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Madonna Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Madonna High School celebrated Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6, 2021. There was day to day uncertainty if school would be open due to the number of COVID cases in Hancock County. Students, faculty, staff, and administration participated in many different activities throughout the week that could be done in school or remotely.

Helping those in the Weirton community is always a priority at Madonna and Catholic Schools Week is a great time to reach out to those in need. Students and their families donated youth-sized pillows and blankets, along with coloring books and crayons to put together care packages for children at Urban Mission in Steubenville.

Faculty, staff, and coaches donated bread, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce cups, fruit cups, and dessert snack cakes. Madonna students then made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches after school. The sandwiches and other snacks were delivered to the Friendship Room in Steubenville during the week.
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Students make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to donate to the Friendship Room in Steubenville.

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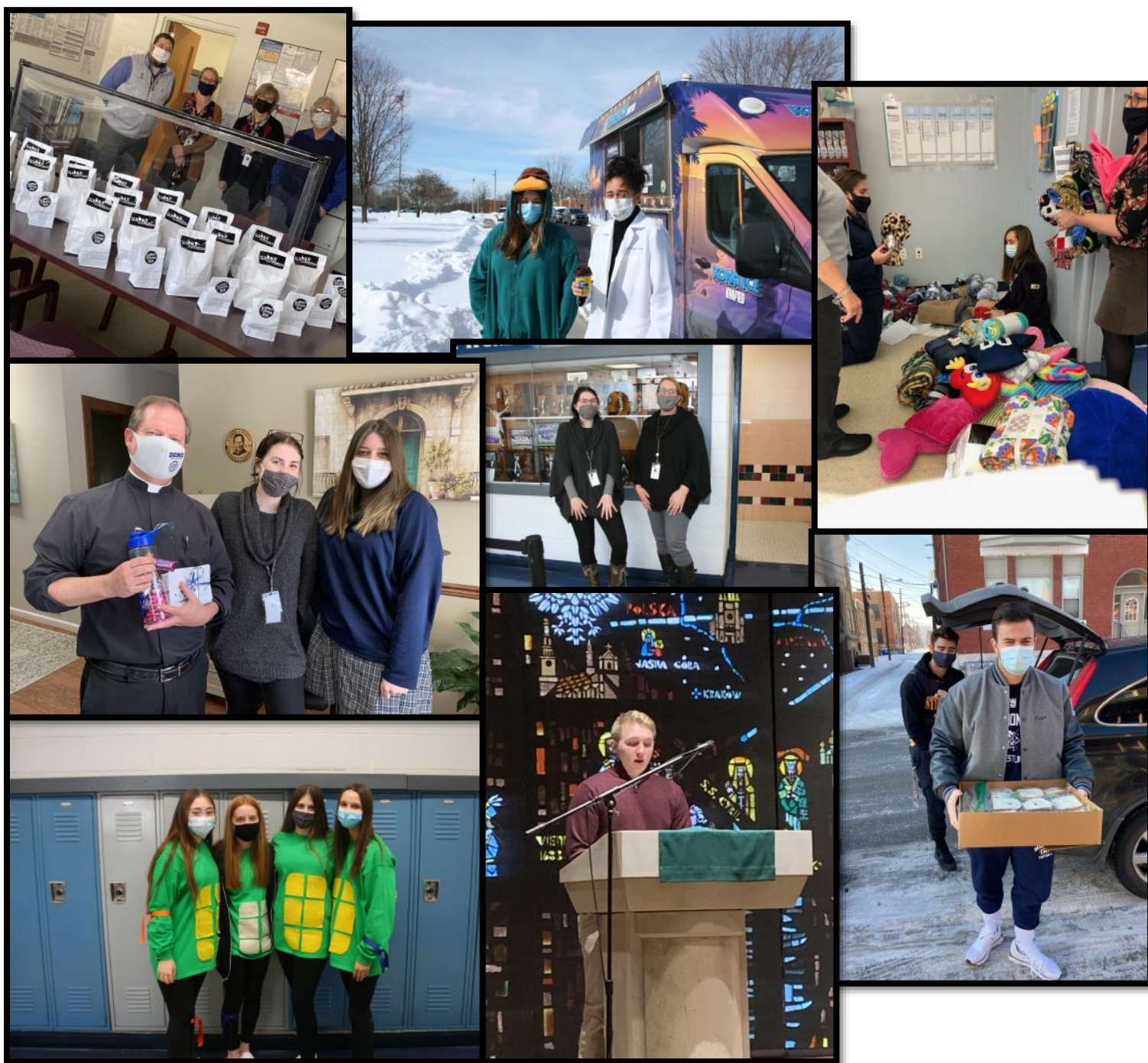
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Students wrote letters of thanks for workers at Weirton Medical Center thanking them for the sacrifices they have made during the pandemic. Students also wrote to our local priests to thank them for their support of Madonna.

Kona Ice stopped by to treat the students on Student Appreciation Day. Faculty and staff were provided lunch thanks to the Student Council. On Saturday, a Chick-fil-a truck was on campus and a portion of the sales was donated to the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

Madonna students closed out Catholic Schools Week by reading at various masses. We celebrate Madonna every day and we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week in 2022.



Madonna CARE-avan Spreads Holiday Cheer

On Sunday, December 20, 2020, Madonna High School held a CARE-avan. Students, alumni, family members, and Madonna staff drove through Serra Village in Weirton with signs and decorated cars to help spread some holiday cheer. The CARE-avan then drove to Brightwood Center in Follansbee where all walked outside to wave hello to the residents through their windows. The group then drove by Golden Oaks in Follansbee and honked their horns to let their residents know they are in our thoughts and prayers. CARE-avan participants were asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable items which were donated to local agencies that address food insecurity.

We had 25 vehicles, 34 students, and 237 food items donated! A special thank you to the Weirton Police Department for providing us with an escort!

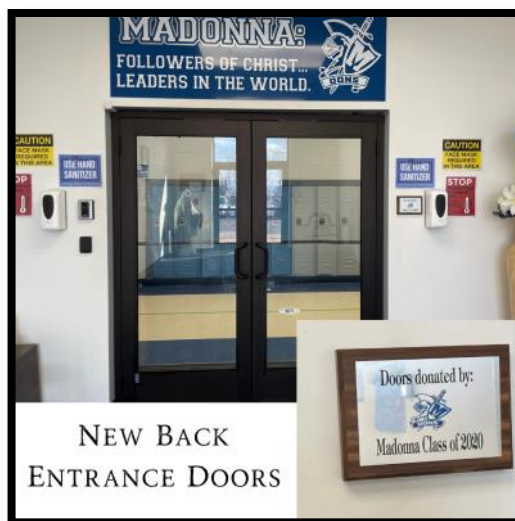


Donations Assist Madonna STEM Classes and Update Security

Over Christmas break, Madonna was blessed to receive materials from [Fisher Science Education](#), a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific. These items have already begun to be used in science classes and there are more that can be utilized going forward, including a 3D printer. Thank you Fisher Science Education!



Madonna participated in Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020. This is a global day of giving. Funds donated on this day were set aside for security updates. The entrance system was upgraded and maglocks were installed on new doors in the back entrance and cafeteria. Thank you to all who donated. We thank the Mazzone Family and the Class of 2020 for their donations which enabled us to purchase the new doors.



Madonna High School Hall of Fame Inductees

Madonna High School is pleased to announce the inductees for the Hall of Fame Class of 2020! This year's class has a wide variety of individuals and couples who have made an impact in their field, community, and at Madonna High School.

John Avoli '70 - Public Service

Chuck Boniti '67 - Athletic Excellence

Cris '76 and Lisa Enrietti Conti '75 - Lifetime Achievement

Juliana DeLuca Daugherty '88 - Athletic Excellence

Ed and Charlie Klee - School Service

Bob Kramer - Coaching Excellence

Sarah Setcavage '02 - Athletic Excellence

Kristen Finley Sobota '00 - Academic Excellence

Due to COVID, the class of 2020 will be inducted officially during a ceremony planned for September 18, 2021 at Williams Golf and Country Club.

A future announcement will be made regarding tickets to this event. Please visit our website at www.weirtonmadonna.org for updates as the date nears

This is the 5th Hall of Fame class to be inducted and this class will join the following Madonna High School Hall of Famers:

2018 – Timothy Castelli, Norman D. Ferrari, Jr., Norman D. Ferrari, III, Edward Fusiek, John Harcharic, Peter Horoszko, Maureen Lafferty, Richard Mahoney, Richard Martijevich, Paul Paolisso, Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.

2016: Joyce Kaczynski-McCarthy, Harold Miller, Jr., Dr. Edward Neely, Ron Sekersky, George Vargo, Robert Valenti, Bill Zanieski

2014: John Backel, Robert Canei, Melvin Coleman, Donald and Betty Gianni, John Greco, Jayne Andochick Kline, Babe Lesho, Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

2012: Bill Barrett, Joanna Bernabei-McNamee, John Capito, Romie Castelli, Don Donell, James White Construction, Joe Krivak, Dan McCune, Msgr. Daniel Patrick Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starvaggi, Gene Trosch, Walter Wieloh



Download Our New App!

Recently, Madonna High School has teamed with Moblize360, a company based in Weirton, to develop a school app. This app will provide families with current information, sports schedules and scores, and schedule changes. Also, this app is useful for alumni interested in staying up to date with Madonna. The user can decide which information to receive through push notifications. You can download it by clicking here: [Madonna App](#)



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ON THE GO!**

Our Partner Schools

St. Joseph the Worker School



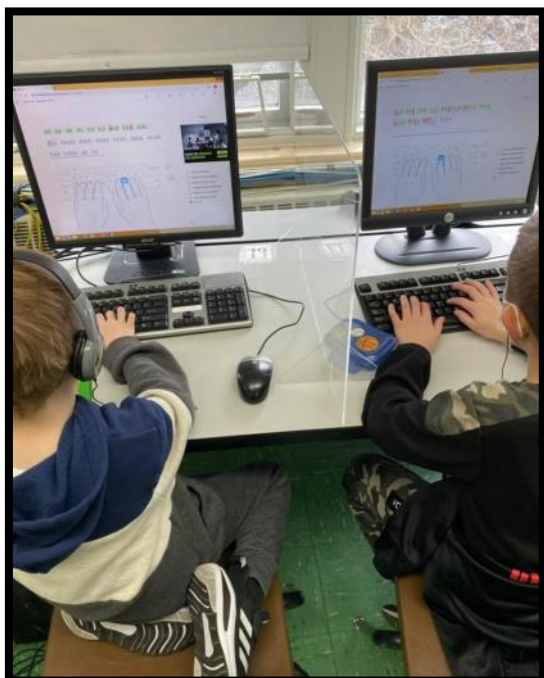
St. Paul students had fun while getting a nutrition and wellness lesson. They played a game of “Nutringo” (Nutrition bingo) with school nurse, Mrs. Mullens.



St. Paul School



Preschool students from St. Joseph the Worker Day School were given a tour of Sacred Heart of Mary Church in preparation for their first school mass. They were also introduced to the tabernacle and were taught how to genuflect.



Students at St. Paul School learn proper keyboarding techniques in computer class.

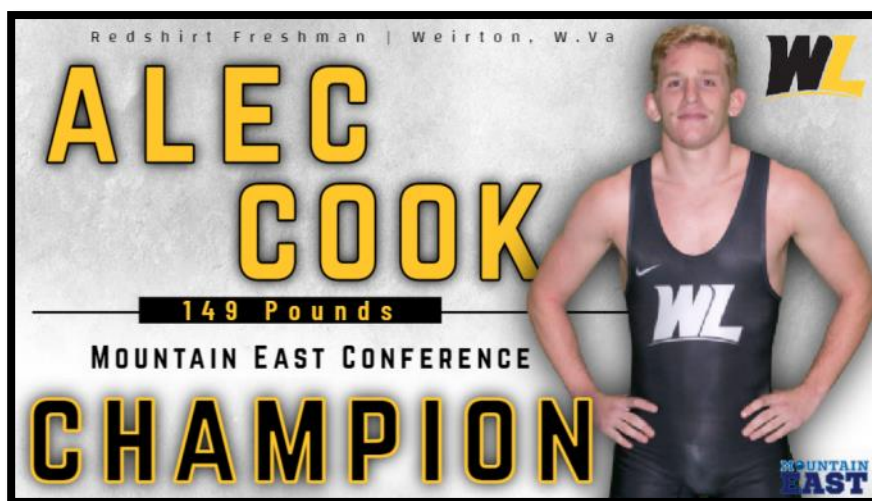


St. Joseph the Worker School third graders learned how living things change in science class. Students brought in a baby, a kindergarten, and current picture of themselves. Then they made observations about how they had changed. They focused on physical traits like hair color and length, eye color, and ear shape and size.

Rozanne Lanczak Williams '69, has a new book series that focuses on teaching young children basic concepts of money. Her series is called "Financial Literacy for Kids." You can read more by clicking [here](#). Check out her personal website as well: [Rozanne Lanczak Williams \(rozannewilliams.com\)](http://RozanneLanczakWilliams.com)



Picture credit: www.rozannewilliams.com



Alec Cook '19, recently won the wrestling 149 lbs championship for the Mountain East Conference. His win helped West Liberty University become the MEC team champions.

(Picture credit: West Liberty University Athletics Facebook page.)

Madonna Alumni

*Have reunion pictures to share?
Have a new job? Did you get married or have a baby? Share your news with your fellow alumni! Send any information and pictures you would like to share to cholmes@weirtonmadonna.org.*

IN MEMORIAM

We ask that you pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly beloved Madonna family members who have passed away in the last few months, including:

Paul Altomare '64
Cynthia Cunningham Ferguson '74
Michelle Kuczynski '98
James Majoris '62
David Merico '81
Emanuel Starvaggi

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If you know of any deceased Madonna alumni or friends of the school, please contact Madonna at 304-723-0545

You can help support Madonna High School in a few different ways. We have a raffle to win autographed Pittsburgh Penguins gear. These tickets will be on sale through **Monday, March 15th**.

Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, Madonna will be participating in "One Mission, One Day, to Make a Difference." Last year, we were able to raise over \$20,000 to help our students, faculty, and staff! Please watch for more information to come over the next few weeks.

You also have the opportunity to purchase a personalized brick that will line the new sidewalks in front of Madonna. Click [here](#) to order your brick today or contact the school at 304-723-0545 for an order form. More information can be found below.

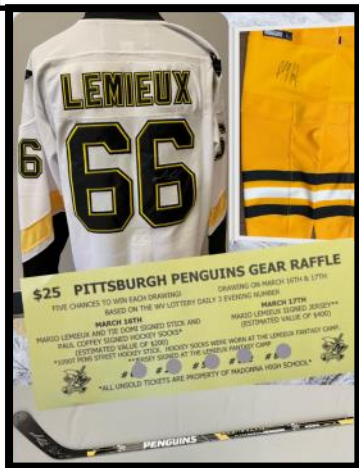
Autographed Pens Gear Raffle

- Tickets are \$25 each
- Only 200 tickets are available!
- Winners determined by the WV Lottery Daily 3 Evening number.
- 5 numbers on each ticket; 5 chances to win each day

March 16th: Mario Lemieux and Tie Domi autographed Pens street hockey stick and Paul Coffey autographed hockey socks.

March 17th: Mario Lemieux autographed Pens jersey

Tickets can be purchased in the Madonna High School office or you can contact Christine at cholmes@weirtonmadonna.org.



**Tuesday,
May 4, 2021**

One Mission One Day is a 24-hour day of giving organized by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Funds raised on this day go towards the Blue Don Fun, which assists every single person at Madonna High School.

Commemorate Special Memories Made at Madonna High School!

The new sidewalks in front of Madonna are being lined with personalized bricks. You can customize one (or more!) of these bricks as a permanent reminder of cherished memories and to show your Blue Don Pride!

- \$100/Brick
- \$110/ Brick with clip art
- Honor your class, your parents, an influential teacher, a life-changing coach, yourself, a championship season, or a loved one!
- Once installed, you will receive notification of where your brick is located.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to memorialize YOUR PART in Madonna's history!

Available clip art



Sample Brick





“Always go forward, never turn back.”

St. Junipero Serra.

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew
their strength. Isaiah 40:31*

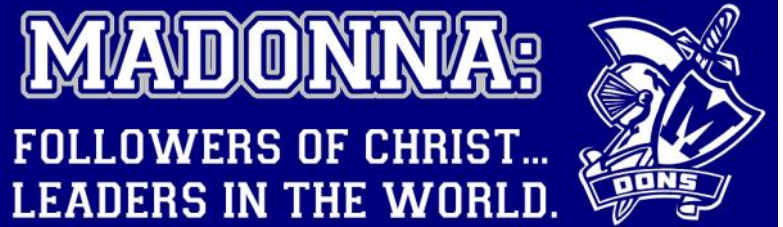


**We are halfway to our goal of \$105,000. Help
support the 2020-2021 Blue Don Fund today!**

The Blue Don Fund supplements funds needed to educate our students that tuition alone does not cover. The funds collected go to purchasing text books, classroom supplies, professional development for staff, and upkeep of the physical plant. Your generous funds have been essential to keeping Madonna High School running for over 65 years. To make your impact today, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Madonna High School
Attn: Advancement Office
150 Michael Way
Weirton, WV 26062

or go to weirtonmadonna.org/giving/



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Do you know of alumni that would like to receive information from Madonna? Please let us know!

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***THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS
YOU
CAN HELP.***

Volunteer
Serve on a committee
Donate to the Blue Don Fund
Include us in your will

For more information please
contact Christine Holmes at
304-723-0545 or
cholmes@weirtonmadonna.org

Upcoming Events*:

Chick-fil-a Truck—March 20, 2021
One Mission One Day—May 4, 2021
Friends of Madonna Picnic—August 21, 2021

***These dates are subject to change.**

Visit our website www.weirtonmadonna.org for the
most up to date information.