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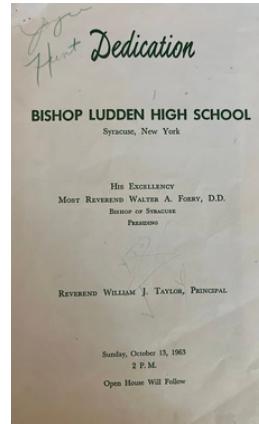
NEWSLETTER



"We should put off our old self and put on a new self that is created to be like God"
Ephesians 4:24

NEW YEAR, SAME QUALITY EDUCATION

A post on the Syracuse Nostalgia's Facebook page of the program of the Dedication of Bishop Ludden in 1963 by Bishop Foery welcomed alumni to look back on their favorite memories of their time at Ludden. As they shared the little moments of friendship, teachers that changed their lives, the power of faith, and an education they would never forget, we are reminded as we begin 2025 that while the years may pass and students may change, once you are welcomed into the Ludden family you are always a knight.



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BISHOP LUDDEN NAMED "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE ALL-STAR SCHOOL"



Top-Choice schools are recognized for organizing notable events and activities to showcase the diverse educational options available to families, often going above and beyond the standard participation level to highlight their school as a top choice for student

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SADIE HAWKINS DANCE FEBRUARY 8TH
8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT FEBRUARY 12TH
FEBRUARY BREAK FEBRUARY 17TH TO FEBRUARY 21ST
IB INFORMATION NIGHT FEBRUARY 27TH
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS MARCH 5TH
NO SCHOOL/DIOCESE PD DAY MARCH 14TH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCH 15TH
NO SCHOOL/IGNITE CONFERENCE MARCH 28TH

Spring Drivers' Ed

*Must be 16 years old by March 3rd 2024 to participate



WHEN: BEGINS MARCH 3RD 2025

WHERE: BISHOP LUDDEN HS

COST: \$595

Click the car for registration and more info!

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 for more information.



Switzerland, Italy and France

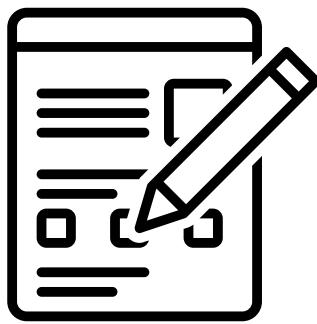
Click the plane to Sign up!



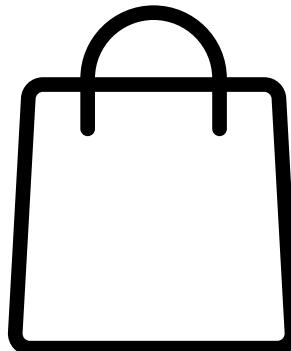
Looking to Save on Ludden Tuition?

Earn credit towards your student's tuition when you make your normal purchases from hundreds of retailers with SCRIP!

Step 1
Fill out the Form



Step 2
Shop



Step 3
Turn in



Click on each image to access the information for each step

QUESTIONS? CONTACT HEATHER CHEMOTTI HCHEMOTTI9@GMAIL.COM

URGENT!!! URGENT!!! URGENT!!
THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-2026 WILL BE
CLOSING SOON!

Visit the following link at online.factsmgt.com/aid in FACTS to access the Financial Aid Application. You will be required to upload your complete 2023 tax returns, including all schedules, as well as your W2's in order to finalize your application. It takes about two weeks for FACTS to process an application so please do not delay in submitting your application!

The deadline to apply is February 15th, 2025

MONSIGNOR YEAZEL FUND

Opened January 1, 2025

Closes: February 15, 2025 at 12am

This short application can be found at cnycf.org/yeazelform/. You do not need to give a donation in order to apply.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Maria Petrus
Director of Tuition and
Financial Assistance



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315-459-7175

Student of the Month

Each month our teachers and staff nominate students that exemplify the selected virtue or character trait for the month



November *Kindness*

Grade 7 Cailyn Morgan
Grade 8 Anna Hayes
Grade 9 Brendan Smith
Grade 10 Kate Young
Grade 11 Olivia Smith
Grade 12 Natalie Nojaim

Student Shout-Out: Molly Smith

Congratulations to Molly Smith, class of 2025, for her amazing accomplishments in academics and music!

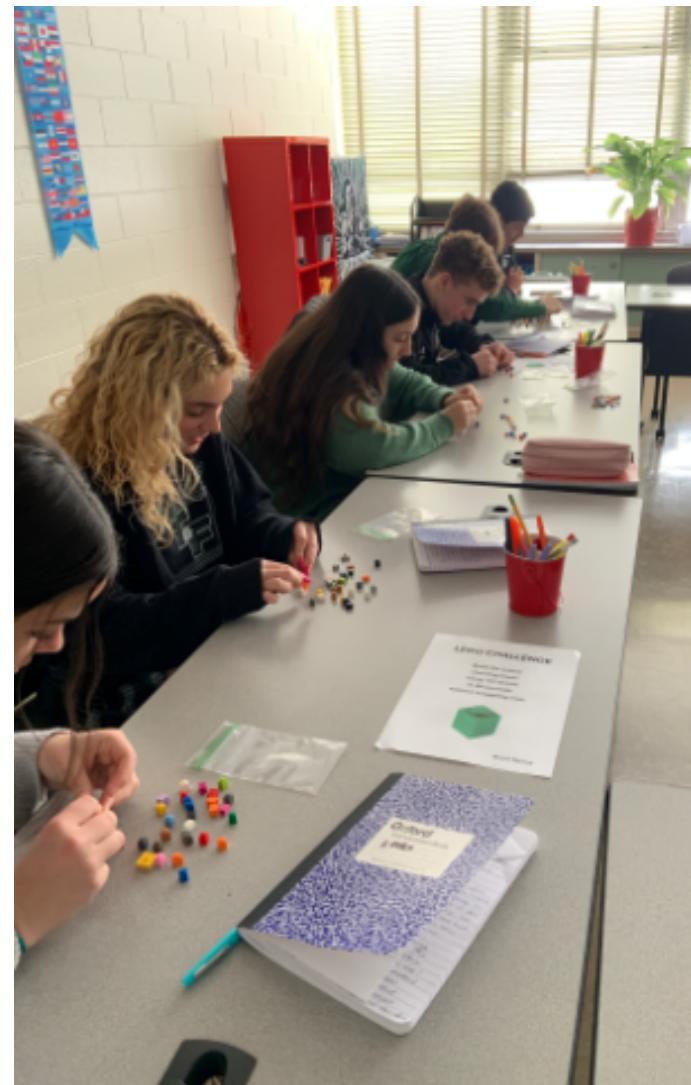
Molly was recognized as a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Competition for her excellent score on her PSAT and demonstration of academic rigor.

Not only is Molly a high academic achiever, but she is an active member of our Concert Choir and the Ludden theater program. After an audition process, Molly was selected to be a part of the 2025 Sr. High All County Chorus and performed with outstanding performers from high schools all over Onondaga County.



Creativity, Activity, and Service

IB Core 1 has continued their creative endeavors in January. We learned how to draw pigs using only numbers and letters and we had a Lego Tower competition!



Important Note

IB has changed the policy regarding the 150 hours. According to IB, the policy states that the school sets the goal for hours in each category and the emphasis is to be on quality rather than quantity. However, IB does require that students are engaged in each strand (creativity, activity, and service) **weekly** for 18 months. The breakdown of hours seems to help the students see it as a weekly task. We address the quality of their CAS experiences by discussing and reflecting in our journals on the experience, including the CAS stages and learning outcomes.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM?

Contact **Dr. Lynn Reimer**
IB Coordinator



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Candlemas

Our second annual Candlemas, held on January 31st, was a beautiful candlelit mass celebrated by Bishop Lucia, Father Walker, and Deacon Bernie to recognize the hopeful light of Christ in the dark depths of winter. Our campus ministers, staff, and students welcomed parents, community members, and 6th graders from our feeder schools to worship with us. Bishop Lucia lead us in reflection on how God purifies by taking what is broken, dusty, and worn, and bathing it in the newness of light.



Catholic Schools Week



Catholic schools wouldn't be where are without the wonderful staff that guides our young people every day. Our staff vs student dodgeball game allows for a fun opportunity for teachers and students to celebrate community--even Father Walker got in on the action!



What elevates Catholic education is the opportunity to serve others. Our school-wide service project consisted of making sandwiches for the impoverished and care packages for those suffering from the wildfires in California.

Battle of the Bishops Victory!



Once again, Bishop Ludden's basketball teams have defeated the competition in the annual "Battle of the Bishops," when our varsity basketball teams faced off against Bishop Grimes in one spectacular night.



Sport Schedules

Let's pack the stands with fans!

Boys

Winter Sports

Basketball

Winter Track

Spring Sports

Baseball

Golf

Lacrosse

Outdoor Track

Girls

Winter Sports

Basketball

Winter Track

Spring Sports

Outdoor Track

Lacrosse

Softball

Health Office Reminders

Spring Sports start March 17,2025!

Sign ups will start February 12, 2025

All students will need an updated Medical packet and a physical within the past 12 months to participate

Spring sports offered:

Boys:

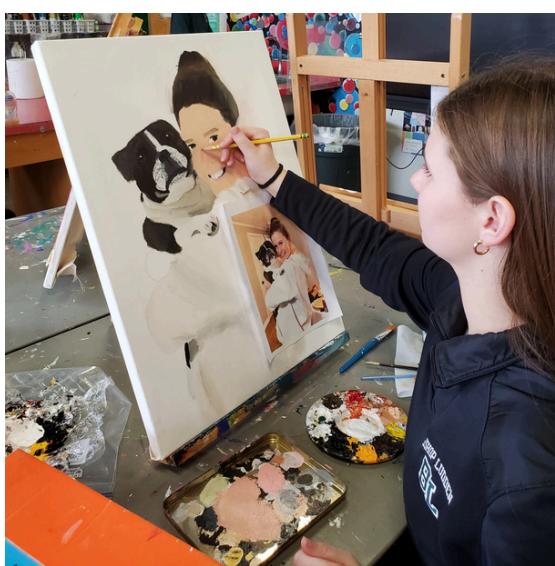
Varsity Baseball
Modified Baseball
Varsity Lacrosse
Modified Lacrosse
Varsity Track
Golf

Girls:

Varsity Softball
Modified Softball
Varsity lacrosse
Modified Lacrosse
Varsity Track

Figure Painting

Our Drawing & Painting class has been working hard on their "Figure Paintings": a work of art that centers on a human figure.



Bishop Ludden Wins Small School Award at Midstate Science Olympiad C Regionals

Bishop Ludden's varsity squad had the best finish in school history, missing qualifying for Science Olympiad C States by one place in team overall score at LeMoyne College on January 25. The team brought home 16 medals, awarded based on individual/partner/trio events, and their combined efforts contributed towards winning the Small School Award. Our students competed in 23 events including testing, problem-solving, or building events.



Head Coach Maxine Babcock, the Site Coordinator for Midstate Science Olympiad B Regionals, along with Coaches Katherine Babcock, Grace Babcock, Alexa Kulak, and volunteers Nadia and Noor Naveed, ensured the day ran smoothly for everyone.



Aidan Grelish-Liquori finished his illustrious six year Science Olympiad career with bronze medals in Experimental Design with Mya Barnaba and Momin Naveed. He followed that with bronze in Tower with junior Gabriella Berry, and finished with a surprise medal in Helicopter with Momin. Momin also medaled in Codebusters with Mya and Anthony. Mya medaled in Astronomy with Theresa Quigley. Anthony medaled with Alex Ewanyk in Disease Detectives, then medaled in Robot Tour with Kira Ray. Junior Payton Campbell and sophomores Sophia Azra and Caitlyn Coryell contributed to the Small School Award with solid performances in their events.





Quiz Bowl Winter Invitational March 1
Science Olympiad B Regionals March 8
Quiz Bowl IAC Championship March 22
Quiz Bowl Spring Championship March 29

2025

Upcoming CNY Quizbowl Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
1 MAR	<u>Central NY Winter Invitational</u> All-subject HS Quizbowl (Set: NAQT IS-235) Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School, Syracuse, NY		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
22 MAR	<u>Central NY IAC Championship</u> History Bee and Bowl (International Academic Competitions) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
29 MAR	<u>Central NY Spring Championship</u> All-subject HS Quizbowl (Set: CALISTO III) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
3 MAY	<u>Central NY Spring Showcase</u> All-subject Middle/High School Quizbowl (Set: FARSI) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

MORE INFORMATION <https://sites.google.com/view/cnyqua>

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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)

**Looking for something to wear
to your reunion?
Get your Ludden gear [here!](#)**



COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the listed donors (see pg. 12) who have so generously contributed to our 2018-2025 Comprehensive Campaign through December 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, **we have raised \$1.79 million of our \$2 million goal.**

If you'd like to read more about our campaign, please go to:
<https://www.bishopludden.org/giving/comprehensive-campaign/>

With your generous contributions over the last 5 years, we have been able to:

- support over 315 students with need-based financial assistance
- enhance our Academic Scholarship awards for 7th through to 12th grade
- earned the designation of International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme World School
- replace our exterior doors and safety access system
- provide each of our students with a Chromebook for their use during the school year
- purchase new laptops for faculty and staff
- upgrade our entire IT infrastructure and communication systems
- purchase new interactive display boards (Promethean Boards) for many of our classrooms
- provide upgrades to our science classrooms and the library as well as purchase new visual arts equipment.

We are very blessed to have such generous alumni and friends. Our heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

Also, a big thank you to Jean Creme, Rhonda Henderson and Christine Lombard for their help with our new campaign display. Jean used her creative talents to bring Rhonda's idea to fruition. See the picture of our new display of Ludden in Varsity letters. Christine is working to get our donor's names displayed with nameplates that will be pinned to the letters. The nameplates will show our progress toward our \$2 million goal!



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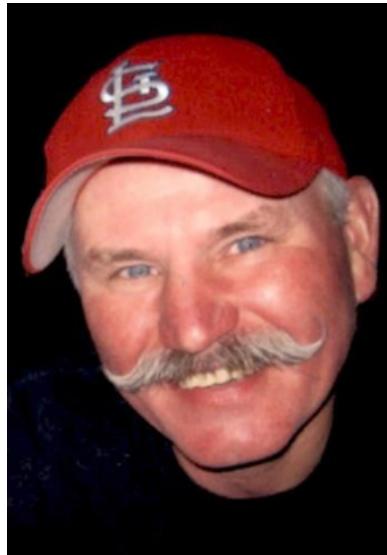
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Lori Baker	Marcello Distasio '68	

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

Stephen Lukacs, Class of 1978



Stephen T. Lukacs, 64, of Westvale, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. A lifetime Syracuse area resident, he was a graduate of Bishop Ludden High School and was employed by Comfort Windows for over 35 years.

Steve was a devoted Minnesota Vikings fan. He enjoyed playing lacrosse, especially at Lake Placid. He enjoyed college football, SU lacrosse and watching NASCAR; but his greatest love was his daughter, Jena.

He was predeceased by his parents, Norbert and Virginia, and his brother, Norbert. Surviving are his daughter, Jena (Julien); sister, Ginny (Greg) Langdon; brothers, Rich (Abby), Rob (Robin), Paul (Jennette), Mark (Cathy); sister-in-law, Cathy and many nieces and nephews.

Steve was one of a kind and will be missed dearly.

The family would like to thank his nurses, Z, DD and AJ, for all the love and care they gave to Steve, and the Hospice staff for all of their support. A special thank you to all of Steve's friends for their visits.

Patricia Lancer, Class of 1966



On January 22, 2025, Patricia Arlene (Buehler) Lancer passed away peacefully surrounded and comforted by loved ones after a 7 year journey with Alzheimer's.

Patricia was born on August 6th, 1948 in Troy, NY to John and Marie Buehler. She graduated from Bishop Ludden High school in 1966 and soon after fell in love and married her best friend and lifelong companion, Alan Lancer.

Out of all the jobs she excelled at, there were three that stood out more than any of the others: being a compassionate and devoted mother, grandmother and wife. Patricia encompassed the true spirit of selfless, enduring and unconditional love.

In Patricia's free time, she enjoyed downhill skiing, visiting the beach, reading, hiking, knitting, crafting, baking and spending time with her family and friends.

Patricia is predeceased by her father, John Buehler, her mother, Marie (Ramroth) Buehler and her husband of 49 years, Alan Lancer.

Patricia is survived by her sisters: Sharon Buehler and Linda Driscoll; her children Beth Lancer (Kevin) and Brian Lancer (Shannon), her grandchildren Cole and Grace Lancer, along with her nieces, nephews and extended family members.

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Timothy Kallfelz, Class of 1984



Timothy J. Kallfelz, 58, of Baldwinsville, passed away at home on Monday. A lifetime resident of the Syracuse area, he was a proud graduate of Bishop Ludden High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Cazenovia College and his master's degree from Le Moyne College.

For the past five years, Tim dedicated himself to caring for others as a home health aide with Committed Home Care in Syracuse.

A devoted Buffalo Bills fan, Tim could always be found cheering on his team during football season.

He also had a deep love for music, particularly the timeless sounds of The Rolling Stones and Jimmy Buffett. Whether it was enjoying a game or listening to his favorite tunes, his passion for life was infectious.

Above all, Tim cherished time with his family. He was a proud and loving father who found his greatest joy in moments spent with his daughters, creating memories they will hold close forever.

Tim's warmth, kindness, and humor will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Tim was predeceased by his parents, A. Joseph and Sheila; brother, Kevin; and stepmother, Anita.

Surviving are his daughters, Kara and Allison, both of Syracuse; sisters, Meghan (Scott) Channels of Camillus and Kristen (Frank) Monfalcone of Rochester; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces,

Prayer for Grieving

*In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.*

R. Amen.



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Bishop Ludden Jr.-Sr. High School 24/25 Annual Campaign • Goal - \$700,000

Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School opened its door in 1963. We've been providing a Roman Catholic education to Central New York students for 61 years! Please help us to continue this Tradition of Excellence for the next 61 years by donating to *Bishop Ludden's Annual Campaign* during this Season of Giving.

The Annual Campaign helps to keep our tuition more affordable for our families. (The 24/25 high school tuition before scholarships and financial assistance is \$11,750, while our cost/student is \$16,000) Since the largest expenses in our budget are salaries and benefits along with tuition waivers, you will be supporting our most important assets.... our students and our faculty, and staff.

We often hear..." If I ever win the lottery, Ludden will be on my donations list!" That would be great! However, it is very unlikely. What we know would help would be much smaller donations from each one of our 7,000 alumni. If our alumni contribute just over \$2.00 per week, less than the cost of a cup of coffee, that will equate to roughly \$700,000 annually and make an incredible impact to the Bishop Ludden community!

Please prayerfully consider joining us by making our school a part of your yearly giving plans so that we can continue the school's mission of excellence for generations to come.

Blessings,
Kathy and Dan Gilheney '80



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