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Students Visit Mr. McGeehan in Charleston

Mr. Patrick McGeehan, a social studies teacher at Madonna, is also a member of the WV House of Delegates. He arranged for a group of students and teachers to travel to the Capitol Building in Charleston on March 17th. The group was shown the State Senate Courtroom and given a presentation on the history and facts on how the Senate works. They were then able to witness a legislative debate and were introduced to the House of Delegates by Delegate McGeehan. After lunch, they went on a tour of the West Virginia Culture Center and State Museum. Thank you to Mr. McGeehan for inviting our students down to Charleston!



Mr. McGeehan and students at the Capitol.

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David Connors was the “Voice of Democracy” essay contest winner for VFW Post 2716 Weirton. Commander Jon Thorfinnson presented David with a check and plaque.



Nicolas Serafine has been recommended to be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society based on his outstanding success and achievement in Career and Technical Education at JDRCC. The official ceremony will be held in May.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

to benefit Madonna custodian Jerry Woodland

Sponsored by: Weirton Knights of Columbus #3734

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

MADONNA CAFETERIA

11:30AM-2:30PM



**\$10 INCLUDES
PASTA, MEATBALL,
SIDE SALAD,
BREAD W/ BUTTER**

BAKED GOODS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE





Student Council visiting St. Joseph the Worker Grade School and Day School, and St. Paul School for Read Across America Day.



Each year, members of the sophomore class participate in the Youth Leadership program hosted by the Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to this years' graduates: (front/left to right) Sam Brooks, Grant Upright, Jacob Lazear, Ethaniel Baker (back/left to right) Alayna Szczerbinski, Rosa Cody, Rylee Birkhimer, Alexis Bracken

The National Evangelization Team met with all of our students from March 19-21. N.E.T. is based out of St. Paul, Minnesota and they travel the country providing retreats for young people in Catholic schools and parishes. We are so grateful for the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation during prayer ministry this year! Thanks to Mr. Rujak and Fr. Bill for bringing in NET Ministries for our students and thank you to Mrs. Granato for organizing these wonderful retreats! We also want to thank the Velegol Family and Fr. Bill for hosting the N.E.T. Team and to Frs. Bill, Gilna, John, Sebastian, and Tony for hearing so many confessions.



Our Partner Schools



St. Joseph the Worker School

St. Paul School



St. Joseph students participate in Stations of the Cross during Lent.



St. Paul's 3rd Grade celebrated Pi Day with pies and seeing who could remember the most digits.



St. Joseph students had their art work on display at the Summit Art Gallery



St. Paul's 6th grade completed a "Mystery Disease" problem-based learning unit for science.

Madonna High School is pleased to announce the inductees for the Hall of Fame Class of 2024. This year's class celebrates eight individuals who have made an impact at Madonna High School.

- Leah Comis '06 is being inducted in the category of Athletic Excellence
- Jason D'Alesio '96 is being inducted in the category of Athletic Excellence
- Ray Kaczynski is being inducted in the category of School Service
- Joe LaMantia, Jr. '69 is being inducted in the category of School Service
- John Lesho '59 is being inducted in the category of Coaching Excellence
- Luke Myers '03 is being inducted in the category of Stewardship
- Max Nogay '10 is being inducted in the category of Athletic Excellence
- Jean Shotting is being inducted in the category of School Service



The Class of 2024 will be inducted during a ceremony planned for October 5, 2024 at Williams Golf and Country Club.

An announcement will be made in the future regarding tickets to this event. Please visit www.weirtonmadonna.org/hall-of-fame for updates as the date becomes closer.

This is the 7th Hall of Fame class to be inducted and this class will join the following Madonna High School Hall of Fame members:

2022: Al Boniti, Katie Deter Dahlheim, Dr. Samuel Licata, Dr. John Przybysz, Ronald Rogowski, Craig Rumora

2020: John Avoli, Chuck Boniti, Cris and Lisa Enrietti Conti, Juliana DeLuca, Ed and Charlie Klee, Bob Kramer, Sarah Setcavage, Kristen Finley Sobota

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

IN MEMORIAM

We ask that you pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly beloved Madonna family members who have recently passed away including:

- Dr. Gabriel Fornari '63***
- Tammy Bradley Haines '79***

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

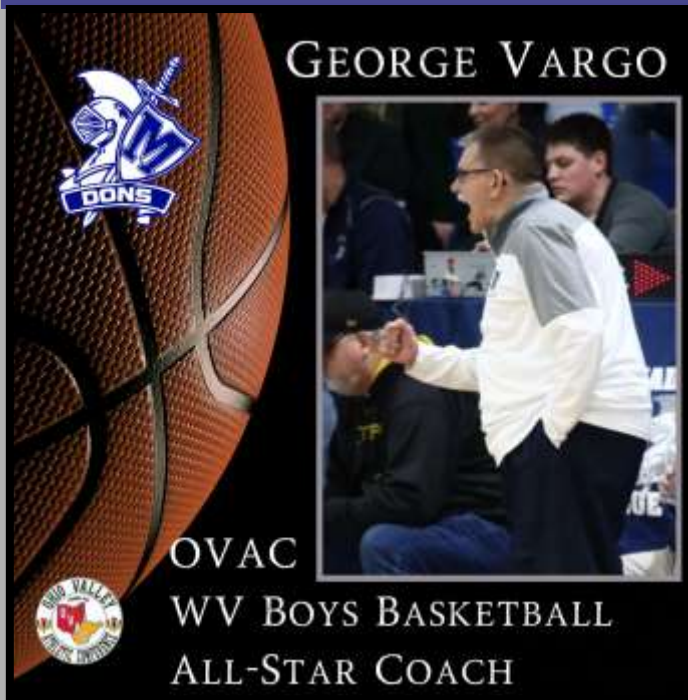
Congratulations to our varsity Winter Sports teams on a great season!




Congratulations to our Jr. Dons Winter Sports teams on a great season!



Coach Vargo has been selected as the OVAC West Virginia Boys Basketball All-Star Coach and Anthony Mascio has been selected to play. The game is on April 7th at Wheeling Park High School.



GEORGE VARGO



OVAC
WV BOYS BASKETBALL
ALL-STAR COACH

This graphic features a large basketball on the left side. In the top left corner is the '20 DONS' logo. In the bottom left corner is the 'OVAC' logo. The name 'GEORGE VARGO' is written in white serif font at the top. A central photograph shows Coach Vargo in a white jacket interacting with a player. Below the photo, the text 'OVAC WV BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STAR COACH' is displayed in white serif font.



ANTHONY MASCIO



OVAC WV
BOYS BASKETBALL
ALL-STAR

This graphic features a large basketball on the right side. In the top right corner is the '20 DONS' logo. In the bottom left corner is the 'OVAC' logo. The name 'ANTHONY MASCIO' is written in white serif font at the top. A central photograph shows Anthony Mascio in a blue jersey shooting a basketball. Below the photo, the text 'OVAC WV BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STAR' is displayed in white serif font.

Christany Bartley and Anthony Mascio have both been named Class A All-State Honorable Mention as selected by the WV Sports Writers Association.



Christany Bartley



This graphic features a large basketball at the bottom. In the top left corner is the '20 DONS' logo. A central photograph shows Christany Bartley in a blue jersey holding a basketball. The name 'Christany Bartley' is written in white bold sans-serif font on the left side.



Anthony Mascio

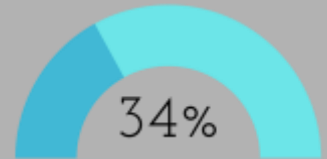


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"do EVERYTHING for the GLORY of GOD" 1 Corinthians 10:31

With your help we can reach our 2023-2024 goal of \$250,000! Click [here](#) to make your gift today!



The Blue Don Fund supplements funds needed to educate our students that tuition alone does not cover. The funds collected from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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/

Your donation could be matched by your employer! Check with your HR Department to see if your employer has a matching gift program.



MAY 7, 2024



**ONE MISSION ONE DAY
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for May 7, 2024 as Madonna will once again take part in One Mission One Day to Make a Difference. This is a 24-hour day of giving organized by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Last year we were able to raise over \$20,000 for technology upgrades. This year funds will go towards our Blue Don Fund. This fund helps every student, teacher, and staff member at Madonna. It goes toward education costs, professional development, and upkeep of the physical plant. Please consider making a gift this year to help us reach our goal!

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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 Madonna in your will

**For more information please contact Christine Holmes at
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