

BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES NEWSLETTER

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"For the Lord gives wisdom; from
his mouth come knowledge and
understanding."

Proverbs 2:6

BACK TO SCHOOL AT BLG

As our doors re-opened this fall, we have been blessed by the positivity among our staff, students, and community, that have made the beginning of our school year a success.

Our students have been overwhelmingly involved this year: joining clubs, making new friendships, seeking out academic success, and making BLG a school to be proud of.

This newsletter issue highlights the many things we are proud of this school year as we have begun our BLG legacy.



Photo by Chris Tricase

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5 WEEK REPORTS OCTOBER 10TH
PICTURE RETAKE DAY OCTOBER 10TH
7TH GRADE RETREAT OCTOBER 10TH
NO SCHOOL / COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 13TH
HALF DAY / PD DAY OCTOBER 24TH
SENIOR RETREAT OCTOBER 24TH
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 27TH
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
CRAFT FAIR NOVEMBER 15TH
8TH GRADE RETREAT NOVEMBER 17TH
THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 26TH - 18TH

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

Financial Aid News

I know that the 2025-26 school year
 has just begun but we are already
 looking forward to the 2026-27
 school year.

Please keep an eye out for
 information regarding the opening
 of the 2026-27 Grant & Aid
 Application on October 15th, 2025.
 All applications must be submitted
 by February 15, 2026 for the
 maximum possible awards.

Submit it early before the holidays
 and next year's tax season gets
 underway!

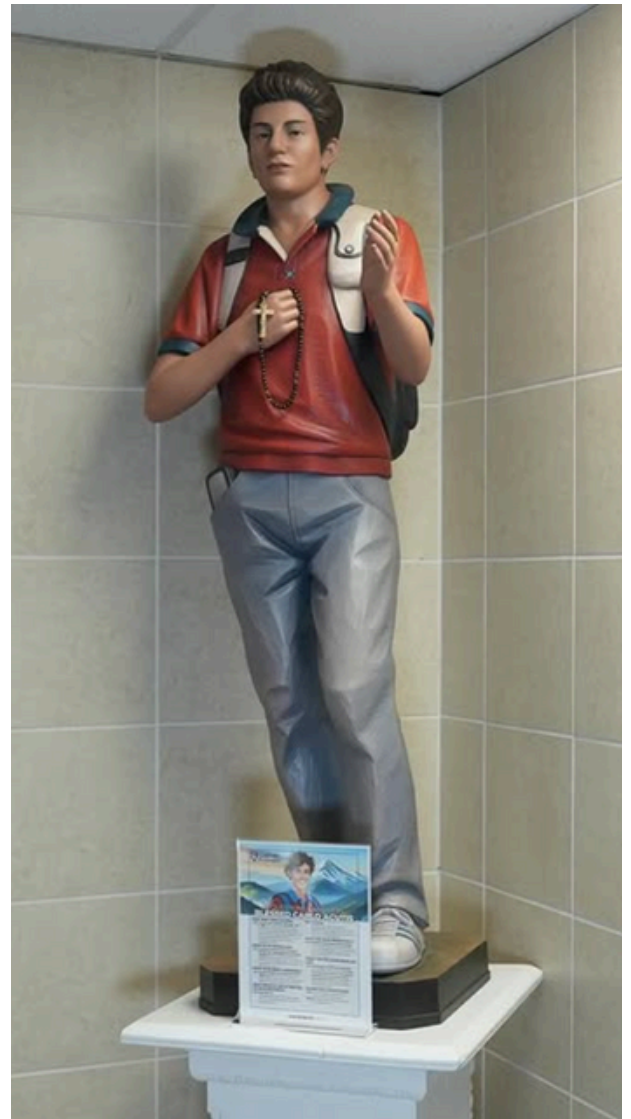
“Not Me, But God”

This month we recognized the canonization of Carlo Acutis, becoming the first millennial saint in the Church. His story reminds us that holiness isn't just for the past - it's possible today. St Carlo is the inspiration for the Campus Ministry Program at BLG this year as we embody his words of “Not Me, But God.”

Carlo was a teenager, just like many of our students - a gamer, a student, and a tech whiz who used his skills to share his love for the Eucharist online. He even created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world: www.miracolieuucaristici.org

At our Back-to-School Mass for teachers in the Diocese, Bishop Lucia announced a generous anonymous gift: a statue of Blessed Carlo Acutis for BLG!

We are blessed to have his example here at Bishop Ludden-Grimes as we begin this exciting new year.



A Prayer for Creation

Adapted by Kascha Sanor
CSJ Director of Social and Environmental Justice



Women Singing Earth by Sr. Mary Southard, CSJ
www.ministryofhearts.org
Used with Permission

Loving God,
As we journey through the Season of Creation,
We move in praise of You and in awe of
All that You have created.
God, give us the strength we need to be
Your pilgrim Church on Earth,
Carrying always the Good News of
Hope and Unioning Love.
Be our companion along the way.
Open our hearts and guide each encounter.
Help us to remember that this pilgrimage is just
One step on our journey toward You.
May we walk with reverence.
May we listen with humility.
May we respond with love.
Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention

In the month of September Pope Leo called to pray for all of creation.

“Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.”



BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

IB Diploma Program

International Baccalaureate

What students are saying about IB

- I like that the time is more student focused and directed, as it gives us a bit of control.
- I like that we reflect on what we do and what we learn.
- I like that I have already began growing in my critical thinking skills.
- I like having class discussions about what we are learning.
- In Theory of Knowledge, we can think about our learning in a different way.
- The activity gave us a good understanding of how perspective affects us.
- I find working in small groups and comparing answers very valuable.
- The most valuable thing we have done is talk about our "echo chambers" and I am excited to continue it.
- I like all the groupwork we do.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Lynn Reimer
IB Coordinator



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BLG Goes Orange!

Starting this academic year, Bishop Ludden-Grimes is a proud partner in Syracuse University's Project Advance program. SUPA offers the opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to take a Syracuse University course in their high school classrooms, engaging in rigorous material and enjoying the benefits of dual enrollment.

Our school currently offers SUPA Intro to Esports which explores the sports management field through the lens of competitive video games.



Esports Class Witnesses Esports History

The SUPA Esports class had the opportunity to travel to the SU campus to tour the new esports facility with program director and one of the top esports experts Joey Gawrysiak. Not only did the students receive an overview of the important skills in entertainment, digital art, broadcasting, communications, and career connections, but they had the chance to attend part of the professional development that was being held for current SU Esports students as they prepared for what has now been called “the largest in-person esports event on the collegiate level” with GenG.



Winter Sports

Final Forms is open!

The sports season starts with Modified Boys basketball and Modified Girls volleyball on October 27th.

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

Click [here](#) to access the form

QUESTIONS?

Contact Megan Allen
School Nurse



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Micah Baker

Voted Top High School Defensive Lineman in New York State

After being named All-State and All-Central New York defensive end last season, Micah was recognized by Sports Illustrated this August. We congratulate senior Micah Baker for this enormous accomplishment!



Sports Schedules

LET'S PACK THE STANDS WITH FANS!

Our fall season ends 10/29
Modified winter season begins 10/27
JV/Varsity winter season begins 11/17

BOYS

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Ice Hockey
Soccer

GIRLS

Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Soccer
Volleyball

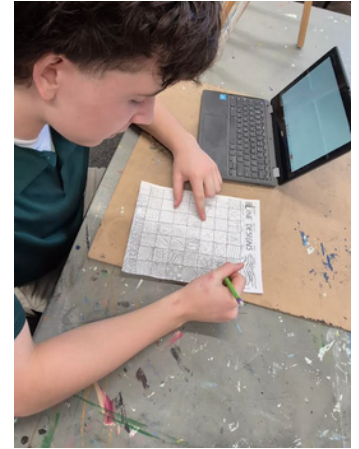
September Successes in the art room



Aidan Colangelo has been working on his portfolio for college.



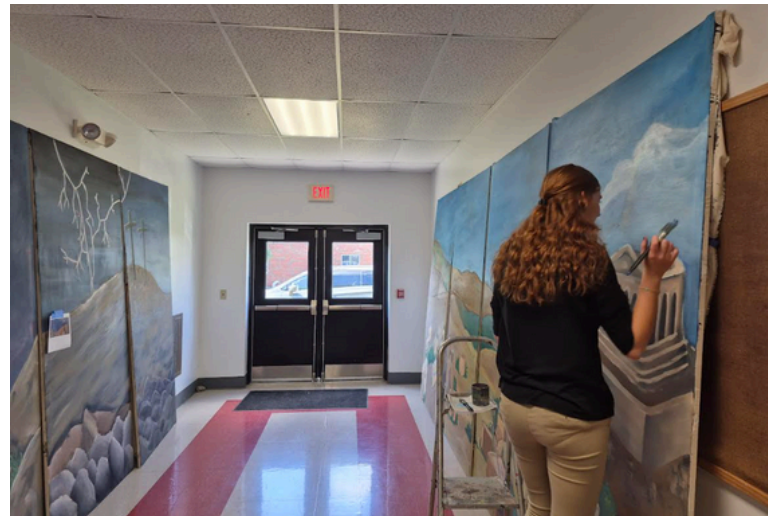
Brenna Lillis working on her IB Art Process Portfolio.



Joey Mathes is creating line design on a worksheet in preparation for the upcoming Zentangle self portrait project.

Coming Soon... Kiln Space

a sneak peak at our new kiln space, previously a darkroom, where our ceramics classes will be hard at work in the coming months!



Tess Gilbertsen is working on a revision of the murals for The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus' Holy Week.

We need your help!

The BLG Theater Department is looking for any and all paint and wood pieces you may have leftover from home projects to use in our productions. Please drop them off at the school at your convenience.



National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15-October 15 to give recognition to Hispanic and Latino history and culture, as well as the many contributions made to United States history and culture by the Hispanic American communities. Starting as a week-long celebration in 1968, it was expanded to a month in 1988. Why such strange dates, instead of a single month? Many Latin American countries celebrate their independence days during this time. September 15th alone is the independence day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

The United States is home to over 60 million Latinos, nearly 19% of our total population.

There are 600 Million Spanish Speakers Worldwide.

Robotics Team Kickoff



Our robotics season for First Lego League grades 7-8 is competing in “Unearthed”: an exciting archaeological adventure this year! Our team has been hard at work building our mission models and designing our robot strategy. If your student would like to join, please have them speak to Miss Kulak in the library!

Introducing Psychology Club



Senior Maria Natale, inspired by her love of learning about psychology, started this club with the hopes of sharing insightful conversations with other students who were also interested in current trends in psychical research or were interested in pursuing a career in the field.

Join Ski Club

We will be skiing and snowboarding at Song Mountain this year after school on Wednesdays during January and February 2026. Mr. Ayling will be announcing information and sign ups in October.

BLG Travel Abroad



TRIP & ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



eftours.com/2944191KD

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Upcoming Events



CNY HISTORY BEE AND BOWL REGIONALS OCTOBER 11TH

PLYMOUTH QUIZ BOWL INVITATIONAL OCTOBER 18TH

SARATOGA SPRINGS QUIZ BOWL INVITATIONAL OCTOBER 25TH

CNY FALL NOVICE QUIZ BOWL NOVEMBER 15TH

Quiz Bowl

BLG hosting the third annual CNY Fall Kickoff on September 20, opening the Central New York Quizbowl Alliance's 2025-6 events.

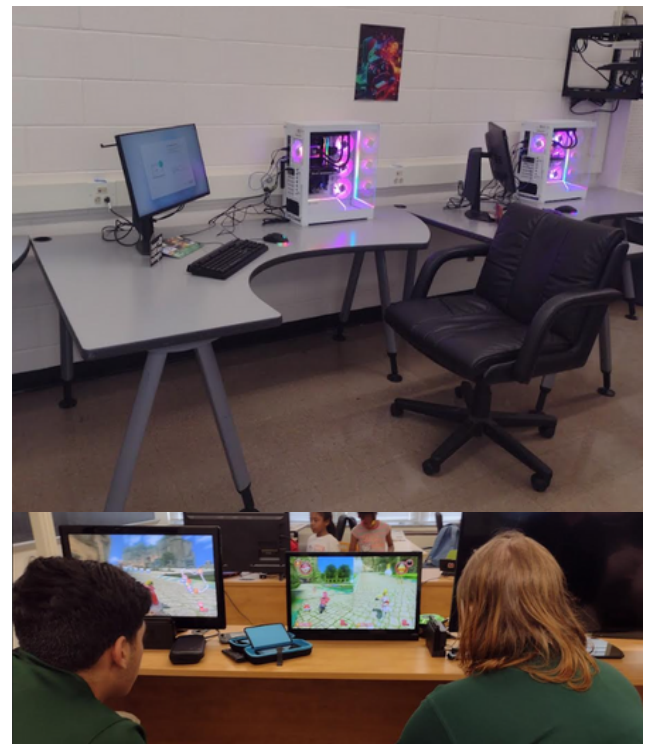
Congratulations to high scorer Marek Solak; Anthony Taylor, Mya Barnaba, Momin Naveed. Alex Ewanyk, and Captain Payton Campbell who were all named tournament All-Stars; and an overall third place victory, qualifying the team for the Small School National Championship Tournament for the seventh straight year.

Coach Maxine Babcock and Coach Tim Fandrich were "especially proud of our three youngest players, Mufungizi Kabulete, Alibariki Kabulete, and Alexander Straight. They held up against two of the best players in the state, and scored against much more experienced players."



Esports

Check out our new Esports parlor in room 118! The Fall Esports team is competing in Chess Solos, Fortnite Zone Wars Duos, Mario Kart Deluxe, Splatoon, Smash Bros Ultimate, and Smash Bros Ultimate Solos. The teams compete in PlayVS leagues against teams from all across the country



Swimming Through September

This September, our library theme was *Finding Nemo: Welcome Aboard Explorers!*

As we celebrated our oceans and marine life, our students learned to embrace change, welcome new friendships, and "just keep learning" throughout the start of the school year. Students explored the ocean through virtual reality at our makerspace, checked out some "fishy" mystery books, learned where to access information through the library databases, and shared what they were most looking forward to this year!

Visit the library website to see all the cool things we explored this month!



Book Clubs Have Begun!

Bishop Ludden-Grimes offers three book clubs: one for grades 7-8, one for grades 9-10, and one for our 11th and 12th graders. Our students enjoyed a picnic in the courtyard to kickoff our year and we've begun reading our books.

The 7th and 8th graders have been exploring what makes us unique through our reading of *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli.

The 9th and 10th graders have been grappling with a world run by AI in *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman.

Our older students have been enjoying the fantastical world of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs.



[Visit our website for more!](#)

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Welcome



and



Alumni!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!
Join us for

Homecoming

GAME DAY

**BISHOP LUDDEN-GRIMES
VS
SKANEATELES**

**October 3rd
7:00 PM
Football Field**

The poster features a collage of images: a football team in black uniforms on a field, a group of people in green and white jackets, and a banner for Bishop Ludden. The background is brown with white confetti and green swirls.

Kathy Gilheney, Ludden Class of 1980

This month we congratulate Kathy Gilheney on her retirement from her seven years of service in our business offices, most recently as Director of Development. We thank Kathy for her endless dedication to our school where she has been working to reconnect alumni and to build a culture of philanthropy at Bishop Ludden-Grimes.

Kathy received the Lumen Christi award last year, commending her efforts to strengthen our school community. Her efforts have been invaluable to the school over the past several years.

Kathy wholeheartedly believes in the mission of Bishop Ludden-Grimes, as it changed her life for the better – as a young high school student and now as an adult. Kathy Gilheney married fellow alumnus Dan Gilheney in 1990 and is the proud mother of her children Danny, Meghan and Mike.



Gregory Malfitano, Ludden Class of 1971



Gregory Malfitano, senior major gift officer in University Advancement at Lynn University, will be an inductee in the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Hall of Fame as a part of its 2025 class.

The SSC Hall of Fame, established in 1991, recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the league. Its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who brought distinction, honor and excellence to the league.

We sincerely congratulate Greg on this accomplishment and thank him for his dedication to aiding our Development Office.

[Read the full article here!](#)

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

Albert J. Giannino, Bishop Ludden



Albert "Al" J. Giannino passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Born in Syracuse on November 8, 1955 to Michael and Carmelina Giannino, Albert was a graduate of Bishop Ludden High School and went on to study at SUNY Morrisville.

He retired after 41 years from Carrier Corp in 2021. Al was an incredible son, husband, father, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend, but the role that he cherished more than anything was that of Poppa to his two beloved grandchildren. He often would be seen on the sidelines or in the crowd cheering them on. He was incredibly generous with his time and would drop anything to lend a hand to anyone that needed it, never wanting any help in return.

Al was a proud "Founding Father" of Middle Ages Brewery and one of his favorite things to do was sip on an IPA, rocking on his swing listening to his favorite band The Grateful Dead. He was a kind, quirky, wonderful, gentle man and will be missed beyond measure by so many.

Albert is predeceased by his parents and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and beloved great niece.

Albert is survived by his dearest wife, Carolann; loving daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Ted Saroney; cherished grandchildren, Halen and Ryan Saroney; loving brothers, Michael (Maria) Giannino, Thomas (Rosie) Giannino; and adored nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his furry companion, Oliver. The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Eller for his compassionate care for the last 21 months.

Patricia L. Boyle, Bishop Grimes



Patricia L. Boyle, 70, of Lakeland, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2025, at St. Joseph's Hospital, surrounded by her loving family and holding the hand of her devoted husband of 47 years.

Born in Binghamton, NY, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Betty (Yerton) Calabrese. Patti graduated from Bishop Grimes High School and attended SUNY Canton. She dedicated much of her professional life to the medical field, working over 30 years as the Practice Manager for Dr. R. Buerkle in the specialty of Orthopedics.

Patti was the heart of her family-her presence brought warmth, laughter, and a sense of home wherever she went. She had a gift for making people feel loved and welcomed. Whether she was hosting family gatherings, enjoying vacations, playing pickleball, walking at the Parkway, cooking meals, baking treats, or spending time with friends during game nights, Patti approached every moment with joy and care.

She was deeply involved in the lives of her daughters and found immeasurable happiness in being a grandmother to her beloved Cora Rose.

Patti is survived by her loving husband, Daniel Boyle of Lakeland; her brother, Peter (Patty) Calabrese of Onondaga Hill; her daughters, Tara (Jeremy) Fuller of Charlotte, NC, and Kerry (Mike) Stumpf of Victor, NY; and her granddaughter, Cora Rose Fuller. She also leaves behind her cherished feline companion, Lily, along with many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will miss her deeply.