

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER



"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come."

Isaiah 35:4

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## PARTNERS IN PIANO

Ludden beginning piano students in Ms. Jamison's class are helping each other with one of the songs they are learning. Ludden offers beginning piano/keyboard to students in 8-12th grade and also more advanced piano/keyboard classes as necessary.



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## WELCOME!

Bishop Ludden would like to welcome our new staff members, Ryan Smith and Anthony Johnston, who will be joining the faculty as our physical education instructors.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Chair:** Daniel T. Gilheny, CPA/CFE

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**ALL SAINTS DAY MASS** NOVEMBER 1ST  
**NO SCHOOL--DIOCESE PD** NOVEMBER 5TH  
**VARIETY SHOW (NEW DATE)** NOVEMBER 6TH  
**CRAFT FAIR** NOVEMBER 9TH  
**NO SCHOOL--VETERANS DAY** NOVEMBER 11TH  
**FALL SHOW** NOVEMBER 15TH, 16TH, AND 17TH  
**8TH GRADE RETREAT** NOVEMBER 22ND  
**THANKSGIVING BREAK** NOVEMBER 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH  
**1/2 DAY--DIOCESE PD** DECEMBER 6TH  
**SAT** DECEMBER 7TH  
**JR HIGH SOCIAL** DECEMBER 7TH  
**FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS** DECEMBER 9TH  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** DECEMBER 11TH  
**PENANCE SERVICE** DECEMBER 12TH  
**END OF 5 WEEKS** DECEMBER 13TH  
**ACT** DECEMBER 14TH  
**MISTLETOE DANCE** DECEMBER 14TH  
**SPIRIT WEEK** DECEMBER 16TH - DECEMBER 20TH  
**WINTER RALLY** DECEMBER 20TH  
**NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK** DECEMBER 23RD - JANUARY 1ST

## Looking for Financial Aid for Ludden Tuition?

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

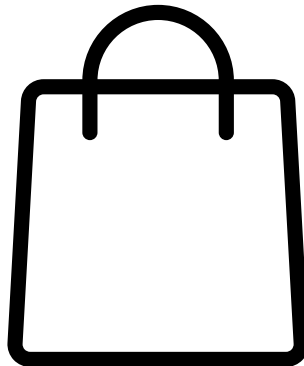
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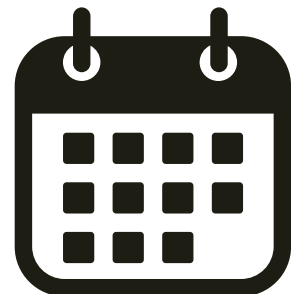
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Shop



### Step 3

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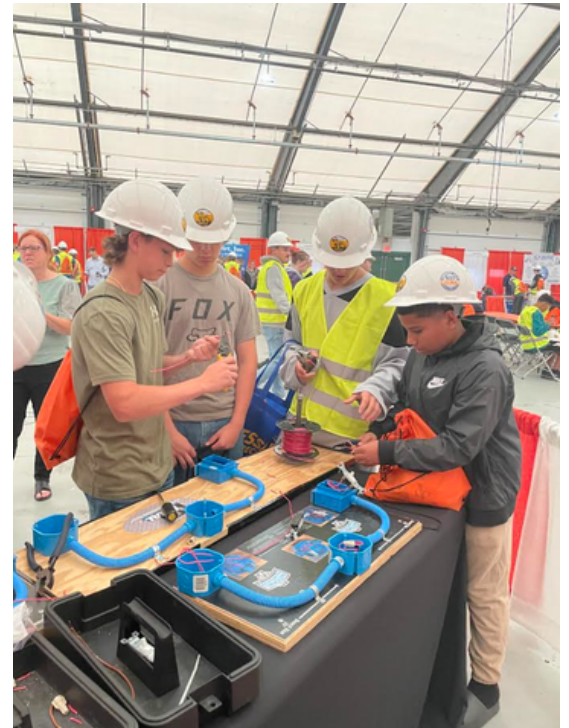
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## Girls Rule the Law Conference



On Friday September 27th many young women of Bishop Ludden attended the “Girls Rule the Law Conference” at Syracuse University. Emma Fogarty, grade 9, said about her experience: “It was very inspirational listening to the speakers and thinking that this could be me some day...it makes me want to work harder than ever [to] fight for the rights of people.”

## Construction Career Day



## Homecoming Dance

Before our Homecoming winning game, students arrived for our bonfire and our highschoolers luau-ed the night away and crowned their court.



## Homecoming Game



## Spirit Week



Looking snazzy on Adam Sandler day!



Are you creative? Highly motivated? Intellectually curious?  
Consider IB!

IB prepares you for success in college and beyond

Suggested Course of Study					
7th	8th	9th	10th	11th*	12th*
Religion 7	Religion 8	Religion 9	Religion 10	Religion 11	Religion 12
English 7	English 8	English 9	AP English	IB English 1	IB English 2
Soc Studies 7	Soc Studies 8	Global 1	Global 2	IB HOTA 1	IB HOTA 2
Science 7	Science 8, Earth Sci or Bio	Earth Sci, Bio, Chemistry, or Physics	Earth Sci, Bio, Chemistry, or Physics	IB Bio or IB ESS or IB SEHS	IB Bio or IB ESS or IB SEHS
Spanish 1A French 1A	Spanish 1 French 1	Spanish 2 French 2	Spanish 3 Frensch 3	IB Spanish 1 IB French 1	IB Spanish 2 IB French 2
Math 7H	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	IB Math 1	IB Math 2
Health/PE	Digital Lit/PE	Sci Lab/PE	Health/PE	IB Art 1 or IB Psych 1	IB Art 2 or IB Psych 2
Literacy, Music, Art	Music, Art, Sci Lab	Elective	Elective or Sci Lab/SH	Sci Lab/PE	Sci Lab/PE

\*IB Core taken during lunch Junior and Senior Year

## IB Spanish Bakes Cookies for Open House



## Mass for Life



Bishop Lucia celebrated the gift of life at our Mass for Life. As our Campus Ministry's theme for the year is "made in the image of God," this mass centered our students on recognizing God within every person and learning to show more compassion for one another.



## Peer Minister Retreat

### Thank you!

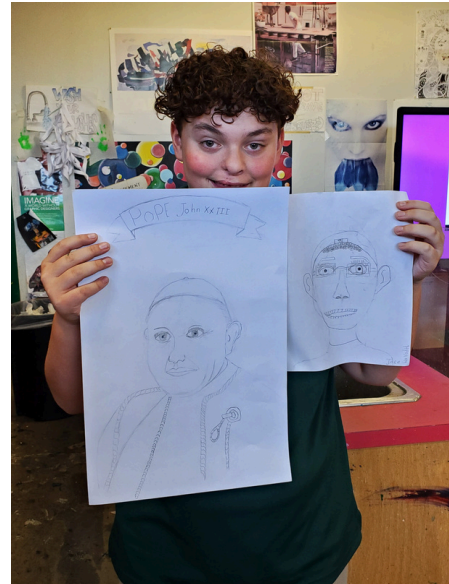
Thank you to Sam Rao Florist, 104 Myron Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219 for donating beautiful flower arrangements for our monthly school Masses. Alumni Rick Bunce '82 has been very generous to Bishop Ludden over the past few years. Thank you Rick and team!



Our peer ministers spent some reflection time by the lake to prepare themselves to be spiritual leaders for the Bishop Ludden community.



Our Drawing & Painting students are working on Majolica-themed pottery. Majolica is a Victorian era pottery that often incorporated natural science themes, using realistic depictions of plants and animals.



Our 8th graders are working on their portraiture skills



Our 9th grade Studio Art students are working on water color



IB Art is working while listening to a video on Comparative study using our new Promethean Board given to us by a donor who is a lover and supporter of the Fine Arts!

**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR  
YOUNG ARTISTS!**

# Scary Story Contest Winners

Our library celebrated spooky season with a writing contest where our students were tasked to write a scary story in any format of their choosing. Students were able to stretch their creative writing skills to create some scary-good tales!



**Grade 7** Arenae Johnson  
*Honorable Mentions:*

Juliet Sierotnik, Mia Cavallaro, Mckenna Donohue, Raphy Thayer-Wallace, and Alexandra Nevil

**Grade 8** Vivienne Pritchard

**Grade 9** Alex Gentile

**Grade 10** Kira Ray



Board Games are a popular brain break activity in our library!

Our students can socialize in a meaningful way, enjoy a little healthy competition, and activate their critical thinking skills--all while having fun!

Thank you to our donors for providing all of the games in our library.

LOOKING TO DONATE TO OUR LIBRARY?



Please visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you for supporting literacy in our school!

## eSports is Crushing the Game!



Bishop Ludden had a huge 2-1 win in Mario Kart for our Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School Road Warriors! They defeated Huskies V2 from Newcomb Central School. Momin Naveed did a superb job with several first place races, and there was great racing by Captain Dawson McCann and teammates Mya Barnaba and Noor Naveed.

They also had a 3-0 Sweep of Bristol Central Rams in Splatoon to move to 2-2 on the season. Great job by Captain Ben Gentile, Anthony Taylor, Olivia Smith, and Alex Gentile!

Bishop Ludden is fielding teams in Splatoon, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Bros this year. The team is coached by Maxine Babcock .

## CNY Fall Kickoff Results

Troy swept the first New York National Academic Quiz Tournament quiz bowl event of the year: the CNY Fall Kickoff, sponsored by the Central New York Quizbowl Alliance. The event was hosted by Bishop Ludden. Bishop Ludden's A team struggled in their first outing, with four wins on the day. Anthony Taylor and Alex Ewanyk were named as All-Stars, while Momin Naveed ended the day in the fifth position for overall points. No need to worry--Bishop Ludden struggled in the opener last year, but ended live regular season play with back to back championships in tournaments.

## Thank you STEM Volunteers!



Great job by our STEM Stars at Open House! They assisted Coach Alexa Kulak and Coach Maxine Babcock. They explained our eSports program, First Lego League Robotics, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, CNY Rocket Team Challenge, Fibonacci Camp, and Bishop Ludden Stem Club Camps.

## Will Anderson, Class of 2021

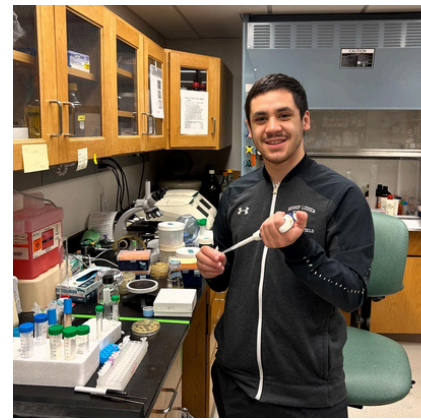
Congrats to our STEM Superstar Will Anderson (BL-21). Currently in his senior year at Binghamton, Will worked in the Biochemistry Lab at Upstate Medical University over the summer. He was a MasterMinds State Champion and was a star on our Small School National Championship Tournament, Open Division team which was number seven in the United States in 2021. Will was one of our greatest Science Olympiad stars and was one of the top volunteers in BL STEM history. His CNY Rocket Team Challenge teams won numerous awards ( and had the most spectacular crash in event history at SkyTop). He was also a Robotics star and mentored younger players.

**STEM Star...**



**To**

**Scientist**



## Peter Smith, Class of 2024 and Aidan Craner, Class of 2021

Superstar Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School Quiz Bowl Alum Peter Smith, BL-24 , and his team were named NAQT Collegiate Team of the Week!

Superstar Alums Peter Smith ( BL-24 ) and Aidan Craner (BL-21) met again during the RIT Collegiate Novice Quiz Bowl Invitational event. Peter took the Bishop Ludden squad to Small School National Championship Tournament in 2022 and 2023 and to High School National Championship Tournament this year. He led the squad to three victories and was in the top 10 percent of players in the tournament. Aidan captained Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School to victory in the MasterMinds State Championship in 2021 and to seventh in the country at SSNCT.



His team also won the MasterMinds Syracuse Championship and Regional Championship. He also was a star DoubleDown Champion, with his squad , in 2019. Both Peter and Aidan were also star Science Olympiad players. Aidan was also a star athlete at Bishop Ludden, while Peter captained his Rocket League team to playoffs last year.

Peter Smith was the number 2 scorer on his squad . SUNY Binghamton had a perfect 9-0 record, while Peter was #12 overall with 32.22 points per game on Binghamton's A Team, while Aidan averaged 26.67 on University of Rochester's A team. Aidan's team finished in fifth place.



# REUNIONS



## Homecoming Hangout

Thank you to all of our alumni who were treated to a nice victory by Ludden at our Homecoming game!

*We hope to see you at future events!*

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### BISHOP LUDDEN CLASS OF 2014 10 YEAR REUNION



Saturday, November 30, 2024  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Harvey's Garden, Syracuse, NY

*Significant others and children welcome  
Food and drink available for purchase*

For questions, or to submit nostalgic photos to be shared at the reunion, contact Tim Murphy at:  
315-399-9808 or ludden14reunion@gmail.com

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



*Planning a reunion? We want to hear from you! Please call us at 315-468-2591*

## Generosity

“The virtue of generosity mirrors the abundance of God's generosity. Give something away every day. It need not be a material possession or money. Give a compliment, a smile, advice, encouragement. Express your appreciation. Catch someone doing something right. Give everywhere you go to everyone you meet. Live a life of staggering generosity.”

*33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, Matthew Kelly*

## Ways of Giving

### GIFTS OF CASH

Cash and checks of any amount are welcome. Please make checks payable to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

### GIFTS OF PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES

All securities that are traded on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, the NASDAQ, and other major U.S. Exchanges shall be accepted. The value of a gift of regularly traded securities will be the mean of the high and low of the stock(s) or bond(s) on the day the transfer is affected by the donor to the organization.

### GIFTS BY BEQUEST

Cash bequests represent an important potential source of gifts. Direct, unencumbered bequests provide Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School the full value of the bequest and provide the testator's estate with a charitable deduction for the same value. Attempts shall be made to discover bequest plans whenever possible in order to determine whether inappropriate non-cash items have inadvertently been left to the organization so the donor can be advised how to conform his or her plans to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

There are four ways that a bequest can be made to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School:

1. A fixed amount of cash or securities or a percentage of the estate can be given.
2. In a residual bequest, after other beneficiaries receive a designated portion of the estate, the remainder of the estate is left to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.
3. A contingent bequest can be made where Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School will receive a portion of the estate only if the named beneficiaries predecease the maker of the bequest. Those who must provide for younger family members often select this form.
4. A testamentary trust bequest creates a trust and the income or stated amount is paid to the beneficiaries. On their death, Bishop Ludden Jr Sr High School receives the use of the gift. This option may actually increase life income for beneficiaries since it reduces the amount of the estate subject to estate taxes.

### DIRECT GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Donors who are ages 70½ or older can instruct their plan administrators to make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School. The gift will count towards the donor's minimum distribution requirement. The gift is not included in taxable income, and no charitable deduction is allowed.

### GIFTS BY LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance may be given to the organization. Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School encourages donors to name the organization to receive all or a portion of the benefits of life insurance policies that they have purchased on their lives. New or existing policies may be given outright or the organization can be named the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy.

Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School will accept fully paid life insurance policies in which the donor has named the organization to receive all or a portion of the benefits of the insurance policy. The donor's tax consequences hinge on whether the policy's ownership has been endorsed over to the organization and whether the benefits have been irrevocably assigned to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

A donor who irrevocably transfers life insurance to Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School can claim income tax deductions for the policy's cost basis or cash surrender value, whichever is less. The donor can never claim an income tax deduction on the policy's face value.

Naming Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School as the beneficiary on the policy is not sufficient to generate an income tax deduction for the donor because the donor can change the beneficiary at a later date. To be entitled to a deduction, the donor must make the organization both beneficiary and owner of the policy. Upon receiving a paid-up policy, the organization, as owner, can surrender it and obtain the cash value or keep the policy until the death of the donor.

### GIFTS BY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Charitable Remainder Trusts are separate legal entities, and their obligations are limited to their assets. Trusts file their own returns and make all payments from their assets and must have a federal trust number, making payments to beneficiaries under strictly hierarchical rules.