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Madonna Brick Project A Success!

In the spring of 2021, Madonna High School began a brick paver fundraiser. This was a way to help beautify the school, while giving the Madonna Family a chance to recognize loved ones, teachers, coaches, and friends. The goal was to sell 100 bricks and the total ended up at 225! We are thrilled that so many were able to participate. If you missed the first phase, phase 2 is underway and will take orders until March 31st. Installation of those bricks will take place in the spring once the ground has thawed out from winter.

Brick (no clipart): \$100, 20 characters per line, 3 lines.

Brick (with clipart): \$110, 15 characters per line, 3 lines.

If you would like to purchase a brick you can visit www.polarengraving.com/madonnahighschool or contact Christine at cholmes@weirtonmadonna.org for an order form.



Examples of bricks that were purchased during phase 1 of the brick paver project and a picture of the bricks installed along the new sidewalks.

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Cris Conti announced his retirement after 30 years of being the assistant and head softball coach at Madonna. During his tenure, he reached the 300-win mark back in 2018 while playing in the sectional tournament. The Lady Dons have won six OVAC 1A titles under his leadership. He was honored as the OVAC Coach of the Year in 2015.

Along with his softball career, Coach Conti has maintained the softball field, coached varsity golf, coached Junior Don football, the freshmen football team, and spent five years as a varsity assistant football coach at Madonna under Bob Kramer. Thank you for your many years of service. You will be missed! Enjoy your new grandson and retirement!



Former NFL player Ray McElroy spoke at Madonna High School about encouraging positive choices. His message was "You're not born a winner; you're not born a loser; you're born a chooser!" We thank the OVAC for sponsoring speakers from Sports World to share their personal experiences with our students every year.



Bishop Brennan celebrated mass with the Madonna family on October 4th.



Senator Shelley Moore Capito spoke to the Honors Civics class via Zoom where she discussed the Constitution and different roles in the government.



To celebrate Veterans Day, Mr. Rick Bain (Navy), Senator Ryan Weld (Air Force), and Councilman Chris Jonczak (Marine Corps) spoke to our students and shared their experiences serving our country. Thanks to Mr. Heckathorn for making arrangements for these local Veterans to visit Madonna.

Pictures from 2021 Madonna Homecoming Week Activities





Madonna Homecoming Court

Back: Anna Backel, Eliza Greco, Morgan Owens, Angelina Spickard, Kristina Lesho
Front: Celso Chivalan, Mark Pietranton, Nate Elias, Santino Arlia, Matt Amaismeier

Nate Elias was crowned 2021 Homecoming King at the Pep Rally



Anna Backel was crowned 2021 Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Madonna vs. Steubenville CC football game.

Madonna in the Community



The Interact Club organized a food drive to help the Weirton United Way.



Students handed out candy at St. Joseph the Worker School's Halloween parade.



Kelli McCoy from WMC accepted a donation for the Breast Care Center. Funds were raised from a fee dress day.

Students volunteered at the Weirton United Way's Turkey Trot.



Eliza Greco delivered notes of appreciation written by Madonna students to WMC front-line workers.

Our Partner Schools



St. Joseph the Worker School



Students participated in their walk –a-thon and were surprised with a color run at the end.



7th grade students learned about body systems in science class and dissected a deer heart, liver, and lungs.



St. Paul School



1st and 8th grade students led All-Saints Mass.



1st through 4th grades made a visit to Blue Stream Farms to learn more about aquaponics.



Football



Top: 2021 Football Team

Bottom: Seniors Evan Quering, Mason Thompson, Lennon Dietrich, Santino Arlia, Michel Burdine, Sean Gilmore, Seth Humberson, Coleton Littleton, Nick Elias, Nate Elias, Trey Kush, Scott Brown



Girls Soccer



Top: 2021 Girls Soccer Team

Right: With the City Championship trophy

Bottom: Seniors Sofia-Teresa DiBacco, Angelina Spickard, Kristina Lesho, Isabella Pulice



Volleyball



2021 Varsity and JV Volleyball Teams.

2021 Seniors: Olivia Tennant, Morgan Owens, Anna Backel, Brianna Glosser, Eliza Greco, Nina Daugherty



Cheering



Top: 2021 Fall Cheer Squad. Right: Seniors Brianna Glosser and Kristina Lesho. Bottom: Competition Squad.



Individual Accolades



Santino Arlia

All-State 2nd Team
HSDT* Offensive
Player of the Year,
All-Area 1st Team
OVAC All-
Conference



Evan Quering

All-State 2nd Team
HSDT All-Area 1st Team
WMC Scholar Athlete of
the Week
OVAC All-Conference



Nick Elias

HSDT All-Area 2nd Team
OVAC All-Conference



Nate Elias

HSDT All-Area
Honorable Mention

Jonah McKay

HSDT All-Area 2nd Team
OVAC All- Conference
Honorable Mention



Anthony Gross

HSDT All-Area
Honorable
Mention
OVAC All-
Conference
Honorable
Mention

Seth Humberson

OVAC All-
Conference
Honorable
Mention



Luca Muzzi

HSDT All-Area
Honorable Mention

Individual Accolades



Angelina Spickard
OVAC All-Conference
OVAC All-Star Team
WVHSSCA All-State
2nd Team

All-Region 1st Team



Gabriella Spickard
WVHSSCA All-State
Honorable Mention

All-Region 1st
Team



Julia Wingett

OVAC All-
Conference



Jenna Costello
WVHSSCA All-
State Honorable
Mention

All-Region 2st
Team

Sofia-Teresa
DiBacco
OVAC All-
Star Team



Morgan Owens

All-State
Honorable
Mention

OVAC All-
Conference



Nina Daugherty
OVAC All-Star
Team



Anna Backel
OVAC All-Star
Team



Rose Ferrelli McMurray '68, received the Marion Martin Award from the National Safety Council!
Rose is the chief transportation safety advisor for FDR Safety, LLC where she provides consulting services to those in the transportation sector, expert witness services, and teaches safety management at the graduate student level.

Christina Blair Brown '01, recently published a book called "Shine Your Light." The book is available to purchase on Amazon.



The boys basketball team held their annual alumni Thanksgiving Eve scrimmage.

Dr. Norman Ferrari III '75 was named the chief academic officer for medical education for West Virginia University's Doctorate of Medicine program. (Photo Credit: WVU Medicine)



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:

Helen Ferrari
Christopher Kolanko '81
Dave Truax '82
Bryan Walter '89

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

Madonna Alumni

Scan the QR code to update your contact information and to share news for the next Blue Don Bulletin.





THANK YOU!



GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 30th, Madonna High School participated in Giving Tuesday, a worldwide celebration of generosity. We set a goal of \$2,000 to purchase new equipment for our Science labs. With your generosity, we surpassed our goal and raised \$3,500! Equipment will be purchased in the coming weeks and we will share updates once it all arrives.



*“Stir up one another to love and good works.”
Hebrews 10:24*

We are at 80% of our goal of \$105,000!

Help support the 2021-2022 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 donations have been essential to keeping Madonna High School successful 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 who would like to receive information from Madonna? Please let us know!

FAITH, FAMILY, SERVICE...THROUGH MARY

***INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING
MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL?***

***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
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cholmes@weirtonmadonna.org

Upcoming Events*:

Mark your calendars to join us!

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre February 4, 2022

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

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