

BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES NEWSLETTER

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"Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you, before you were born I
set you apart."
Jeremiah 1:5

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

October may be the time for spooks but we have spirit of a different kind: BLG students dressed up in different themes to show their school spirit leading up to homecoming game. This was a great way for our students to express their individuality and grow their newfound friendships. This newsletter issue highlights the many reasons why BLG school spirit is strong, from our extraordinary artistic talents to our beautiful expressions of faith.



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NO SCHOOL / ELECTION DAY / PD DAY NOVEMBER 4TH

FALL CABARET NOVEMBER 7TH-8TH

NO SCHOOL / VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

END OF 1ST QUARTER NOVEMBER 14TH

8TH GRADE RETREAT NOVEMBER 17TH & 19TH

DISCOVER LUDDEN-GRIMES DAY/ VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY NOVEMBER 18TH

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 26TH - 28TH

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY/ PD DAY DECEMBER 5TH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS DECEMBER 8TH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 10TH

MISTLETOE DANCE DECEMBER 13TH

CATHEDRAL MASS (GRADES 10-12) DECEMBER 16TH

PENANCE SERVICE DECEMBER 18TH

5 WEEK REPORTS DECEMBER 19TH

CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 2ND

Fall Cabaret

FRIDAY 11/7

SATURDAY 11/8

7PM

TICKETS:

\$8 for students

\$10 for adults



REMINDERS

Health Office

Per NYS ALL students in grades 7, 9, and 11 or any student new to the school needs a physical. Any physical after 9/1/24 will be accepted.

Please send them into the Health Office or you can email them to blgnurse@syrdiocese.org

Scholarship Exam

Students who would like to apply for an academic scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year must take the exam on November 8th from 9-11:30am

[Apply Here](#)

Financial Aid News

The Financial Aid Application for the 2026-27 school year is officially open!

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 15, 2026.

The processing fee is \$45 per family.
Upload your 2024 or 2025 tax returns -- including all supporting tax schedules.
Upload your W2's that match your tax return.

[Apply Here](#)

Contact Maria Petrus Director of Tuition and Financial Assistance at 315-459-7175 or mpetrus@syrdiocese.org if you have any questions.

FACTS Customer Care Representatives are also available to assist you by calling 866-441-4637 after hours.

Join Ski Club

We will be taking trips to Song Mt. on Wednesdays: 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, and 2/25. Students will be able to work on their skiing and snowboarding skills! See Mr. Ayling for more information.

BLG Travel Abroad

2027 SPRING BREAK TRIP TO

ITALY

TRIP & ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



eftours.com/2944191KD

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In The Classroom...

Mrs. Kulak's Freshman Theology Classes created Virtue Superheroes. They were given the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance, or Justice and asked to create a superhero that exemplified that virtue. In the end they found out that they are called to superheroes living out these virtues and they don't need superpowers to do it!



SUPA Spotlight

Syracuse University Professor Joey Gawrysiak and Syracuse University Project Advance Director Eric Young visited the SUPA Introduction to Esports class and discussed both SUPA opportunities and esports careers with the class. Dr. Gawrysiak is the top professor of esports in the country. 2025 Alum Aidan Grealish-Liquori is in his program at Syracuse University. BLG will be assisting SU with the upcoming PlayVS Live State Esports Championship held in December.



It's Right to Life Month!



At our Mass for Life, celebrated by Bishop Lucia in honor of Right to Life month, our peer ministers received a special blessing as they kicked off their leadership ministries throughout the year. Our peer ministers help carry out the important message that every student is made in the image of God by spreading the light of Christ.

Our peer ministers traveled to St. Rose of Lima school to join a rosary procession with the elementary students and lead them in prayer, bringing us closer to Mother Mary and her empowering "yes" to God to carry His son.



The Right to Life Club sponsored a baby Bottle drive in the month of October to benefit Birth Right of Syracuse. The students filled baby bottles with spare change and received a free t-shirt to show their support for life! Way to go BLG!

7th Grade Retreat

Aided by our peer ministry team, the 7th grade experienced their first BLG retreat, allowing them to center their minds on God this school year and grow together in faith.





IB Diploma Program

International Baccalaureate

WHY IB?

- Become a curious, confident learner
- Stand out in college admissions
- Earn college credit at top universities
- Grow as a thinker, writer, and problem-solver
- Earn a second diploma
- Build skills for college — and for life



WHAT ARE ALUMNI SAYING ABOUT IB?

Completing the IB program gave me a distinct advantage in the college admissions process and allowed me to receive a prestigious scholarship, enter college with a year's worth of credits, and provided me with the tools necessary to excel in my undergraduate degree.

Heidi B - Class of '22 - First class to graduate with the IB diploma

LeMoyne College - Psychology and competitive Irish Dance

The IB program at Bishop Ludden-Grimes has positively shaped my future in more ways than I can count.

Not only did it prepare me exceptionally well for my time at St. Bonaventure University, but it also allowed me to enter as a freshman with over 40 college credits... the time and effort I put into the program was absolutely worth it!

Maddie M - Class of '22 - First class to graduate with the IB diploma

St. Bonaventure - Early Childhood/Childhood/Inclusive Education → Future Teacher!

WHAT DOES HARVARD THINK OF IB?

Success in IB correlates well with success at Harvard. We are always pleased to see the credentials of the IB Diploma on the transcript. GPA is not nearly as important a factor in university admission as the IB Diploma. If a student has to choose, choose the Diploma over protecting the GPA.”

Marlyn McGrath Lewis

Former Director of Admissions, Harvard University

IB VS AP: WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

IB culminates in a second diploma	AP culminates in individual credit hours
IB courses focus on depth	AP courses focus on breadth
IB score results from coursework and multiple exams	AP score results from single exam
IB exams are mostly written	AP exams are mostly multiple choice
IB is globally recognized	AP is more common in the U.S.
IB builds research, writing, and critical thinking skills	AP builds subject knowledge and test skills

IB is great for students who want a challenge and a global perspective.

If you are interested in the program or have questions contact:

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IB Coordinator, Bishop Ludden-Grimes Jr/Sr High School

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Winter Sports

Final Forms is open!

All students MUST have a Final Forms account and an updated physical.

Click [here](#) to access the form

QUESTIONS?

Contact Megan Allen
School Nurse



(315) 459-7160

Mary Detor

Toyota Athlete of the Week



BLG junior Mary Detor is making BLG history as the first female kicker on the football team. She was recognized as Toyota's high school athlete of the week for her accomplishments on both the soccer field and the football field.

See Mary's article [here](#)!

Sports Schedules

LET'S PACK THE STANDS
WITH FANS!

JV/Varsity winter season begins 11/17

A physical must be on file to play

BOYS

Basketball

Bowling

Cross Country

Cheerleading

Football

Ice Hockey

GIRLS

Basketball

Bowling

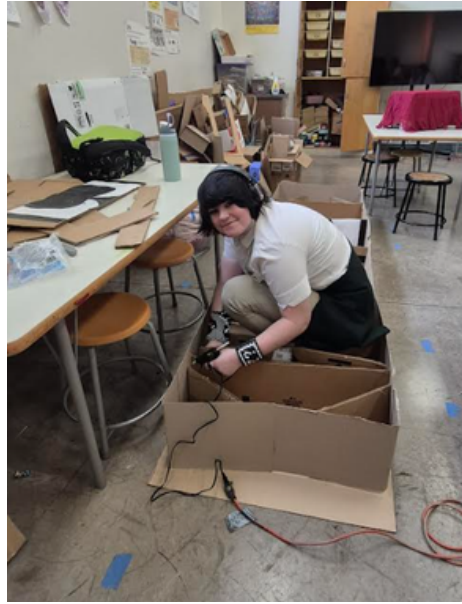
Cheerleading

Cross Country

Volleyball

October in the art wing

Good things are happening in the Arts at BLG! We are building furniture out of cardboard in Mr DiBello's 3D Art class.



Kiln Room Update



The new KILN ROOM is up and running!! We have just fired our first load! Thank you to all of our volunteers for all of your hard work on this project. It is a very impressive space!



Mr K is working hard at making musicians! He is shown here giving lessons to the trombone players.

Upcoming Events



CNY FALL NOVICE QUIZ BOWL NOVEMBER 15TH



Quiz Bowl

On their way to their competition in New Hampshire, the Quiz Bowl team toured historical Salem, visiting the House of Seven Gables, the Horror Wax Museum, and two spooky haunted houses. The team scored four All-Stars and finished in third place overall.

BLG teams took nine total wins at Saratoga Springs' quiz bowl tournament. Mya Barbara, Alex Ewanyk, and Momin Naveed were named as Tournament All-Stars.

CNY History Bowl

The BLG Quiz Bowl team scored two trophies and four individual medals at the CNY History Bowl, with the varsity squad winning second place and the middle school team winning first place. Congratulations to our two National qualifying teams who will go on to the April competition in Arlington, Virginia.



Bishop Ludden-Grimes' Quiz Bowl Squad will be selling Gertrude Hawk for Christmas. Please help BLG return to Nationals again by ordering delicious presents for your loved ones.



Nightmare in the Library

This October, our library theme was *The Nightmare Before Christmas: Nightmare in the Library!*

We celebrated spooky season with a horror book display and learned about the deep dark writings of Jean Toomer for Black Poetry Day on October 17th. Students created “creepy constellations” at our makerspace, in honor of World Space Week (Oct 4th to Oct 10th).

Visit the [library website](#) to see all the cool things we explored this month!



Spooky Story Contest

Congratulations to Lucian Waddell, Soul Ray, KhaTu Dang, and Gabby McIntosh for winning the Halloween writing contest! Our students had to write a scary, spooky, or fall-inspired story. Thank you to all of the students who submitted wonderfully creative stories!



We Have a Cow!

BLG has partnered with the Discover Dairy Program to sponsor a baby calf at a participating dairy farm. We receive updates throughout the year on our calf's progress and educational materials about dairy farms, fun activities, and more!



[Visit our website for more!](#)

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We want to know!

What are some of
your favorite BL or
BG memories?

Share them [here!](#)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:
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Welcome



and



Alumni!



Ludden Day (1988)



Bishop Grimes girls basketball team (1970s)

Have throwback photos to share?
Email them to akulak@syrdiocese.org

YOU'RE INVITED

BISHOP LUDDEN CLASS OF 2015

 *10 Year Reunion* 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2025

7 PM – 10 PM

EMERALD COCKTAIL KITCHEN

1333 W Fayette St, Syracuse, NY 13204

RSVP INFO:

\$35 per person - significant others welcome!
Passed appetizers provided. Cash bar available.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT(S) NOW BY SENDING PAYMENT TO
MEG FARRELL, FINAL HEADCOUNT NEEDED BY 11/1:
VENMO: @MEGFARRELL7**



Questions? Not on Venmo? Ideas?
Please reach out!

Meg Farrell 315-807-9815 or Jesse Williams 315-412-6521

James Dietrich

Bishop Ludden Class of 1988



Catholic Law alumnus James Dietrich '95 has been appointed to the Montgomery County Circuit Court by Maryland Governor Wes Moore. In announcing the judicial appointment, Governor Moore praised Dietrich as a “remarkable servant of the law,” citing his more than two decades of service as a prosecutor and his unwavering commitment to integrity and justice. The Governor emphasized the positive impact Dietrich will have on the people of Maryland and expressed gratitude for his willingness to serve on the bench.

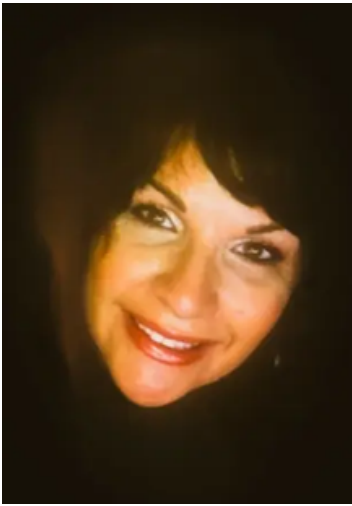
James Dietrich has worked as a prosecutor with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office for the past seven years, managing some of the most difficult cases as a member of the major crimes and post convictions units. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, where he teaches courses on evidence, criminal procedure, and trial practice. Dietrich began his career as a prosecutor with the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, where he served as assistant state's attorney for 21 years and served as the circuit court trial team leader for over ten years.

[Read the Press Release Here](#)

Has one of your classmates celebrated a life milestone?
Accomplished something you want to share? We want to catch up!

Email akulak@syrdiocese.org

Jeanne Doyle, Bishop Ludden



Jeanne Doyle passed away surrounded by people who loved her on Friday, October 10th, a blue-skied, red-leafed, crispy fall day, the kind that beckoned Jeanne back to Auburn after several decades in Florida.

After graduating from Bishop Ludden High School, she traveled to Alaska where she played volleyball under the midnight sun and took guitar lessons before moving to Florida where she lived for 40 years, raising her three children and teaching preschool.

Forever moved by the tide of her own soul, Jeanne relocated back to her hometown of Auburn in 2023, where she loved to attend any of her brother Mark's concerts, eat gyros from her brother Michael's food trucks, go for walks with her sister, Susi, and spend time with her companion, Teddy Prystal.

Jeanne was the tenth child of Jean and Bob Doyle. She was the little sister to Mark, Lisa, Chunky, Lori, Beth, Gretchen, Susi, Willy, and Brendan, the big sister to Michael, Tara, and Amy, but the favorite of all. Jeanne was, and will forever be, the mother to her sons Garrett and Jesse, and to her daughter Lauren, whose loving care in the last two months of Jeanne's life allowed her soul to transition peacefully.

Bill Thater, Bishop Grimes



William Edward "Bill" Thater, 76, of Marietta, passed peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Iroquois Nursing Home.

He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School, graduated from Bishop Grimes High School, and attended Onondaga Community College before becoming a pioneer in technology. A job working on early computers ignited a lifelong passion for programming and for the construction and administration of databases that Bill turned into a career in the then-emerging field of microcomputing. He co-authored a book and spoke at conferences in the US and Scotland.

Bill is remembered for always having a story or anecdote for every situation. He enjoyed having long conversations, alternating between debating esoteric details about nearly any topic and laughing at his own jokes. He would spend many hours playing cards and board games with family and also enjoyed reading and watching science fiction; traits he passed on to the next generation.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sharon Thater and son, Michael; previous wife, Agnes Thater; his children Edward (Laura), Kristen, Allison, and Joseph; and a grandson, Thomas Patrick Thater. He was predeceased by his parents.