

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

"Where character, commitment,
and community come together in
a school for all."

November 2021

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Mrs. Buttner creates the beautiful November bulletin board for students and staff to enjoy as they walk through the hallways.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE *more on page 4*

Students share advice, why they chose Bishop Ludden

Benjamin Gentile, 9th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

I chose Bishop Ludden because they were very welcoming to me and my family.

What do you love most about the school?

My favorite thing about school is learning new things.

What's your favorite class and why?

My favorite class is History because I like learning about different events throughout time.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given to you?

The best advice given to me was, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Mariana Bednarski, 9th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

I wanted to go to a new school to meet new people and I knew someone [that already goes to Ludden] and she told me how much she likes it here. So, I decided

to come here, too!

What do you love most about the school?

My friend Julia and Art class.

What's your favorite class and why?

Art class because the teacher is really nice and she makes her class really fun.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given to you?

"Study and hand in work" – Nat

"Follow the rules." – Julia

"It's OK to ask for help but make sure you help others, too." – My deacon

Phil McGarvey, 10th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

My parents wanted me to be educated in a Catholic school environment.

What do you love most about the school?

I think the size of Ludden allows me to be close to my teachers and with various grade levels, not just my class. I have the opportunity to be in any activity that interests me, because there are so many choices and we are always encouraged to be involved.

What's your favorite class and why?

The is the most difficult question for me. At the moment, Algebra 2 is my favorite class because my teacher is excellent. She is very patient and will answer any question I have at any time and I appreciate that.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given to you?

The best advice I have received is to not let anyone outwork you. My family has always shown me that it is important to make sure you always do the best you can do and to never lose hope.

Tess Murry, 11th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

When at the open house, I really liked hearing about the small class sizes and one-on-one time with teachers. I'm really glad I chose to come here, because I feel comfortable enough to ask questions in class.

What do you love most about the school?

I love that I can do multiple activities at once, such as the fall play and volleyball. I don't think that I would be able to have done both at another school.

What's your favorite class and why?

My favorite class is French, because I love Mrs. P and the French culture is so interesting.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given to you?

Do what you want to do. You will always find a friend with the same interest as you if you try something new.

Bishop Ludden: A Diverse Community

Our Bishop Ludden community is vast yet tight-knit with students coming from 20 school districts that range from Geneva to the west, Sandy Creek to the north, Tully to the south and Chittenango to the east.

COUNSELING

For Juniors: You have completed the PSAT, what now? Score reports will be sent to the Counseling Office in late December. If students have not set up their College Board account, please do so. Through this account you will be able to register for an upcoming SAT exam as well as utilize it for test prep and a different college and career search program. Go to www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org to view the schedule of exams and to register.

Which one is right for you? See below.

Test Structure:

SAT: Reading, Writing & Language, Math, Essay (optional)

ACT: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, Essay (optional)

Length:

SAT: 3 hours (without essay); 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)

ACT: 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay); 3 hours 40 minutes (with essay)

Reading:

SAT: 5 reading passages

ACT: 4 reading passages

Science:

SAT: None

ACT: One science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge).

Math:

SAT: Covers arithmetic, algebra I & II, geometry, trigonometry and data analysis.

ACT: Covers Arithmetic, algebra I & II, geometry, trigonometry, and probability & statistics.

Calculator Policy:

SAT: Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.

ACT: You can use a calculator on all math questions.

Essays:

SAT: Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.

ACT: Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.

How it's Scored:

SAT: Scored on a scale of 400-1600.

ACT: Scored on a scale of 1-36.



Why take it?

Colleges use SAT and ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.

Something else for juniors to be thinking about is starting to research colleges. All juniors have a Naviance account that was created as a sophomore and that program will supply you with the tools to do an advanced college search based on some factors specific to you such as location, size, athletics and majors to name a few. If you aren't ready to research colleges because you have no idea what major you want to pursue, then you can do a career search or personality inventory through Naviance. Now is a great time to be going on college visits to see what specific qualities are important to you in your future home away from home. The more research you do now as a junior, the less work you will have as a senior, so get started now! Your Naviance username is your email and password is something you created. <http://student.naviance.com/bljshs>

Begin to look online (www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.org) and plan when you want to take the SAT or ACT so you can find a date that fits your schedule best. There are test dates November-June depending on which one you want to take. Be aware of deadlines so you aren't paying extra fees.

For seniors

For Seniors: Please make sure your child is researching the requirements needed for each individual college and watching deadlines. Teachers and Mrs. Schoeneck need at least 2 weeks notice to write a letter of recommendation. Students also need to request a transcript using the orange transcript request form that was handed out in Religion class at least 2 weeks before a deadline date. Students need to notify Mrs. Schoeneck or Miss Doyle of specific deadline dates and whether it is an early action or early decision application.

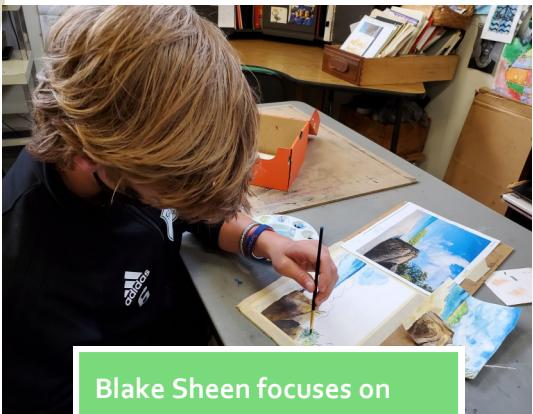


INSIDE LUDDEN

Alexi Sheen is painting with watercolors.



Michael Manzi paints a sunset background. Birch trees to come.



Blake Sheen focuses on work.

Student Perspective *continued from page 2*

Achol Aroman, 11th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

Ludden gave my older sister a welcoming experience so I wanted to see what it was about.

What do you love most about the school?

I love the teachers and their ability to think of our lives outside of school when they prepare our homework.

What's your favorite class and why?

Probably TOK. Mrs. Busa makes every class interesting and insightful. She's always finding something new to think about.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you?

Is the thing that's bothering you a problem or an inconvenience? Is it personal or are they going through something in *their* life?

Jonathon Dahir, 11th grade



Why did you/your parents choose Ludden for your junior/senior high school experience?

We loved the atmosphere and the people who worked in it along with the class choices and learning experiences.

What do you love most about the school?

I love the positive teachers and classrooms I get to work with.

What's your favorite class and why?

My favorite class is Biology because I am very interested in what life is and the human anatomy. Plus, Ms. Hanson makes it very fun and interactive.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you?

The best advice I have ever received is to be the best at who I am.

IN BRIEF

Long-term nurse sub

Long-term substitute nurse Laura Richards, RN, is filling in for Nurse Nicky Jack until Feb. 1. Laura can be reached at 315-459-7160 or lrichards@westgenesee.org.

Also, please continue to turn in your students' current physicals!

A good cause

Girls varsity soccer team donated \$510. To the Samaritan center from our admission donation request from their home games.

Trip News

The trip this April (2022) is on! We still have room for some travelers. The trip includes touring Germany and France (think WW II), including Berlin and Paris! If interested, go to eftours.com/enroll and enter the tour #2366542EX. The last date to enroll is Tuesday, Nov. 30. Questions, please contact Mrs. P at spietropaolo@syrdiocease.org.

The trip in April 2023 is full. If you wish to be put on a wait list in case someone cancels, you can do so. Go to eftours.com/enroll and enter the tour # 2481330FY.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Meet three new members of the Bishop Ludden community

Miss Chelsea Doyle



Chelsea Doyle, of Baldwinsville, joins us in her second year as a school counselor, after starting her career in the Orlando, Florida area. Chelsea lived in Orlando for four years and also worked at Walt Disney World. She moved back to Central New York to be close to family. Academically, Chelsea is a graduate of Binghamton University, earning her B.S. in

Human Development, and a graduate of University of Central Florida, earning her M.A. in Counselor Education-School Counseling and a Graduate Certificate in Career Counseling. Chelsea has a NYS provisional certification in School Counseling. Chelsea's speciality is college and career counseling and she is excited to work with students to help them find their path after Bishop Ludden!

What stands out to you as the most endearing quality of Bishop Ludden?

The most endearing quality that I have noticed about Bishop Ludden is how tight knit the school feels. Everyone is supportive of each other and it is a great place for students to thrive.

What do you most enjoy so far in your role as school counselor?

I have loved my time so far as Bishop Ludden's new school counselor. One of my favorite things is standing in the hallway greeting students. I have loved learning their names and the small caseload allows me to personally know every student. Mrs. Schoenck and I changed the division of students when I started and we all now have 7th through 12th

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Mr. James Ryan



Mr. James Ryan comes to Bishop Ludden from the Manlius Pebble Hill School, where he spent the last five years there as the school's director of athletics. Mr. Ryan has spent more than 20 years in various roles in the world of education. He brings six years of enrollment management at the independent school and college settings to Bishop Ludden. In addition to admissions experience, he was a class-

room teacher for nine years, and 10 years as a collegiate coach. Mr. Ryan spent several years recruiting high schools from around the northeast as a coach and as the associate director of admissions at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Having recruited Central New York and many other prep and private schools, Mr. Ryan understands the value of a Bishop Ludden education.

What stands out to you as the most endearing quality of Bishop Ludden?

The Ludden family, the incredible sense of community and pride current students and alumni have for their school.

What do you most enjoy so far in your role as director of marketing and enrollment management?

Having the opportunity to represent Bishop Ludden to the CNY community and prospective families that are interested in enrolling their children at our amazing school

Do you have a favorite motto or Bible scripture you try to live by?

"Don't underestimate the power of kindness" and "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

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¡Hola! A greeting from Spanish teacher Shelly Marsh



Hello, my name is Shelly Marsh. I am teaching Spanish at Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School this year. In June, I retired from the Marcellus Central School District after 33 years of teaching and decided to start the second chapter of my life at Bishop Ludden. I have two wonderful children; Andrew, 23, graduated from West Point in May and is a Second Lieutenant in the Army, and Colleen, 18, is a freshman at Hartwick College playing tennis and majoring in nursing. My husband Jim and I have been married for 27 years and are now empty nesters. We keep busy with our 8-year-old JackChi mix named Buddy, enjoy traveling, and playing golf. I am privileged to be working with such a wonderful staff at Bishop Ludden High School and am hopeful that it will continue for the next few years.

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

Anne Brunger, class of '89, speaks of BL community, values

Why did you choose Bishop Ludden for your children?

Bishop Ludden has a great sense of community. As a parent, I appreciated how welcome we felt at open house. (*The Brunger children who attend/attended BL are Matthew '21, Andrew '24, Nick '26, and Sloane '28*).

What's the best feedback you've received from your children about their time at Ludden?

They love that they are friends with everyone. It is more like an extended family. They are comfortable joining clubs and activities because the students are always so welcoming.

What do you love most about Ludden?

The community. Everything from teachers to students, families and staff. We all share the same values. It is awesome to have so much support and to have teachers that want your children to be successful in the classroom, in sports, and in life as good people.

In what ways have you seen your kids grow personally and academically over their years here?

My oldest son Matthew has always loved the sciences. Bishop Ludden's STEM program really nurtured that interest. He is now a college physics major and feels well prepared. As he says, 'I am not the smartest in the program but I have the perseverance to be successful.' I love that BL gives kids the confidence to reach for goals and dreams because in the end ... perseverance is often more important than intelligence. It will serve him well in all aspects of his life.



What would you say to families thinking about enrolling their child at Bishop Ludden?

Don't wait. If there is one gift that is worth the money, it is Bishop Ludden. It's a gift of a great education, good friends, self-confidence, and community. It's a gift that will change your child's future.

“Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.”

— Pope John Paul II —

LUDDEN LIFE

Boyea, Kibling sign letters of intent



Bishop Ludden celebrated both Sarah Boyea and Kaitlyn Kibling as they signed their letters of intent Nov. 10. Sarah (left) signed an Institutional Letter of Intent to play soccer at LeMoyne College. Kaitlyn (right) signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at UConn. Congratulations!! Middle: Coach Carm Petrera.

Quizbowl team traveled to Philly in October, Ithaca this month

The Bishop Ludden Quizbowl team headed to the Philly Challenge in Philadelphia on Oct. 30.

All six players played multiple games and scored points against some excellent teams. The team was captained by Patrick McGinn Hammer, who was the top scorer for the team. Peter Smith was the number two scorer, along with Paul Owens, John Michael Owens, Isaiah Patterson, and Isaiah Apps.

Thanks to Dr. Daniel Smith for driving the team and coach Maxine Babcock. Bishop Ludden takes four teams to the Ithaca Fall Invitational on Nov. 20 in Ithaca.



L-R Paul Owens, Isaiah Paterson, Peter Smith, Coach Maxine Babcock, Captain Patrick McGinn Hammer, John Michael Owens, and Isaiah Apps.

Hark! Christmas concert set



Junior High Chorus is rehearsing hard for Bishop Ludden's Christmas Concert, to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22!

Rocket League lands at #21

Bishop Ludden's three Rocket League teams have had a sometimes bruising introductory season. The BL Bronze team recently cracked the winning ranks to land at #21 the New York Rocket League.

Now 7-6, with a six-game winning streak, BL Bronze stars include John Michael Owens, Paul Owens, Anderson Corriero, Andrew Janowski, and Isaiah Patterson.

At 5-9, the BL Emerald Knights are starting to gel as a team. Anthony Taylor, Peter Smith, and Isaiah Apps are the starters.

The BL Gaelic Sentinels are 3-9 with Katie Nguyen, Hayden Parkhurst, Ben Gentile, and Zander Craner.

The teams are looking forward to the spring season because they will be far more experienced by then. The teams are currently coached by Maxine Babcock and Isaiah Horne.

Open House ... *opens doors*

Bishop Ludden last month held an open house for prospective students to get a tour and taste of Ludden life on campus. The event was well attended.



RELIGION

Pray with us

The Icon of St. Joseph is at Bishop Ludden, this week – from Nov. 13-19. Campus ministry is hosting daily prayer devotionals at 2 p.m. each day during this visit to seek the intercession of St. Joseph for vocations, for staff needed at Bishop Ludden, and for an end to the worldwide pandemic.



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1



BL hosts Sisters of Life



The Sisters of Life were guests of Bishop Ludden Oct. 18, speaking to students throughout the day. They talked about being a Congregation of Sisters dedicated to Pro-Life, shared vocation stories, and even sang a song with a ukulele. One of the sisters, Sister Mary Catherine Brown, is a Syracuse native.

Pro-life group raises \$200



The BL Campus Ministry Pro-life Group raised \$200 for St. Joseph's House. A check was presented on Nov. 12 to executive director Mr. Bronson Kopp.

Year of Vocations Official Prayer

GOD, MY FATHER,
YOU CREATED ME WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE
FOR MY LIFE; THIS IS MY VOCATION.
BY FOLLOWING YOUR PLAN, I WILL BE HAPPY ON EARTH,
EARN THE REWARD OF HEAVEN,
AND HELP OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.
PLEASE HELP ME TO HEAR, UNDERSTAND, AND FOLLOW
YOUR CALL WITH MY WHOLE HEART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT
SEEMS MOST DIFFICULT.

SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY
FOR ME TO KNOW AND ACCEPT GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE.

AMEN.

SERVICE

SERVICE HOURS / VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS / 2021- 2022

The following organizations are currently accepting volunteers. Service Hours are still required per the Student/ Teacher handbook:

Grade 7: 10

Grade 8: 12

Grade 9: 16

Grade 10: 24

Grade 11: 32

Grade 12: 40

Note: All programs listed below require proof of COVID Vaccination and mask.

Any questions, please contact Sister Beth Ann Dillon



GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers

GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers offer therapeutic and educational programs that advance literacy, math skills, motor skills, and more; all of which are free of charge. We are in need of volunteers to assist our program hosts with set up, clean up, and during programs. We also have administrative and organizational tasks that volunteers can help with. We are located on the second floor of Driver's Village in Cicero. For more information on our programs and to volunteer, please visit www.gigisplayhouse.org/syracuse. Please email syracuse@gigisplayhouse.org or call Sara LaValle at 315-288-7529 with any further questions.

Syracuse Youth United

Syracuse Youth United is a chapter of Syracuse Habitat for Humanity that engages youth, ages 5-25, to work together to fully fund and build a Habitat home. The four goals of Youth United:

Involve youth in their communities

Engage youth in Habitat's mission of eliminating substandard housing

Foster teamwork among diverse groups of youth

Develop youth leaders

For more information, contact Maria Miller at YOUTHUNITEDSYR@GMAIL.COM. Become a fan on Facebook at "Youth United Syracuse" to learn about upcoming meetings and events. Also, visit syracusehabitat.org/youthunited.

Camillus Erie Canal/Sims Store

Just located outside of the Village of Camillus, there is plenty of work to do at this historical site. Duties will include construction, trail work, landscaping and/or painting. Students under age 14 need parental supervision. There are many opportunities for Eagle Scouts projects, and Participation in Government class requirements. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Beebe at 488-3409 for further information, or to sign up.

Francis House

High school student: Do you need volunteer community service hours or want to do something good? The Francis House always has room for you!! Stop by the CC for further information, or call Rea Carver at 475-5422 or rcarver@francishouseny.org.

Rescue Mission

Looking to fulfill some volunteer hours? Flexible hours are available at the Thrifty Shop in Fairmount (a few doors down from Subway). To apply, visit www.rmsyr.org and go to volunteers, then click on "individual application." You can fill that out and submit it electronically. After that is sent, at some point you will receive an agreement in the mail that needs to be signed and returned to the Rescue Mission. Students must be at least 16 years of age. Younger students must have a parent go with them. For questions, contact emily_lee@rmsyr.org.

Spanish Action League

Volunteers are needed. Volunteers must be bi-lingual (English/Spanish). There are after school activities and some weekend activities. Contact Shannon Ryan for an interview by calling 475-6153 ext. 218. Their offices are located at 700 Oswego St., Syracuse.

Fairmount Community Library

Located at 406 Chapel Drive, the Library welcomes volunteers on a regular basis as well as temporary to fulfill community hour

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SERVICE

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commitments. Call 487-8933 to sign up or for more information. Duties include, but are not limited to light office work, working on annual fund drive, and putting books away.

Museum of Science and Technology

The MOST offers volunteer positions. For more information, contact the volunteer coordinator at 425-9068 ext 2146. The MOST is located at 500 S. Franklin St., Syracuse. Visit most.org.

Maxwell Memorial Library

Located at 14 Genesee St. in the village of Camillus, Maxwell Memorial Library is looking for volunteers, ages 12 and up. Applications are available at the library. Please contact Rose at 672-3661 on Mondays and Fridays from 4 – 8 p.m. or Saturday mornings. You can leave a message or email mlewadowski@onlib.org. Duties include but are not limited to shelving books, art and creative work with youngsters.

Make-a-Wish Foundation of CNY

Make-a-Wish Foundation of CNY is located at 5005 CampusWood Drive, E. Syracuse. For volunteering opportunities, call 475-WISH (9474). Their website is makeawishcny.org/.

SPAR - Teaching Special Needs Kids the Catholic Faith

SPAR is located at 207 Chapel Drive, Syracuse. For volunteering opportunities, call 315.928.6100. Their email is Sparsyr@gmail.com.

Central New York Cat Coalition

CAT LOVER? Future Veterinarian? Central New York Cat Coalition is in need of volunteers to help care for their cats that are up for adoption in the Fairmount PetSmart store. Volunteers work two-hour shifts. Their duties include cleaning cages, feeding cats, and interacting with the cats and customers who are interested in adopting. Volunteers must be 18 or be accompanied by an adult. To "apply" to the PetSmart store and fill out the application for volunteering or call Dave at 315-395-5713. These volunteers play a critical part in helping the unwanted kitties to find good homes.

Brookdale Villas of Summerfield

Brookdale Villas of Summerfield Senior Retirement Community is looking for volunteers to assist residents with crafts, Christmas card writing, games and other activities. Light cleaning duties and decorating help is also needed. Hours available are weekdays from 3-5 pm. Volunteers are needed on a more permanent basis on Fridays from 6-7:30 p.m. On special occasions, some Saturday and Sunday hours are available. For further information, please call 315-492-4041.

Brady Faith Center

The Brady Faith Center, located at 404 South Ave, Syracuse has opportunities to volunteer. Contact David Allen at 472-9077 or e-mail dallensyr@aol.com.

United Way

United Way has several volunteer opportunities available. Please visit 1-800-volunteer.org and create an account. Potential experience is updated often. Also, the CNY of the Post Standard on Mondays has a section that lists three new opportunities each week.

Sarah House

Sarah House is a home for families that live out of town that have a loved one hospitalized for an extended period of time in the Syracuse area. They are looking for volunteers for different tasks such as yard work, greeting, office work, and light housekeeping. If you are interested, please stop by the CC for an application.

Seventh Heaven: Dog Rescue

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Our mission is to try to keep dogs out of shelters as well as rescue dogs that have found themselves in shelters. Our goal is to provide them the love, compassion, kindness, dignity and respect as well as medical care they need and deserve. Our mission is to honor Seven's memory in the hope that we can help other dogs and any animal in need just like him find loving families. We are strictly a not-for-profit organization. All donations go directly to those animals in our care.

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 Lud-

Drop off	Pick up
Dec. 6	Dec. 10
Jan. 10	Jan. 14
Feb. 7	Feb. 11
March 14	March 18
April 4	April 8
May 9	May 3

IN THE SPOTLIGHT *continued*

Jim Ryan *From page 6*

What is your favorite pastime?

Family mostly. I am one of six and I have four children of my own and a wonderful wife. They take up most of my time which is a great thing. We are a sports family as well, so we spend a lot of time chasing them around everywhere. When I get a quiet moment, I do enjoy reading and doing some other hobbies.

Favorite book and movie?

Too many movies that I could put on here. One of my favorite books is "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln." I also like a bunch of books by Brad Meltzer.

Where's one place you haven't been to that you'd like to visit and why?

I love the outdoors: Montana and the Grand Tetons. Those are a couple of spots I would love to get to.

What is something about you that people wouldn't know?

I have a hobby that I have gotten into the past couple years called pyrography.

What's your advice to students? current and/or potential students?

Stay true to yourself, get involved in something — music, sports, clubs. Enjoy being a student, because life comes at you fast. Most importantly, listen to some of those adults in your life they actually do know what they are talking about!

Chelsea Doyle *From page 6*

grade students and I have enjoyed the variety of working with 7th grade students on their transition into Bishop Ludden while also helping seniors figure out their path after graduation.

Do you have a favorite motto or Bible scripture you try to live by?

A motto that I try to live by is Hakuna Matata. Not only is it from one of my favorite Disney movies, but my dad would say it growing up when something didn't go our way or he noticed someone being negative. It reminds me that there are more important things in life and to not take everything so seriously.

What is your favorite pastime?

My favorite pastime is sitting on the couch with my family on Sundays and watching football! Unfortunately, I'm a Jets fan so the games usually don't go well, but I love watching football regardless of the team.

Favorite book and movie?

I am currently reading "The Seven Husbands" of Evelyn Hugo and my favorite movie is Zootopia!

Where's one place you haven't been to that you'd like to visit and why?

My bucket list destination to visit is the Galapagos Islands. I love wildlife and the opportunity to experience some of my favorite animals in their natural habitat is a dream of mine!

What is something about you that people wouldn't know?

Something about me that people wouldn't know about me is that I'm very competitive and I love any type of board game, puzzle, or escape room! I have done over 100 escape rooms.

What's your advice to students? current and/or potential students?

My advice to students at Bishop Ludden, current and future, would be to not be afraid to ask for help. The faculty and staff care about your happiness and success and we are here to make sure your experience is positive. No issues that you have is too small or too big and we will do everything we can to help. Join a club, sport, or extracurricular early in your time here! That is a great way to make connections and have a group of friends to support you.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Reflections on the Class of '81 Reunion

By Trish Johnson

The Class of '81 was happy to return to Bishop Ludden for our 40th year Class Reunion on Sept. 10-11. We were on hand for opening day for the Ludden Football season and were given a warm welcome back from the stands. The Ludden football team rose to the occasion for our class, and also for the occasion of the 20th anniversary 9/11 remembrance, defeating opponent, Notre Dame (Utica), decisively, 68-10.

Festivities for the 40th reunion included a Class tailgate, catered by the Brasserie Bar and Bistro in Camillus, a Ludden alum-owned family business. Forty-three classmates returned on Friday, along with family members which made for a gathering of 65. The tailgate continued through the game, and after, thanks to the new (to us) lighting in the BL parking lot! Thanks to Ludden's facilities coordinators, Tom and Joe, for staying late and helping us tear down. Thanks to the girls soccer team, too, who provided labor for setting up! Proud of them, as the team is undefeated as we speak! An after gathering for the Class of '81 took place at Coleman's where more friends joined in, reminiscing with each other, and renewing bonds!

On Saturday, we were invited back to the school to participate in a mass at the school chapel, which was offered for our deceased friends and classmates who we miss so much. We appreciated the help of the Ludden staff, who served us on a Saturday morning: the new principal Michael McAuliff; director of devel-

opment Kathy Gilheney, campus minister Sr. Beth Ann and visiting priest, Fr. Malachi Clark, from Holy Family parish in Camillus. Extra thanks to Kathy Gilheney '80, a longtime friend and family member to the Class of '81, who gave us a tour of Ludden's facilities, new and old. We were so impressed by the wonderful maintenance of our Alma Mater, the new (to us) art wing, the adaptations that the school was able to make for the pandemic, the energy that is always felt at the beginning of a new school year, the presence of the basketball team, and their coaches, who had arrived early that morning for practice, the newly mounted plaques in the hallway for recent Ludden Sports Hall of Fame inductees. It made us all proud to see Ludden's continued mission being accomplished to such a high standard, and to see the passion and hard work of the staff and faculty so evident.

The grand finale for the BL '81 40th Reunion was a luncheon at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in the West End. The Zoo (as we once called ourselves in the basketball stands) offered us indoor and outdoor space and a delicious meal prepared by the former chef of The Sherwood Inn. They surprised us with a lovely welcome sign and the room looked beautiful with a coffee station, a cash bar, beautiful white linens with green candlelit centerpieces, and a warm staff at our beck and call. We had our fill after four hours. We basked in the sun on the patio after eating, while some walked off lunch visiting the animals in the zoo! It was a smaller gathering on Saturday, but all in all, we reunited with more than 50 classmates throughout the weekend. We missed

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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Bishop Ludden has 'good vibe'

Dear Alumni and Friends of The Bishop Ludden Community,

It's hard to believe that it's November, yet here we are. November and December can be very busy times. I hope that we all will have time to slow down a bit and thank God for all the blessings in our lives. One thing that I feel blessed about is belonging to the Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School community. I was very fortunate to have attended and graduated from Bishop Ludden and now I am very fortunate to work at the school.

Every day I am fortunate to interact with our generous alumni and friends of Bishop Ludden who want to ensure that the Ludden experience is available to all who would like to join us here at Bishop Ludden. Ludden is a special place. As a longtime faculty member explained to me this week, she said we have a good "vibe" at Bishop Ludden. You can't explain it, you just feel it.

Also, this week a very generous alumna took the extra step with her donation and applied for a matching gift from her employer. Her employer's match doubled her gift. What an impact this will have for our students. Bishop Ludden is very grateful to our philanthropic alumna and to her employer.

We will be sending out our Annual Campaign donation request this month. Please consider helping to make the Bishop Ludden experience available to all with a donation to the school and then please check with your employer's human resources department to find out if you can apply for a matching gift.

Our Development Office will complete the forms sent to us and return them to your employer. If you have any questions, you can call our office at 315-579-0061 or check on our website under the "Giving" tab.

Have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for including Bishop Ludden's students, faculty, staff, board of trustees, alumni and friends in your prayers and in your philanthropic planning.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Kathy Gilheney '80

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everyone who could not attend!

Since our reunion, just weeks ago, we lost two more friends and classmates, unexpectedly; Brian Farrell and Luke Byrne, friends to all of us. Their absence made our time together all the sweeter. They are two friends who showed great enthusiasm for the reunion, but who were unable to attend, much to theirs and our disappointment. We are reminded now, and thankful, for the gift of Faith, nurtured at Ludden and by our families, which promises an Eternal Reunion one day. Until that day, do plan on attending your future high school reunions and nurturing the enduring, caring, friendships made at Bishop Ludden!

Thanks to the Class of '81 for coming back to school this year! Thanks to our past staff and faculty for helping us build the lives we have today. Thanks to the present staff and faculty for rolling out the red carpet for us and for carrying out all your duties at Ludden with great love. Thanks to all Ludden alumni for the good you are doing in the world and for supporting Bishop Ludden in the many ways that you do! Ludden is a very special place. It was great to be back!

Fr. Walker returns



Alumnus Fr. Walker , class of 2006, returned in October to say mass for students and staff.

Bishop Lucia recently appointed Fr. Walker as parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish in North Syracuse and St. Margaret Church in Mattydale.

Upcoming Reunion

The Ludden Class of 1996 is holding its 25th reunion from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov 26 at the Blarney Stone.

The class of 2011 is holding its 10th reunion at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the Dinosaur BBQ.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Quality traditions continue to focus on the future

The following is a speech written by and presented by Carl Masterpole at the Inaugural Hall of Fame Ceremony in August.

Bishop Ludden holds many fond memories past and present for teachers and students. Ludden has always excelled in academics and athletics. It is a place where students are taught to be part of a community ... about being a part of something much bigger than themselves. Bishop Ludden teaches life skills; being of service to others, the importance of our community and the value of having great relationships with other people.

Look at the men and women who were inducted today. Class, dignity, respect, honor describe these individuals. They are a community of leaders. This group personify true leaders. While all are great athletes, they are being honored for being so much more. In my opinion, that's part of being a member of the Ludden Community.

The past year and a half have presented many challenges for all of us. Everyone felt the effects of a worldwide pandemic ... and some communities fared better than others. Here in CNY, local leaders met the challenges successfully. Daily briefings, testing sites, vaccinations. It was a crazy time. However, did you know that many Ludden Alumni played an integral role in that leadership? The Onondaga County Executive, two Deputy County Executives, The Chief Fiscal Officer and the Onondaga County Comptroller are all Bishop Ludden Alumni. Various Directors and Department heads at the City and County levels are also Ludden Alumni. The current New York State Senator representing the district in which Ludden resides graduated from Bishop Ludden. In addition, the United States Congressman that represents the

district in which Ludden resides is also a Gaelic Knight. Those who led the team that managed this pandemic here in Central New York were taught at our great alma mater. That is not a coincidence.

I assure you that the leaders of tomorrow are walking the same halls today. They are being taught the same values ... the same sense of honor, service, and community. They are making the same lifelong friendships and learning the value that personal relationships play in our everyday life. In 2015, Ludden became an independent New York Educational Corporation, which gave our school a great deal of autonomy and independence. That corporation is governed by an independent Board of Trustees. And those Trustees are Ludden Alumni. I was honored to be the first Chairman of that Board. In 2018, I was succeeded by Jim Gaspo from the class of 1981. On July 1, 2021, Dan Gilheney, a member of the class of 1980, was

appointed chairman of the Bishop Ludden Board of Trustees. Our great school is now being run by ... US. By our alumni. Those same values ... that sense of honor, service, community, and family are directing the future of Bishop Ludden.

In 2019, Ludden became a member of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. IB is the international gold standard in high school education. Their website states that "The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is more than its educational programs and certificates. At our heart, we are motivated by a mission to create a better world through education. We value our hard-earned reputation for quality, for high standards and

for pedagogical leadership." The IB program is a game changer for Bishop Ludden. Teachers and administrators participate in professional development programs developed around the world. The Academic standards set by this program are raising the levels of achievement throughout the school.

Since the move to the new independent model, philanthropic support for Ludden is at an all-time high. Alumni and other members of the Ludden community are supporting the school like never before. The future is exciting. The Gaelic Knights are thriving. Bishop Ludden remains the best school in Central New York.

I am honored for the opportunity to speak with all of you tonight. Once again, I congratulate all of tonight's inductees. I consider all the inductees' life-long friends.

HoF nominations due Dec. 1

Bishop Ludden Athletic Hall of Fame nominations are due Dec. 1. Visit BishopLudden.org/athletics/hall-of-fame-registration/.

After viewing photos and videos from the 2021 induction ceremony, scroll to the bottom of the page and submit your nomination for 2022.

Next year's event is set for Sunday, July 31.

Also, the Patrick Matthew/Gaelic Knight Open is scheduled for Aug. 1 at Tuscarora Golf Club.