

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER



"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

Colossians 3:23

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## BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

The 2024-2025 school year has been off to a great start as we've welcomed back our students and welcomed in new additions to our Ludden family. As our classrooms house young learners for another year, we are grateful to everyone who has made this September a success!



**Ms. Olt's 7th grade scientists**

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## THANK YOU P4L!

The Bishop Ludden community would not be where it is today without the parents that support our students and staff through P4L. Thanks to them, our Welcome New Student Night and Meet the Teacher Night were wonderfully organized!

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**HOMECOMING BONFIRE** OCTOBER 4TH 7PM  
**HOMECOMING DANCE** OCTOBER 4TH 8PM-10PM  
**HOMECOMING GAME** OCTOBER 5TH  
**MASS** OCTOBER 10TH  
**NO SCHOOL--COLOMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY** OCTOBER 14TH  
**1/2 DAY--STAFF PD** OCTOBER 25TH  
**LUDDEN VARIETY SHOW** OCTOBER 30TH 7PM  
**ALL SAINTS DAY MASS** NOVEMBER 1ST  
**NO SCHOOL--DIOCESE PD** NOVEMBER 5TH  
**NO SCHOOL--VETERANS DAY** NOVEMBER 11TH  
**8TH GRADE RETREAT** NOVEMBER 22ND  
**THANKSGIVING BREAK** NOVEMBER 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH



## Spain and France 2025

Ludden student? Friend? Family? Ludden  
Community Member?  
We want to travel with you!

We will be visiting Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, Carcassonne, Avignon ,  
Nice and Monaco! For more information and to enroll go to  
[eftours.com](http://eftours.com) and enter the tour number 2668640MB.

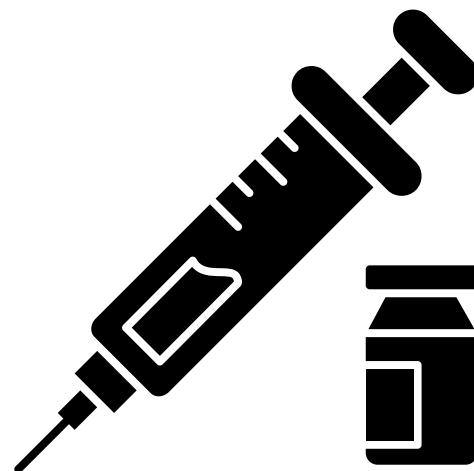
If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom or Suzanne Pietropaolo at  
[spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org](mailto:spietropaolo@syrdiocese.org) or [sueandtomp@gmail.com](mailto:sueandtomp@gmail.com)

## HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS

### Fall Sports

Modified Boys Basketball begins Oct. 28th  
Modified Girls Volleyball begins Oct. 28th

All students MUST have a current physical within the past 12 months and a completed Medical Interval History packet completed(these are completed for each sport season).



**QUESTIONS? CALL THE HEALTH OFFICE AT 315-459-7160**

# A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 school year everyone!

We are thrilled to welcome you and your children back to Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School for another exciting school year; we are filled with anticipation for the wonderful experiences and growth that lie ahead for our students.

At Bishop Ludden we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where your child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated faculty and staff are passionate about helping students reach their full potential.

This year, we are excited to introduce our new 'Cross Age Mentoring' Program. Currently in its PILOT year, 20 of our 11th and 12th grade students will be paired with 5th Grade Students from Most Holy Rosary Elementary School. This program aims to foster positive relationships between students of different ages, promote leadership skills in our older students, and provide support and guidance to our younger students. Through this program, our older students will have the opportunity to share their faith and serve as positive role models for their younger mentees.

As a Catholic school, we are grounded in our faith and believe in the transformative power of education. We strive to instill in our students a strong moral compass, a sense of compassion, and a lifelong commitment to learning. Through our faith-based curriculum, we aim to help students develop a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Please be sure to review our school calendar and important dates, as well as our updated Student Handbook . We encourage you to stay connected with our school community through our website, social media, and parent-teacher conferences, email, FACTS and phone calls.

We look forward to partnering with you to create a positive and productive learning experience for your child. If you ever have any questions related to Bishop Ludden please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at [mfierro@syrdiocease.org](mailto:mfierro@syrdiocease.org).

Looking forward to a great year -

Mary Beth Fierro  
Principal Bishop Ludden



# OPEN HOUSE



## BISHOP LUDDEN JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



# OPEN HOUSE

6TH OCTOBER, 2024  
1-3PM



## JOIN US!

To Register for our upcoming  
Open House  
Scan the QR code  
  
For More information about  
Bishop Ludden  
Please check out our website:  
<https://www.bishopludden.org/>

- Meet teachers/staff as you tour our 26-acre campus
- Visit technology-equipped classrooms and labs
- Receive extra-curricular and academic curriculum information
- Early Enrollment incentives for immediate application completion

Learn how your child can become

Well Rounded

Faith Inspired

Civic Minded

Lifelong Learners

## THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR 2025-2026 OPENS OCTOBER 25TH!

Visit FACTS to access the Financial Aid Application. Please note that applicants will need to upload their 2023 tax returns and W2s.

**The deadline to apply is February 15th 2025**

QUESTIONS? Contact Maria Petrus



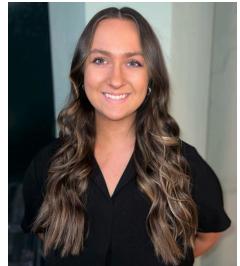
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# MEET OUR NEW STAFF

## Miss Sara Corbett



Miss Corbett graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 2022 with her Bachelor's in Political Science, and is currently completing her Master's in Adolescence Education, Social Studies concentration, at Utica University. She is a figure skating coach at the Camillus Figure Skating Club and the Syracuse Figure Skating Club. She resides in Camillus with her dog, Stella. She also loves to travel, cheer on the Buffalo Bills and New York Rangers, and go to concerts with her friends and family.

## Miss Bridget Hickey



Miss Bridget Hickey recently graduated from SUNY Geneseo this past spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Adolescent Education and a Concentration in History. As a first year teacher, she brings a positive attitude and passion to her classroom. She is extremely excited to transform from a Geneseo Knight into a Gaelic Knight! Miss Hickey currently lives in Port Byron, NY (despite the rivalry she derived from her Weedsport alma mater) with her 4-year-old German Shepard, Bonnie. She inherited her dad and brother's passion for New York sports teams, as an avid New York Yankees and New York Giants fan. Outside of school, Miss Hickey loves staying active, playing guitar and piano, and binging the latest Netflix hits. She also loves expanding her music taste, so feel free to stop by her room (113) with some song recommendations!

## Sister Chris Pologa



Sister Chris is a Sister of St Joseph of Carondelet and a National presenter on Sacred Scripture. A well-educated and seasoned teacher, she is delighted to be serving Bishop Ludden by teaching Theology and inviting young people into a living relationship with Christ. In her free time Sister Chris loves reading and sports.

## Miss Phoebe Weigand



Miss Wiegand attended Syracuse University for her Master's in School Counseling. Last year, she adopted a golden doodle, named Jacque, and has been training him to follow basic commands. She spends her spare time caring for all her plants. This summer, she studied the education system in Nairobi Kenya.

## Miss Grace Verchota



Miss Verchota earned her BA in Mathematics at Syracuse University and her MS in Applied Mathematics at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in mathematics at MU remotely. During her free time, she also enjoys learning about and using technology, as well as baking.

## Mr. Stephen Shoultz



Mr. Stephen Shoultz graduated high school from Hannibal Central School. attended St. Lawrence University receiving both a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degree. He worked at Ohio Wesleyan University for 2.5 years and started his teaching career in 1993 teaching physical education at Oswego High School. In 2000 he took a job at West Genesee where he taught PE to every age group (K-12) in the 23 years he was there. He retired in 2023 after 30 years of teaching in public school. He is married with 6 children and loves The Lord.

## Mrs. Mary McCarthy



Mrs. McCarthy is so grateful to be a part of the Bishop Ludden Family. She previously worked as a School Counselor at Bishop Grimes before staying home to raise her three children. She is excited to step back into the counseling role and have the opportunity to work with your students. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from SUNY Brockport and her Master of Science and Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) in Counseling Services from SUNY Oswego. She enjoys being outdoors, walking her dog and running her three children to their various sports and activities.



# Our 2024 Program

Our International Baccalaureate (IB) program has 18 students working towards the Full Diploma: 12 seniors and 6 juniors. Beyond their regular coursework, they dedicate two years to the IB Core, which includes exploring the fundamental question:

## *"How do we know what we know?"*



# Who Are We?

As the image illustrates, we value the diverse strengths, interests, and talents that each student brings to our learning community. The yellow puzzle pieces represent the IB Learner Profile characteristics, while the blue puzzle pieces highlight the 12 Key Concepts that guide our exploration of knowledge acquisition, processing, and production.

**We look forward to sharing and celebrating our students' progress each month!**

# BL VARIETY SHOW

Get excited, everyone: The annual Ludden Variety Show will be on Wednesday, **October 30th at 7pm**, and we need YOU (students)!

This is a very fun evening to showcase our Ludden students' talents and to get more performing experience. The Ludden choruses will sing. And YOU could...

- sing (sing with a friend, by yourself, or in a small group)
- play in a band or play a solo on your instrument
- dance (any Irish dancers out there?ballet? modern?)
- act (short skit)
- do magic tricks
- juggle

Start thinking about this NOW; the possibilities are endless!

**Auditions will be after school on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th in the Chorus Room. There is a \$10. audition fee per act that**

**goes towards prizes!**

Auditions will be short--you only need to show us an idea of what you're planning to do. See Meredith Pessirilo, Molly Smith, Paige Townsend, Mr. Majerus or Ms. Jamison to sign up to audition, or with any questions.



## Boys Varsity Soccer

Winners of the McGraw Soccer Tournament on Saturday September 7, beating Cortland 2-0 and Mater Dei 4-0

### **Scoring:**

Avery Nevil - 2 goals  
Colden Sheen - 1 goal  
Max Boyea - 1 goal  
Johnny Huddleston - 1 goal  
Brendon Smith - 1 goal.  
Trey Dennis - 5 saves

## Girls Varsity Soccer

Winners of the Bishop's Cup Tournament at Watertown IHC on Saturday September 7, beating Massena 3-1 and Watertown IHC 7-1.

### **Scoring:**

Ashley Pawelczyk - 4 goals  
Liz Gaughn - 2 goals  
Evelyn Allers - 2 goals  
Claire Olivia - 1 goal  
Sophia Chemotti - 1 goal  
Tatum Gilbertsen - 4 saves

## Girls Varsity Volleyball

Currently UNDEFEATED!

They are lead by: Grace Hilton with 24 Digs, Abby Mossotti with 11 Digs, 10 Kills and 11 Aces, Abby Reynolds with 15 kills, Tiz'Ariah Billue with 12 Kills, 11 Aces, Natalie Testa with 23 Assists and Sophia Rivera with 20 Assists.

# Book Club Picnic

Our Book Club is back and better than ever!

To kick-off our lunchtime book club, we greeted new members with a picnic to spend some time with friends on a beautiful sunny day.



LOOKING TO DONATE TO OUR LIBRARY?



Please visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you for supporting literacy in our school!

# Every Baby is Born with a Superpower

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Syracuse's Upstate Cord Blood Bank has the capacity to save patients who are suffering from numerous illnesses, which include leukemias, lymphomas, bone marrow cancers, solid tumors, anemias, genetic red blood cell diseases, genetic platelet diseases, immune system disorders, and inherited metabolic disorders. Holy Family mom Annie Straight is the program's Business Manager. She recently gave a tour of the facility to Bishop Ludden STEM Advisor Maxine Babcock. "It's a state of the art facility," explained Babcock. "I learned a lot, especially about how easy it is to donate. It is the only program in upstate New York. You can learn more at <https://www.upstatecordbloodbank.com/>. It's highly regulated and every step has exacting tests and quality control. Also, unlike embryonic stem cell use, there is no moral quandary associated with the use of cells which would have been discarded."

The cord blood is collected after the baby is born and before the placenta is delivered. The umbilical cord contains stem cells which don't have to be a perfect match to the patient in need. Mothers have to go through a short process to donate, including giving informed consent and filling out a highly detailed health history questionnaire.

The whole process is free for the mother and does not bill insurance for any part of the process. According to the website: "cord blood banked for public use is collected directly after the baby's delivery. The umbilical cord is clamped and cut, and your provider extracts the blood from the umbilical vein into a sterile collection bag. There is no pain to you or your baby and the entire donation will be collected in 5-7 minutes."



Mothers tend to learn about the program from their OB-GYN or midwife. Mrs. Straight explained that especially post-Covid, it is more difficult to get buy-in from area providers. The program is most active for births at the Upstate Community Hospital, because of the facility's adjacent location. One of her recommendations is to bring area school health classes to the facility, to help teens understand the ways the program saves lives. Additionally, the program has the capacity to help minorities who often have a difficult time finding a perfect match for bone marrow transplants.

# Welcome Back!



Coach Grace Babcock is back for another year of coaching STEM showing off her coaching cap while training our young Quiz Bowl champions.

Our STEM club includes eSports, robotics, Science Olympiad, and Quiz Bowl.

## Robotics



CNY Robotics and Science Foundations Andrew Leary explained First Lego League to our STEM Lunch group who are busy prepping for this year's competition: Submerged. Our robotics team, coached by Alexa Kulak and Maxine Babcock, will not only build the LEGO playing field and program their own robot, but will present the judges with a technological solution to ocean conservation.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI!  
Join us for

Homecoming  
Football

# GAME DAY



BISHOP LUDDEN  
VS  
SKANEATELES

October 5th  
Kickoff at 6:30 PM  
Football Field  
\$5 Admission



# REUNIONS



The Class of '79 held their 45th Reunion on August 3rd at Colemans Pub. Over 65 alumni and guests attended, including a few teachers. The night turned out to be perfect with old friends reuniting with friends who haven't seen each other in sometime. Thank you to the Class of '79 Alumni for your generous contributions to this event, and for having raised \$7,400.00 to donate to Bishop Ludden Jr./ Sr. High. We're looking forward to the 50th Reunion!



The Class of 1974 had a very nice 50th reunion at the Everson Museum on Friday, August 2nd, celebrating art and friendship. Together they raised a class gift of just over \$10,470--thank you for your continued support of Bishop Ludden!



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

# 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](mailto:ludden14reunion@gmail.com)

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



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

## Victoria Anthony, Class of 1981



Victoria (Lavin) Anthony, 60, of Martha's Vineyard, and Syracuse passed away on August 10, 2024.

She was born in Syracuse on August 30, 1963 and graduated from Bishop Ludden High school.

After graduation, she went to Martha's Vineyard and never looked back. Her passionate soul fell in love with the ocean, and island life. She worked in the restaurant business before giving her kind heart to the hospital and home healthcare.

The greatest joy she ever found was being a mother to Shelby, and a wife to Joel. She loved entertaining and opened her home to every family member, friend, child, and animal around. No one could ever feel sad around Vicki as her love and loyalty would engulf them.

Victoria is predeceased by her husband and the love of her life, Joel P. Anthony; her father, Richard T. Lavin; and brother, Richard J. Lavin.

She is survived by her daughter, Shelby Lavin; mother, RoseAnne Lavin; brother, Robert (Mary Beth) Lavin; sister, Elizabeth (John) Cottrell; uncle, Peter (Sally) Ranieri; and several nieces and nephews.

## Prayer for Grieving

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

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

**R. Amen.**

