



# Bishop Ludden Junior Senior High School January 2018 Newsletter

## Note from Nurse Jack:

Parents, please be sure to call the Health Office if your student (s) are going to be tardy or absent from school.

You can reach the Health Office directly at 315-459-7160



## Save the Date!

What: Bishop Ludden Open House

When: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 6pm-7:30pm!



## Bishop Ludden Presents: Guys and Dolls the Musical!

When: Friday, March 2, at 7pm, Saturday, March 3,  
at 1pm and 7pm

Tickets at the door: \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors

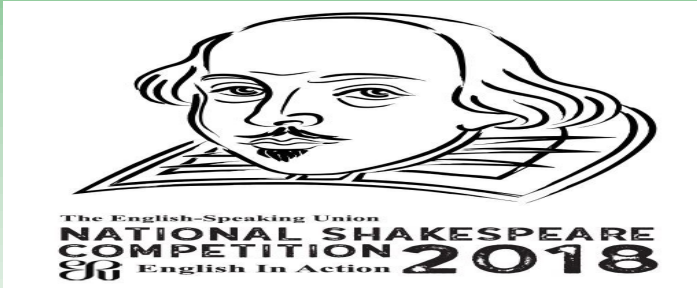


# After the Gala Fundraiser: Volunteers Needed

We are in need of 1 Senior parent and 2 Junior parents to run Trivia Night. This event will take place on a Sunday at the end of February or beginning of March.

Volunteers are also needed to coordinate the event, advertise the event and solicit some door prizes!

Please contact Patti Schramm at 315-488-3237 or at [pschramm@syrdiocese.org](mailto:pschramm@syrdiocese.org).



## National Shakespeare Competition!

Will be held at Bishop Ludden on  
Friday, January 12th at 3:30pm.

Students have worked hard to prepare 2 minute monologues that will be presented to the judges.

The winner will move onto the Regional Competition, where they will compete for a chance to win an all expenses paid trip to the National Shakespeare Competition in New York City!

All are welcome to be part of the audience— no memorization required!!

The Rat Pack is one of the most exciting new STEM programs at Bishop Ludden . Tess Murry and Ryan Brady are the project managers for our two sets of rat pairs. The STEM Club members divided into two groups. They then subdivided into groups for a series of research tasks. They divided each team into A and B sections. Each section will oversee a female fancy rat at school. Our host families are the Brungers and the Wicks. Members are currently researching and planning purchases of fancy rats, cages, bedding, lab ethics for rats in terms of classical conditioning using positive reinforcement techniques, mazes, litter training, and a variety of other issues. "Our goal is to learn a variety of techniques, training methods, research, and elements of biology, " explained Mrs. Maxine Babcock. " Our STEM members are doing all the planning, using techniques I learned at the Lockheed Martin Women in Engineering Day. " The rats should arrive by late January.



It's been a while, but Bishop Ludden has a new Cheer Squad!! You can see them at the Varsity Boys Basketball home games!



## Europe Trip News

**2018 April Trip:** We are now 101 days from departure! At this time, if anyone still wishes to join the 38 of us who are going, payment has to be made in full and there is the possibility that your flights would be different from the group.

**IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL TRAVELERS AND THEIR PARENTS:** This will take place on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. At this time forms and passports will be collected (everyone will receive a folder in early March), money, luggage and packing, as well as security measures will be discussed. Also, any questions that you might have will be addressed at this time. Please mark your calendars—it is VERY important that you attend.

**2019 April Trip:** The \$200 early incentive expired on December 31 and it was great to see how many of you took advantage of it! We still have places left to fill up! Any questions, please contact

Mrs. Pietropaolo at [spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org](mailto:spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org).

Thank you again to all of our parents who contributed to our December events for our students. Both the Junior High Social and the Senior High Semi-Formal were well attended and made so much better by the donations of food, beverages and decorations! Thank you again from Mrs. Pietropaolo and the Student Government for all that you do to make our events a success. Next up: A possible Winter Festival and Catholic Schools week—Stay tuned!

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Francesca Todeschini attended Lockheed Martin's 17th annual Women in Engineering Day on December 8, 2017. STEM Club member Franny is currently working on Science Olympiad, MasterMinds, and the musical *Guys and Dolls* this winter. [Bishop Ludden](#) graduate Meg Curry, a 2017 Clarkson graduate, was one of the engineers at a session for educators, while Katie Summers Fitzpatrick, Class of 2000, also a Clarkson graduate, spoke to the ninth grade women at lunch. The women worked on creative problem solving, listened to guest speakers, toured Lockheed Martin, and attended an Engineering Career Fair. Educators, including STEM Advisor Maxine Babcock, also attended a session called Educating the Educator. The sessions focused on making young women aware of the many opportunities available in high paying careers. Both Curry and Summers Fitzpatrick stressed the flexibility, rewards, and high pay associated with working for Lockheed Martin.



# Bishop Ludden FIRST LEGO League Team #1 Wins

## Core Values Trophy

The qualifying event featured 18 teams from the region; the top nine teams advance to the championship round on January 13, 2018.

Congratulations to the Bishop Ludden FIRST LEGO League Team #1, which has won the Core Values Trophy on December 10, 2017 at Gregory B Jarvis Middle School in Mohawk, New York.

This was the first time Bishop Ludden entered the competition, sending two teams to compete. Teams were judged on a best of three performances through a robotics course, a project on water, robot design, and a core values presentation.

Ludden's team #1 received a perfect score in the Core Values section of the competition, in which teams presented in front of a panel of judges. According to the FLL website, "The FIRST LEGO League Core Values are the cornerstones of the program. We are a team. We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors. We know our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers; we learn together. We honor the spirit of friendly competition. What we discover is more important than what we win. We share our experiences with others. We display Gracious Professionalism® and Cooperation® in everything we do. We have FUN!"

Team #1 members include eighth grader Rebecca Wituszynski, as well as seventh graders Isaiah Apps, Ryan Brady, and Jacob Murray. The team received perfect scores with "Exemplary" ratings in Discovery, Team Spirit, Integration of values, Effectiveness and Efficiency in terms of teamwork. The group also received a rating of "Gracious Professionalism" in terms of team balance, respect for team members and Cooperation (which means that the team competed in the spirit of friendly competition and cooperation with others). Team #1 was captained by ninth grader Will Anderson.

Bishop Ludden Coach Maxine Babcock, says "Both teams learned a great deal from failures and had a lot of success and improvement over the course of the competition. One of the things that FLL stresses is an appropriate balance between team responsibility and coach guidance. Our other coach, sponsor Andrew Leary, and I believe that the kids learn the most through making mistakes and then improving. We now know how to improve and qualify in the 2018-19 season."

Team #2, captained by ninth grader Michael Losi, steadily improved throughout the day. Freshmen members Aidan Craner, and Paul Kolenda, eighth graders Patrick Hammer and Reese Evans, and seventh grader Sarah Fink improved their score on each robot run.

Both teams will compete in the spring in an event sponsored by CNY Robotics Inc. and they will have intramural competitions for prizes this winter.

