

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

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

September 2023

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Senior 

Sunrise

Seniors gathered on their first
day of school to watch the
sunrise together.

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Bishop Ludden celebrated its Welcome Back to School Mass of the Holy Spirit outside this year. Campus Minister Monica Hanson planned a beautiful liturgy and Father Dennis Walker (BL Class of 2006) celebrated the Eucharist with students assisting. Even the weather couldn't have been more perfect ... it was truly a beautiful beginning to the school year both physically and spiritually!

For photos, see the next page.

MASS ON THE GRASS



Coordinated by Campus Minister

Monica Hanson



Senior Parent Night, College Financial Aid Night set for Sept. 28

The Counseling Office will be hosting a Senior Parent Night/ College Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28. Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Schoeneck will be reviewing with parents the application process and a financial aid advisor from a local college will be here to walk you through the financial aid process and FAFSA.

This night is for parents as students will have already had their own seminar earlier in the month regarding this information.

Know Your Counselor:

Mrs. Schoeneck — A-L

Miss Doyle — M-Z

Harmony Johnson — Social worker for all students

Music notes from ... Mr. Majerus



Ludden's bands are looking for new members! Whether you already play an instrument or have no experience at all we would love to have you!

Band is your ticket to building lifelong friendships and developing essential life skills like teamwork, discipline, and creativity. If you don't have an instrument, there are many available!

Come on down to the band room (603) and speak with Mr. Majerus for more information.

Music notes from ... Ms. Jamison

Are you a "secret singer?"

These people tend to keep their voices pretty much to themselves, usually only singing in the shower or in the car. Maybe this is YOU? No prior experience necessary! Come on and join us! Stop by the chorus room (605) and speak with Ms. Jamison for more information.

Ludden Variety Show

The Ludden Variety Show will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, and we need **YOU!** 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, in a small group)
- Dance (any Irish dancers out there? ballet? modern?)

- Act (short skit)
- Do magic tricks
- Juggle
- Play in a band or play your instrument by yourself

The possibilities are endless! Auditions will be after school on Wednesday, Oct. 11 and Thursday, Oct. 12 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 Mary Papini, Serena Royal or Ms. Jamison to sign up to audition or with any questions.



NEW FACES

Get to know the Ludden team!

The following pages include short bios of new staff and faculty members. Welcome to the Ludden family!

Mr. Alan Bidwell, assistant principal



Mr. Allen Bidwell brings many years of experience in public education, including teaching, mentoring, and administration.

He earned his undergraduate degree in biology with a minor in philosophy, followed by a graduate degree in teaching. He also earned a certificate of advanced study in building and

district leadership, all completed at Le Moyne College. Mr. Bidwell started his career as a high school biology/special

education teacher working with struggling students to create a more inclusive learning environment. And, he collaborated with several teachers to mentor them in their teaching craft.

Mr. Bidwell resides in Liverpool with his wife Kathy and their two children Gabrielle and Dominic. In his free time, he enjoys exploring unfamiliar places with his family while volunteering in my community. He is a communicative of Pope John the XXIII Catholic Church in Liverpool. He is an avid Syracuse Orange and Buffalo Bills Football fan.

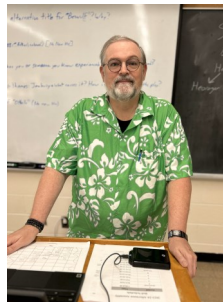
Eleanor Brown, Spanish



Hola! My name is Eleanor Brown and I am the new Spanish teacher here at Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School. I am a 2021 graduate of SUNY Oneonta and was born and raised in Camillus, New York.

I am one of four siblings whom I adore and enjoy spending time with. I am also a yoga teacher at Mandala Moon Yoga in Marcellus, New York. I enjoy teaching and practicing yoga as well as spending time outdoors and spending time with my miniature poodle, Bertie.

Jay Snyder, English



Mr. Jay Snyder teaches AP English and IB English and comes to us with over 12 years of teaching experience. He has a BA in English from Otterbein University, an MA in Education from Nova Southeastern University, and an MA in English from Morehead State University.

Mr. Snyder is originally from Central Ohio. He plays saxophone and is a novice bagpiper with the Syracuse Highland Pipe Band. He also crochets and continuous strand weaves. He is married and has two college-aged daughters.

Stephanie Baran, social studies

My name is Stephanie Baran and I teach seventh and eighth grade social studies along with government/economics 12. I started my 18th year of teaching this September. I grew up in Canastota and graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education and Utica College (now Utica University) with a master's in education in leadership and instruction for the inclusive classroom. I am dual certified in 7-12 Social Studies and 7-12 Social Studies/Students with

Disabilities.

I now live in Liverpool with my husband, Harry, our 4-year-old son, Matthew, our two dogs, Pluto and Happy, and our cat, Tyler. In my spare time, I enjoy running, swimming, reading, walking my dogs, attending Syracuse Mets and SU Basketball games with my family, traveling with my family, and practicing Yoga. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year here at Ludden!

NEW FACES

Josephine Shattell, administrative assistant



Hello, as an alum of the class of 2021, I'm already familiar with the school and am excited to be a part of the administrative staff!

I graduated last May from Onondaga Community College with an AA in Communications. I've lived in the Syracuse area my whole life, along with the rest of my family, which in-

cludes my brother and five sisters, one of whom is also a Bishop Ludden alum. In my free time, I enjoy reading, painting, and doing puzzles.

Ms. Marnie Olt, science



This will be my 24th year teaching science in both New York and Michigan. I will be teaching seventh grade science and Regents Living Environment at Bishop Ludden.

I graduated from Cornell University and Teachers College of Columbia University. My

husband and I have three grown sons. We enjoy traveling and outdoor activities in our free time.

Dave Majerus, instrumental music



Hailing from the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado, guitarist/composer/educator Dave Majerus began studying classical guitar and writing music early in high school. Majerus holds a bachelor's degree in jazz guitar performance from MSU under the direction of renowned Denver jazz guitarist Dave Devine, and his

classical guitar studies with Alex Komodore.

Majerus holds a Master of Music in Jazz Guitar Performance from the University of Denver. He has been a music educator for over 10 years to a wide range of students and began his pathway to pedagogy as a K-8 music instructor at Graland Country Day School in Denver. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, mountain biking, and photography.

Cole Wilson, theology



Cole Wilson graduated in 2023 from the University of Rochester with a B.A. in philosophy with a minor in Italian. He spent a semester abroad in Rome, Italy studying Trinitarian Theology under the Rector Magnificus at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum).

Cole lives in Brewerton and graduated from Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square.

In his free time, Cole enjoys reading, particularly Dr. Edward Fesser's works, playing chess, listening to and playing classical music, watching Manchester United games and continuing to learn about Thomism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

Alexa Kulak, librarian



Alexa Kulak was born and raised in Cicero, NY, by her Bishop Ludden alum parents Gina (class of '90) and Jim (class of '89) Kulak.

She graduated from Le Moyne College with a B.A. in English concentrating in creative writing and is currently finishing her master's degree in library science at Syracuse University.

She enjoys reading, drinking hot chocolate, and cuddling with her two Beagles. She is grateful to be welcomed into the Bishop Ludden community and for the opportunity to educate your students in the pursuit of lifelong learning in the Catholic tradition.

NEW FACES

Madelynn Tibbetts, theology



Miss Madelynn Tibbetts is the 11th and 12th grade Theology teacher. She graduated from St. John Fisher University with a bachelor's degree in religious studies.

Miss Tibbetts is passionate about sharing her Catholic faith, especially with younger generations. She has volunteered and worked in numerous ministry positions, including being a Lifeteen Missionary for high school students in Tiger, Georgia at Camp Covecrest. She resides in Camillus with her family and her German shepherd, Sadie.

Miss Tibbetts loves to hike and is an aspiring ADK High Peak 46er. She loves to hang out with her family and friends, roots for the Buffalo Bills, and enjoys all country music.

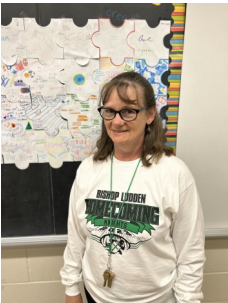
Sara Loving, English



I was an Arabic linguist and intelligence analyst for the US Army. Upon my retirement from service, I obtained my bachelor's from Syracuse University in English and creative writing. I am one semester and one summer away from my master's in comparative literature and rhetoric from Harvard University, and I am planning on continuing into a PhD through them. I will soon be certified and have a master's in special education and literacy from SUNY Potsdam as well.

I am a northern New York native who is a wife and mother of five beautiful children. My hobbies are hiking, reading, spending time with my family, learning new languages and writing poetry.

Dr. Lynn Reimer, math



Dr. Lynn Reimer moved to Syracuse from Central California a year ago with her husband, Kevin, and dog, Leo, to complete a year of service for L'Arche working with the developmentally disabled in their homes. She is excited to live in an area with so many places to hike and explore, as being outdoors is her

favorite place to be (even in the snow!)

Dr. Reimer has taught for 20 years, mostly middle school and high school math and science. However, she has also taught at the undergraduate and graduate level. This is the

first year she has taught in New York and the first year she has taught at a Catholic school and feels blessed to have her faith be such an integral part of her day.

Dr. Reimer completed her undergraduate education at the University of California, Davis double majoring in biology and German. She earned her teaching certificate at Fresno State University and her MA in integrated math/science instruction at Fresno Pacific University. She then earned her PhD in Education from the University of California, Irvine as a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.

She proudly admits that she is a math/science nerd.

Shaun Smith, physical education

Shaun Smith comes to Bishop Ludden with more than 30 years of experience in education and coaching. He graduated from SUNY Cortland with a degree in physical education and earned his master's in special education from Syracuse University. Shaun was a longtime physical education teacher at Corcoran High School. Since retiring from the Syracuse City School District in 2020, he has been subbing on a regular basis at Bishop Ludden.

Throughout his teaching career, Shaun coached high school football, basketball, and lacrosse. Currently, he is

the Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach at Jordan Elbridge where he helped to facilitate the opportunity for players from Bishop Ludden to play lacrosse there. Shaun is also coaching Modified Football for Bishop Ludden.

Shaun lives in Syracuse with his wife Kristin, a teacher at Liverpool High School, and their son Ryan, a recent college graduate. Their daughter, Brianna, is an elementary school teacher in the Guelderland School District in Albany. An avid sports fan, he can usually be found on the golf course or cheering on his favorite football teams on weekends.

BISHOP LUDDEN JR SR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:



EMILY BRONTE TEENAGE NECROMANCER

A new play by Don Zolidis

SPECIAL FREE SHOW FOR VETERANS AND
FIRST RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES

FRIDAY NOV. 10, 2023 2 PM

FRIDAY NOV. 10, 2023 7 PM

SATURDAY NOV. 11, 2023 2 & 7 PM

ADULTS \$10

STUDENTS AND SENIORS \$8



eSports adds Mario Kart to the lineup



eSports with Brady Davis, Peter Smith, Chase Gauthier, and Patrick Coleman.

Bishop Ludden's eSports program expanded to five teams this year. The Bishop Ludden Gaelic Knights have two teams in Smash Bros, and one each in Splatoon, Mario Kart, and Rocket League. Splatoon matches are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays are Smash Bros competitions, while both Rocket League and Mario Kart's matches take place on Thursdays. Teams from all over the United States compete in the Varsity Sport on the PlayVS Platform.

The team is coached by Maxine Babcock, with assistance from senior captains Peter Smith and Julia Smith, along with junior captain Ben Gentile. Other squad members include Ryan Skanes, Olivia Smith, Anthony Taylor, Brady Davis, Alex Gentile, Chase Gauthier, Patrick Coleman, and Dawson McCann. The squad scored its first win in Rocket League against Alabama's Hartselle High School. It went to four games in the best of five contests. Pete Smith scored both goals in Game 1's overtime contest. Max Townsend tied game two with 1:15 left, but Alabama's Hartselle HS rebounded for the win. Ben Gentile scored with 45 seconds left in game three for the 1-0 win. Game four went to the wire with both teams swapping goals. Ludden's Pete, Ben, and Julia Smith all scored for the win. Great game by Patrick Coleman as well.

Yummy Science!

Nothing like the chemistry of chocolate chip cookies to put a smile on faces!

Students in Mrs. Maxine Babcock's classes researched recipes, learned the chemistry of baking, and made their own recipes in class. Students are combining cooking, science, and life skills in this new science elective.

Food Science is a Science Olympiad event, which inspired the course and its structure.



STEM

Senior spearheads library mural project



Senior Julia Smith spearheaded a month-long mural project in the library. She was assisted by Momin Naveed, Ryan Skanes, Olivia Smith, and Zander Craner.

Crime scene on campus?



First 2023-24 Crime Scene in Mrs. Maxine Babcock's Forensic Science Class. Students work on sketching the scene and taking the required photos.

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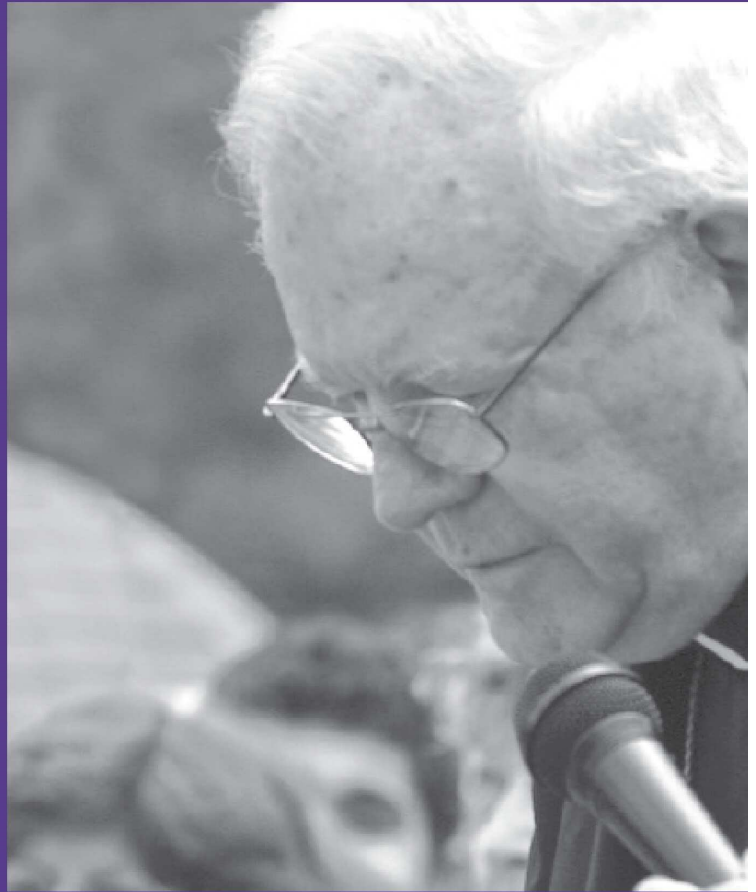
Bishop James Moynihan Pro-Vita Scholarship

Awards presented by Bishop Lucia on January 20, 2024

Contest is open to all public or private school Catholic students in the Syracuse Diocese.

Submissions may be video, essay, song, music, photos, or art (limit to 2 minutes or 500 words).

Scan the QR Code to send submissions by December 15, 2023.



Bishop Moynihan praying for those involved with abortion.

Two - \$1000 and One - \$500 Scholarships to High School Seniors



Awards are based on answering:
**Why are you Pro-Life &
How will You help build a culture of life?**



HOMECOMING



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Alumni gather for Homecoming!



A big thank you to Catherine '75 & Dan Hanover '73 and the Brunger family for setting up the Alumni Gathering Spot at Ludden's Homecoming football game.

We had a strong turnout to cheer on the team to a 42-6 win over Canastota!



REUNIONS

Next year's reunions ...

The classes of '73, '74, '79, and '84 are starting to plan their reunions for next year. Watch for details to come!

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

Class of 2003

The class of 2003 is holding its 20-year reunion from **7 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Nov. 24 at Rail Line Event Venue, Downtown Syracuse**. Pretty casual with food, drinks and music. Tickets available via Eventbrite.



Celebrating our students!

YES!

I want to help make a Catholic education a reality for another scholar!

Here is my gift for: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$

☐ \$100 per month recurring gift

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315.579.0061 or kgilheney@syrdiocese.org

Estate Planning/Preparing your will

Please remember Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School when working on your estate planning.

A bequest provides a lasting legacy by helping future students at Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School. There is also the potential for significant tax savings.

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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.