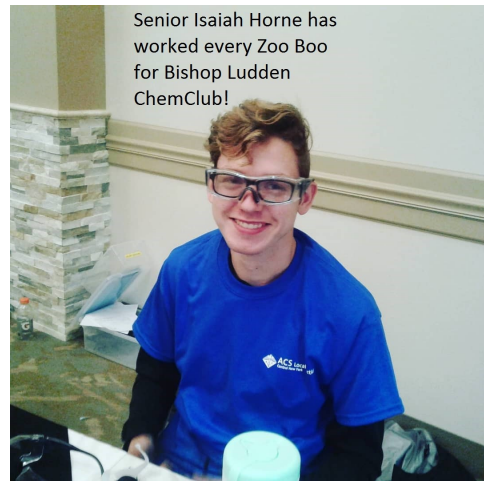


Last month, Miss Hanson's science class was charged with naming its new pet. Monty came in first place! Runner up name was Chad.

Monty is a milk snake, only two or three months old. The kids hold him and feed him and will eventually clean its tank. He eats pinky mice once a week. He is a social snake and also an escape artist.

Bishop Ludden qualified for Nationals in three categories at the Ithaca Fall Tournament. The team finished as Small School Champions in the NAQT round robin and fifth in the finals rounds, beating Detroit Catholic Central C. Paul Kolenda received the third place award for individual players, against nationally ranked players. The squad will head to Small Schools Nationals in Chicago from April 22-24. The B Team did a fantastic job, while the C team won three straight in afternoon play.

Senior Isaiah Horne has worked every Zoo Boo for Bishop Ludden ChemClub!



Bishop Ludden ChemClub ran chemistry booths at Zoo Boo. Our club has worked every Zoo Boo since it was founded eight years ago. Senior Isaiah Horne started working the event in middle school and hasn't missed one!

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Trish (Grey) Johnson, '81

College Education: BS degree, U.S. Military Academy, 1985

Advanced degree(s): Catholic University of America, M.A., Ph.D. Philosophy

Current Occupation: Volunteer, continual service to my alma mater as the class president for the USMA Class of '85, church volunteer as a catechist.

Professional Achievements:

I am very proud of having served our country as a captain in the U.S. Army. I am also proud that after leaving the military, that I found new ways to serve; my family, my community, and the church. I married while I was in the military and my husband retired from the Army to start a small business, which was very successful. This, thankfully, gave me the freedom to use my gifts in mostly a volunteer capacity. I did teach for a while (preschool). I worked for the U.S. Census Bureau as a recruiter. I worked as an engineer for a few years at Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin, in the aerospace industry. I worked at our local college, Randolph Macon College, as the coordinator for Campus Safety. I did not have a straight or traditional career path, but instead entered in and out of the workforce when it suited our family and when it grabbed my interest. I raised three great adult children and was also blessed with two stepdaughters when I got married. It has been a very full life. In service to my alma mater, West Point, I am proud to have chaired a successful class fundraiser that brought the military academy \$1,000,000 in donations for cadet programming. I am very proud of that campaign, knowing that it will serve our country perpetually, by helping build future leaders.



What is the best advice you could give current Ludden students?

I would recommend to every Ludden student to feed your faith. Think of your families who sacrificed to provide you with a well-rounded education, not just one for your mind, but also one that nurtures your soul, the greatest importance. Always remember that our lives are a gift from God, and that we should always use it to build up His Kingdom, to do His Will and prepare for the next life, which is eternal, not passing, like this one. Lift others in your personal and your professional lives. Love God, love others, and stand up for Truth in our increasingly secular world. If you do, God will fill you with His Wisdom, His Light and His Joy, which will benefit every day of your life going forward. Don't neglect taking part in the Sacraments of the Church. Practice your Catholic faith. Love it, embrace it and experience the enrichment that it will add to your life's journey. Study the Saints who went before us. They have much to teach us still and they want to be active in your lives more than you know. They stand waiting for you to ask in prayer for their intercession and they will jump at the chance to give you any help that you need. Stay on the narrow path. "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena.

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Alumni Spotlights are now on our website under the Alumni tab! We will be featuring a few alumni every month and would love for you to learn more about them!

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1970 is holding its 50th Reunion July 17 & 18, 2020:

- 5 p.m. Friday night at Blarney Stone
 - 1 p.m. Saturday at Tuscarora
- More details TBD! Email any questions to Kathy Shults O'Leary at kobo1007@yahoo.com.

Planning a reunion? Bishop Ludden would love to help! For more information, visit <https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/reunion-events/>.



Class Representatives Needed!

CONTACT EMILY WHEELER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
EWHEELER@SYRDIOCESE.ORG

We are so grateful to have your support for the work that is being done at Bishop Ludden! The Development Office is seeking class representatives and updated information to help keep our alumni connected and up to date on the great things happening at Bishop Ludden.



Please follow Bishop Ludden on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#)!

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What is your favorite Ludden memory?

I have many favorite memories from my time at Ludden. I will never forget the people, the friendships, which still endure today. Some stand-out memories include the success of our girls soccer team playing in the Sectionals, which ended in a shootout. I remember the ZOO, the pep rallies, our manic basketball fans and the Green Machine, which united the whole school with their exciting games and their incredible talent. I remember being a class officer and working on several social committees, such as planning our proms and bonfires and dances, which honed good skills for the future, such as organization, public speaking and working with a team of people. I remember the hands-on classes and labs in the science wing. I remember assemblies for visiting guest speakers; one in particular, when a nun visited to talk about her nonprofit Covenant House, a home for runaway or neglected children, children they rescued from the street. I remember that it made me more thankful for my family, my home and all of the opportunities I had, and it made me more compassionate throughout life, for the needy. I remember running track in the two-mile event and going for long, fun jogs with Kathy (now) Gilheney, Ludden's current Controller, and how running and practicing for that long event helped prepare me for the summer I left

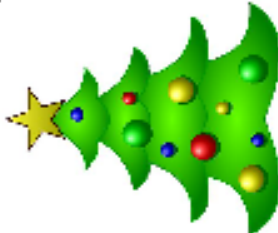

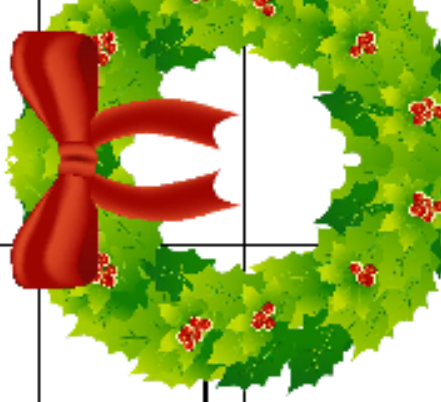
for West Point. I am grateful for all of my great Ludden memories. It was a very happy time in life. All of the families were close and had shared values and looked out for one another's children and helped nurture us along, like a wonderful village.

Why are you proud of your Bishop Ludden heritage?

I am proud of being part of the wonderful community, which is Bishop Ludden, which continues long after graduation. It is a unity that stems from being part of the family of God, being one in the Spirit, which is nurtured in a Catholic school education and is not nurtured in the same way in public education. I feel blessed to have had that, and I am thankful to my parents for making that a financial priority in our home, when it was not always easy to do so. To have a chapel at the heart of the high school, to be able to pray in the classroom before the day begins, to be able to pray again as a team before athletic contests, to be surrounded by the Christian Catholic symbols in the building, crucifixes in the classrooms, reminders of our important church Feast Days, Holy Days, teachers teaching to the whole person, including our interior life, which has served me the most in life. In that environment, a mind can learn its best, and body can perform its best, as God intended.

December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Asst. Fruit & Milk	3 Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	4 Hot Meatball Sub, Broccoli, Asst. Fruit & Milk	5 Hamburger on a Bun, Carrots, Asst. Fruit & Milk	6 Cheese Pizza, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	7
8	9 Popcorn Chicken, Corn, Asst. Fruit & Milk	10 Rotini w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	11 Taco's, Rice, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	12 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Carrots, Asst. Fruit & Milk	13 Mini Corndogs, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	14
15	16 French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup & Sausage, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	17 Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Asst. Fruit & Milk	18 Nacho Grande, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	19 Turkey w/ Gravy over Rice, Corn, Asst. Fruit & Milk	20 Pizza, Beans, Asst. Fruit & Milk	21
22	23 	24 Christmas Break	 <i>Merry Christmas</i>			27 
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