

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER



"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14.

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THANK YOU!

We did it!

316 donors helped to raise \$102,882 for Ludden Giving Day!

Thank you all very much for donating and asking others to donate! Your generous donations will be matched. These funds will be used for financial aid and other necessary upgrades for Bishop Ludden!

We are truly grateful for your generosity and support of the mission to keep Catholic education thriving at Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School.

Blessings,

Kathy

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ANNOUNCEMENT



May 16, 2024

Dear Bishop Ludden Community,

As you are aware, earlier this year Michael McAuliff announced his retirement as Principal of Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School at the end of the current school year. The Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the Catholic Schools Office conducted a search involving Bishop Ludden staff, student and parent stakeholder groups. We are pleased to announce that we have selected Mary Beth Fierro as the next Principal of Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

Ms. Fierro brings a wealth of experience to Bishop Ludden. She has been serving as the Principal at Oswego Middle School since 2011 where she was named New York State Middle School Principal of the Year in 2017. She also has served as Director of Data Management, Technology Integration Specialist, Professional Development Specialist, and mathematics teacher for the Oswego City School District where she began her career. Ms. Fierro has also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Education Department at LeMoyne College.

Ms. Fierro will assume her responsibilities as Principal at Bishop Ludden effective August 2, 2024. Please join with the Board of Trustees as well as the Syracuse Diocese Catholic Schools Office in welcoming Ms. Mary Beth Fierro to Bishop Ludden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Gilheney'.

Dan Gilheney

President Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amy Sansone'.

Amy Sansone, EdD

Superintendent of Schools



HIGH SCHOOL CONVOCATION JUNE 3RD

LAST DAY GRADES 7-11 JUNE 5TH

LUDDEN DAY JUNE 6TH

BACCALAUREATE MASS JUNE 7TH

GRADUATION JUNE 8TH

ACT JUNE 10TH -- BRING A PHOTO ID!

JUNETEENTH/SCHOOL CLOSED JUNE 19TH

EXAM SCHEDULE

Questions? Call our counseling office (315) 488-3237

Local Exams

All Exams **June 10th - June 13th**

*Dates are scheduled by the classroom teacher

Regents

Algebra I June 4th (AM)

ELA June 14th (AM)

Living Environment June 14th (PM)

US History and Gov June 18th (AM)

Global History June 18th (PM)

Earth Science June 20th (AM)

Chemistry June 20th (PM)

Geometry June 21st (AM)

Algebra II June 24th (AM)

Physics June 25th (AM)

Study Tips and Tricks

1. Start early--don't wait until the last minute!
2. Pace yourself
3. Get plenty of rest
4. Drink water
5. Take a breathe--you're a knight, you've got this!

WORKING PAPERS

If a student will need working papers for the summer please have them get them from the Health Office prior to June 21st. A completed employment application form and a physical within the past 12 months is needed.

If working papers are needed over the summer they are by appointment only. Please call the Main Office at 315-468-2591 to make an appointment.



COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE
Bishop Ludden
Spring Concert

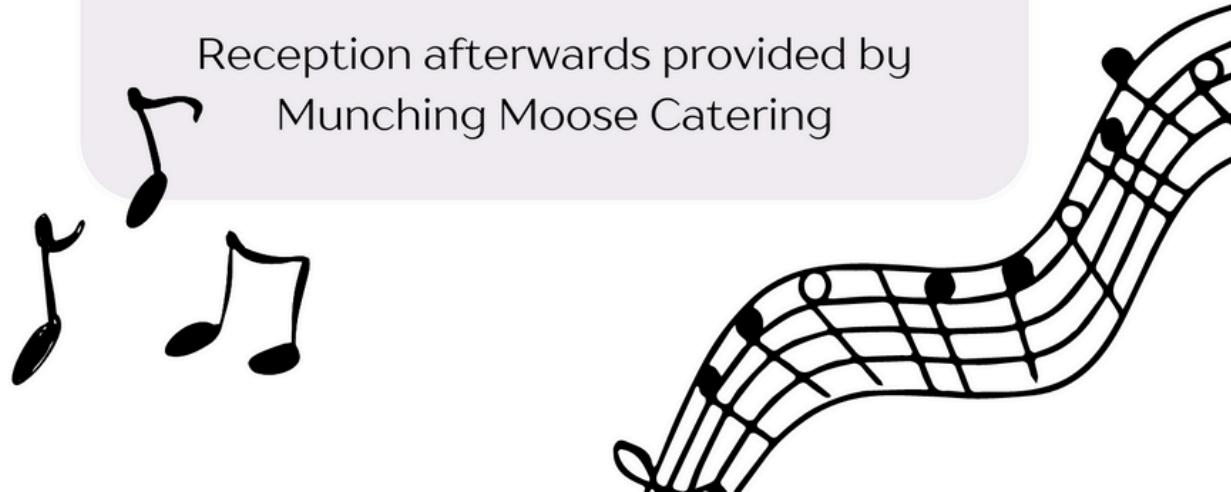
Wednesday, May 22, 2024

7:00pm

Ludden Gym

BEGINNING BAND
JUNIOR HIGH BAND
SR. HIGH BAND
JR. HIGH CHORUS
CONCERT CHOIR

Reception afterwards provided by
Munching Moose Catering



Celebrating Senior Artists

Julia Smith, Katie McCarron, Katie Wiegand, Lily Janowski, and Molly Sexton feature their final Ludden art display



STUDENT MURAL

Our Counseling Office has a new feature thanks to 10th grade student artist Maria Natale. Her mural tells students to "blast into their future" and explore the many opportunities life offers after high school for success.



Science Olympiad News



Bishop Ludden Science Olympiad Head Coach Maxine Babcock will be named as the Midstate Science Olympiad B Site Coordinator on June 1, 2024. Mrs. Babcock has coached since 2009 and has led the Bishop Ludden team to State Championships in 2011, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Mrs. Babcock will be recruiting new teams to the Regional event which will be held in March 2025 at North Syracuse Junior High School.



The Science Olympiad program welcomes Library Media Specialist and former Science Olympiad star Alexa Kulak as a coach for the 2024-25 season!

Quiz Bowl News

Bishop Ludden scored three wins in the prestigious Texas Quiz Bowl Alliance's TQBA Texas Invitational XIV on May 11 online. Bishop Ludden took on some of the top teams in the country and scored a win over 2023's High School National Championship Tournament winner's D team, Detroit Catholic Central with a 240-155 victory which went down to the last two questions. The squad also nipped Seven Lakes in a 195-180 nail-biter that went down to the last question.

" We had to play with only two of our starters because of the prom, " explained Coach Maxine Babcock. " Prom King Ryan Skanes came in for the second half of the tournament and scored 50 points in three games, filling in for captain Momin Naveed, who scored 160 in six games, and had to leave for a previous commitment. Mya Barnaba captained for the first time, and logged 120 points, while Theresa Quigley scored 145 , with 30 of them coming against DDC B's team. Anthony Taylor added 60 points."

Bishop Ludden was scheduled to head to the Northeastern Regional Championships in Connecticut on May 18, but the tournament was canceled at the last minute. The team was able to play the same set of questions online through the TQBA.



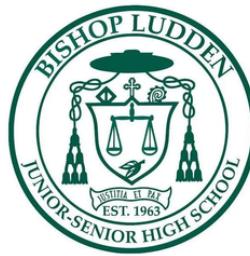
SUMMER CAMP!

Scan the QR code to register for our 2024 camp



Students of the Month

7th Elaina Ellison
8th Kevin Smith
9th Shane Richart



10th Emmet Ranous
11th Mikhayla Reyes
12th Mary Papini

Junior/Senior Gala

Photos available on Syracuse.com



7th Grade Scientists

Mrs. Olt's class dissects owl pellets!



A mom to her own ... and several hundred others

Adapted from *The Catholic Sun* by Tami S. Scott (Read the full article [here](#))



Art is more than just another class at Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School. It carries a vibe all its own that students for years have likened to home. How? Why? What is it about art class? The radio playing music? The wax warmer? The walls, tables and floors embellished with names, paint and years-old memories?

They contribute, certainly. But the real reason is their teacher: Rhonda Henderson.

"[Mrs. Henderson] let my friend Megan get a bowl of cereal because she was hungry, [and] when we're really cold, she has extra sweatshirts she gives us," said 10th-grader Natalie Kearney.

Twins Brenna and Cailin Lillis, also in 10th grade, offered even more insight: "She comforts us. She understands us," Brenna said. "She just gives us good mom advice," said Cailin.

Pair Henderson's nurturing soul with a creative environment where students can decompress for a time, and you've got yourself a "mom" away from mom in a "home" away from home.

Henderson said she thinks she's become a mother figure to so many of her students, past and present, because she treats them like her own. She admits she's lucky to be in a position where she can get to know them personally, too, where others teach subjects that demand more structure and offer less time for informal conversation.

"I might be one of the only adults that they open up to during the day," said Henderson, who's been with Ludden since 1996. She's not only the head of the art department, but also the yearbook advisor, senior class moderator and chairperson for the annual Gala. "They'll come put their head on my shoulder when they don't feel good [or] they'll be stressed out about a task."

For instance, 10th-grader Meghan Ascioti often studies for her Spanish tests in class. So, as she's painting, Henderson quizzes her on vocabulary words. "I'm like, alright, give me your words!" Henderson said, laughing, because she doesn't know any Spanish; she was a French student.

For Ascioti, art is her favorite class: "[It's] just like home in here," she said. "You just come in [and] have a good time. Get your artwork done ... just talking."

"I think she's just really sweet," added another sophomore, Tess Gilbertsen, "but then [she] also knows how to control the room when she has to."

Gilbertsen's overall confidence in her creative work has shot up since taking Henderson's class, too. "Tess has discovered that she can do things she didn't think she could do," said Henderson, beaming like a proud mom.

Being a mother figure for students comes with a responsibility of which Henderson is fully aware. She said that while most of the time is light-hearted and fun, students still often seek her specifically for advice or help. When they do, she always leads them to counseling – and always keeps the counselors in the loop. "I always make sure they know what's going on," she said

Senior Andrew Brunger has stuck with art since eighth grade, "Only because of her," he said. Brunger admitted he's not much of an artist, but she's been his favorite teacher throughout his Ludden tenure. "She's one that you can always go to talk to. [She] never judges."

When seniors Christian Tetrault and Brayden Kitterle move on in the fall, they made no bones about the fact that they'll miss her sense of humor, inspiration and support.

"I always tell them I'm only an email away when they graduate," Henderson said.

Golden Graduates

*The Bishop Ludden
Board of Trustees & Administration
cordially invite our
Golden Jubilarian Classes of 1966 through 1974
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 7, 2024 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 17, 2024
with the enclosed response card or visit
bishopludden.org under the alumni page
and click on "Golden Graduates".

If you have any questions, please contact
Kathy Gilheney at kgilheney@syrdiocease.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.BISHOPLUDDEN.ORG/ALUMNI/GOLDEN-GRADUATES/](https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/golden-graduates/)



The August 5th golf
tournament online registration
is now open:
**[https://www.bishopludden.org/
alumni/golf-tournament/](https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/golf-tournament/)**



Brian Betelak, Class of 1974

As Brian reflects on his Ludden baseball and basketball career he says, "Being part of a team has always been a large part of my life. Coaches are like parents, guiding us to be better than we thought we could be. Teammates are like brothers, going through the same trials. Each person, with their own unique personalities and talents, being molded into one cohesive unit. We succeed or fail as a team, as a family. I am honored and humbled to be a small part of that Ludden family."



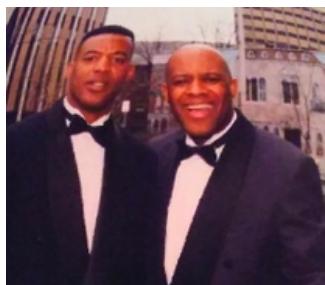
Alex Sales, Class of 1976

Alex played football for Ludden during his senior year, winning MVP during his first and only season on the team. After Ludden, he coached for seven years and worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Department of Youth Services) for 38 years. He has earned the honors of co-captain, CNYCL All-Star, and MVP in baseball and Two Way Starter, MVP, and a scholarship to Boston College for his football career.



Dan Whelan, Class of 1981

Dan, a three-year member of the Ludden basketball and lacrosse teams, considers Bishop Ludden to be "a great part of who I am today, and the faith I possess." He was captain of both his teams senior year and served as his class vice president. For basketball, Dan was selected for an Honorable Mention all CNY Cities League Team and in lacrosse, Dan was selected as an All-American defenseman. At Hobart College, Dan was a four-year starting defenseman on four Division III National Championship teams (1982-1985) and was twice named an All American in 1984 and 1985. Even after his own career, he coached lacrosse and was named Patriot League coach of the year in 1971.



Keith Rhodes, Class of 1979

The accomplishment Keith is most proud of is being part of a team that had four of its five starters named to the First Team CNY All-stars as it speaks volumes to the great coaching of Jerry Wilcox. Keith says, "the emphasis on the team has left an indelible mark on my life. It has helped me be a better father, husband, friend, and teammate throughout my life. I am eternally grateful for the relationships that I developed at Bishop Ludden." He dedicates this honor to his brother, Wayne.



Bill Moran, Class of 1979

Throughout his four years at Bishop Ludden, Bill played JV and Varsity basketball, JV lacrosse, and baseball. He is grateful that he had such a loving family that supported his goals and dreams. Bill says, "I learned much during my four years at Bishop Ludden. Ludden built character within me. I learned time management, teamwork, hard work, consistency, love, compassion, no short-cuts, touching all the lines, and so much more. But most importantly, Ludden taught me how to "win".... winning in sports- win in life- win in love..."

**BISHOP LUDDEN ALUMNI
WEEKEND
AUGUST 2 – 5, 2024**

- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**
 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY – CLASS OF 1974
CONTACT – CLASS OF 1974 FACEBOOK GROUP
- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**
 - 45TH ANNIVERSARY – CLASS OF 1979 CONTACT – JACKIE JANOSCKO-TRUDELL at jackielynnvb@gmail.com
-ROSANNE CHEMOTTI-CANESTRARE at ro@bklawyers.com
 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY – CLASS OF 1984
CONTACT - BISHOP LUDDEN HS CLASS OF 1984 FACEBOOK PAGE
 - 9:00 AM – MASS FOR CLASS OF 1974- BL CHAPEL
 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM - OPEN HOUSE BLHS
- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**
 - ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME EVENT –
MARRIOTT SYRACUSE DOWNTOWN
 - 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM
 - HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50714470>
 - TICKETS PURCHASED ON BL WEBSITE BY JUNE 15 (online registration should be ready by March 25th) SPACE IS LIMITED
 - CONTACT – blhshof@gmail.com or kgilheney@syrdiocese.org or dukewhelan@gmail.com
 - MEMBERS BEING INDUCTED
 - See Attached
- **MONDAY, AUGUST 5**
 - 30TH ANNUAL PATRICK MATHEWS GOLF TOURNAMENT
 - TUSCARORA GOLF COURSE – MARCELLUS
 - 18 HOLES – SHOT GUN START
 - FOOD / BEVERAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY
 - LUNCH – 11:30 am
 - PRIZES
 - CONTACT – kgilheney@syrdiocese.org or carl@masterpolemurphy.com
 - online registration should be ready by March 25th
 - REGISTER EARLY!

Looking for something to wear to your reunion?

Get your Ludden gear [here!](#)



Upcoming Reunions

Bishop Ludden Class of 1974

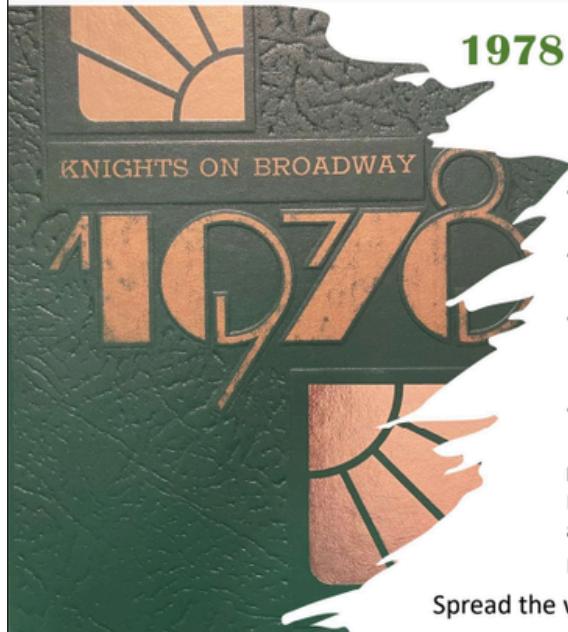
50 Year Reunion!

August 2, 2024, 6 pm to 9 pm

Everson Museum, Syracuse NY

Reunion Committee:

Denise Antil
Susan Stratton
Duke Whelan
Carolyn Crotty
Kathy Crisan Todd
Paul Tremont
Joan Corcoran
Mike Ganley
Rosie Roickle Ryan
Cindy Wrate Bartlett
Susan Byrne Farrell
Stan Maziuk
Bob Donovan
Lauri Pepe Bousquet
Tom Buckel



1978 CLASS REUNION 45 YRS.+1

Come celebrate and reminisce.

Friday June 28 – Sunday June 30, 2024

- **Friday night social:** Chelsea's Restaurant, 5076 Velasko Rd., Syracuse 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Saturday morning service project:** Tiny Homes for Good, location TBD, 10:00 am to noon
- **Saturday evening dinner:** Tuscarora Golf Club, 2901 Howlett Hill Rd., Camillus, NY 6:00 to 9:00 pm (\$30 per person)
- **Sunday Mass:** Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Dr., Syracuse 10:30 am (refreshments to follow)

Please RSVP to ludden1978@gmail.com by Friday, June 14, 2024. (Let us know which events you will attend.)

Plus 1s welcome.

Spread the word to classmates. We can't wait to see you!

45th REUNION

Bishop Ludden High School
Class of '79 – 45 Year Reunion

****Saturday August 3, 2024****

Coleman's Pub

100 S Lowell Ave, Syracuse, NY 13204

We're going to Coleman's ... mark your calendar to join us for our 45th Reunion. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person (includes appetizers and free drink per person) and Cash Bar. All extra proceeds will be donated to BL Jr./Sr. High School. Friday night social ... TBA ...where do you think?

Please spread the word and make sure you e-mail/ text your reservation. Advanced registration is appreciated...payment instructions to follow (cash only at door).

We hope you can make it and looking forward to seeing you in August. There will be raffles and a 50/50 ... all proceeds to be donated to Bishop Ludden. Please contact one of us if you have any questions, suggestions or you are able to make any donation for raffles, etc. We also want to hear from you and what you have been doing, so please e-mail us and share your news!

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Tom Whelan

CLASS OF 1979



Dedicated in Remembering our Deceased Classmates

REUNIONS

Bishop Ludden Class of 1984

40th High School Reunion

Hello Classmate
40 years - Wow!

Hope all is well.

We are putting together a very informal reunion at Nibsys' Pub on Syracuse's Tipp Hill. We hope that you will be able to make this reunion. Our list of graduates is not complete, so please reach out to any other graduates you know and share this information.

Date: August 3, 2024

Time: 5pm - 8ish

Place: Nibsy's Pub, 201 Ulster Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

Cost: \$15 per person

Our reunion will coincide with Bishop Luddens' Hall of Fame Weekend. There will be a Golf Tournament on Monday August 5th should you be interested in putting together a foursome to wrap up the weekend.

In order to reserve the room, Nibsy's is requiring us to order food. They promised to work with us and my goal is to keep the price as low as possible by providing some pizza, wings, and cake. The kitchen will be open for those who wish to order something more substantial.

Many of you sent your RSVP, but if you haven't, please use the QR code below to let us know if you will be attending.

QR code to RSVP



QR code for Golf Tournament



Thanks and please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions.
If you are on Facebook and Messenger, feel free to visit our reunion page:
"Bishop Ludden HS Class of 1984"

Michael Root
Email: dylanlax66@yahoo.com
phone: 3152545700

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

John Dardis, Class of 1967



John A. Dardis, 73, of Kirkville, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on February 27, 2023. John was born in Syracuse, New York on May 8, 1949 to the late John and Thelma Dardis. A U.S. Army Veteran, John retired from Channel 9 News after 54 years. He is survived by his Wife of 54 years, Elizabeth Dardis; Son, Michael (Michele) Dardis; Daughter, Sandra (Daniel) Sabene; 4 Grandchildren; 4 Siblings and 2 Great Grandchildren.

Rev. John Heagerty, Ludden Principal 1967-1970



Rev. John J. Heagerty, 96, of Syracuse, passed away August 18, 2023. He was a graduate of North High School and received his Bachelor's degree from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester in 1954.

He was ordained on February 2, 1954 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. He completed his Master's degree from Syracuse University in 1963. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Skaneateles and Blessed Sacrament Church before joining the faculty at Bishop Ludden High School and serving as Principal from 1967-70.

He then became Pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Chittenango, St. John the Evangelist, Syracuse, St. Paul Catholic Church, Binghamton and St. Matthew's Church, East Syracuse where he served for 21 years before retiring in 1997.

After retirement he served Mass for St. Joseph the Worker in Liverpool and St. Mary's Church and St. Anthony's Church both in Cortland. His last ministry was serving the spiritual needs of the all the people living at the Nottingham where he resided for the past 10 plus years. He was also an avid golfer and was a member at Arrowhead Golf Course where he played right up to July of 2023. He is survived by several cousins including, Nancy Hollenbeck O'Neill, Mary Hollenbeck and John J. Heagerty.

Michael Keohane, Class of 2004



Michael "Doe" Keohane, of Syracuse, passed away on April 7, 2024. He was 38 years old. Michael was born on January 16, 1986, to Martha and Donald Keohane in Syracuse, NY. He graduated from Bishop Ludden High School and Onondaga County Community College. He is predeceased by his grandparents, Donald (Ellen) Keohane and Richard (Patricia) Naughton. Michael is survived by his wife Abbey, and their children, Killian and Alice, his mother, Martha Keohane; his father, Donald Keohane, his brother, Donald (Lindsay) Keohane, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.