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Madonna NEWS

Congratulations to John Lesho, '59, for receiving the 2025 Juiceman Award.

The “Juiceman” Award was founded in 2005 in honor of Steve “Juiceman” Dorich, who for many years generously and unselfishly gave of himself to help enrich the basketball experience of Madonna student-athletes. Steve gave of himself to help nurture and develop our athletes into respectful, well-mannered young gentlemen, something we pride ourselves on to this day. The

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recipient of this award exemplifies the character, dedication, and passion for Madonna, its athletic programs, and its mission, which Steve so graciously and faithfully demonstrated.





The Monsignor Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 9 new members in March. New Members were Alenna Alatis, Ethaniel Baker, Rylee Birkhimer, Alexis Bracken, Samuel Brooks, Rosa Cody, Jacob Lazear, Mali Olivani and Alayna Szczerbinkski.

Senior member who received their graduation cords at the ceremony were Christany Bartley, Cole Canterbury, *Secretary*, David Connors, EJ Cottrill, Grace Glover, *President*, Kenny Goddard, Dominik Maple, *Historian*, Wesley Molish, Chloe Orecchio, *Vice President*, Marissa Sole, *Treasurer*, and Kayla Szczerbinkski.

Members of the 8th Grade toured the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center in preparation of the Golden Horseshoe Test



2025 NET Retreats



Congratulations to sophomores Sophia Soly, Marleigh O'Brien, Lucia DiBacco, Jake Goddard, Lacy Quering, Danyka DeCaria and Madi Owens (not pictured: Brooklynn Cherepko) on graduating from the Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce's Youth Leadership program today. They participated in sessions on Vision, Integrity, Teamwork, True Colors and SIMSOC with peers from Brooke HS, Oak Glen HS and Weir HS. Thank you to the Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses for making this beneficial program available to our area youth year after year.



Congratulations to the newly inducted MHS Monsignor Murphy Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society members. Newly inducted members include (seated) Gianna DeMarco, Andrew Welch, Ellie Luttamus, Mari Evkovich, Valentia DiBacco, Easton Cestaric, Maddox Basil, Mary Haines. (Standing) Violetta Turianyn, Kenzie Doughty, Lucia Caprese, Raegan Wiersbicki, Natalee Gross, Juliana Wilharm, Emmie Moffo and Zoey Ronevich.



Congratulations to Eian Chartier on winning the Golden Horseshoe Award! He will be inducted as a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe Society on June 10, 2025, in Charleston. Eian is pictured with WV History Teacher, Fr. William Matheny and Principal Jason Heckathorn.





Congratulations to David Connors and Christany Bartley, our St. Sebastian Medal recipients and Chloe Orecchio, our St. Thomas Aquinas Medal recipient.

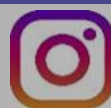
Madonna hosted St. Paul School STEM students in March After presenting their science fair projects to Ms. Bilal and Mrs. Martin, they attended an AP Chem2 lab and class with seniors.



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The Class of 1990 met in early March to reminisce and catch up at Undo's Weirton.

UPCOMING REUNION INFORMATION:

Class of 1975 Reunion

- Friday, August 1: Tour of Madonna High School (6pm) & Dinner at Undo's Weirton
- Saturday, August 2: 4pm Mass at St. Joseph the Worker & Dinner at Scaffidi's

Class of '65 and '66: September 20, 2025

SAVE *the* DATES:

My Fair Lady: May 8-11, 2025

Baccalaureate: May 23, 2025

Graduation: May 25, 2025

Dine to Donate at Primanti Bros.: June 5

Football Outing: June 14, 2025

Basketball Camp: June 16-19, 2025

Madonna Picnic: August 10, 2025

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:

Cheri Gryskevich
Gloria Ciarrocchi
Virginia Rybka
Mr. William "B" Barrett
James Gerlando
Deborah Sharrow Kostka
Susan Kurcina
Mary Hadobas
Margaret "Charlie" Klee
Daniel Pulice
John Pulice

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.

WINTER SPORTS AT MHS

Basketball



Lady Dons Basketball





Congratulations to Blue Don student-athlete Ally Laughlin signed her National Letter of Intent to play softball for Bethany College today. Ally is pictured (seated) with her parents David and Mayda Laughlin. Pictured with the family are (standing) Madonna Athletic Director Jeremy Eloi, Madonna Softball Coach Jason Bachel, Madonna Softball Coach Dave Owens, and Madonna Principal Jason Heckathorn.

Congratulations to student-athlete David Connors signed his National Letter of Intent today to play baseball for Wheeling University. David is pictured with his parents Bob and Sheena Connors (seated). Pictured with the family are (standing) Madonna Athletic Director Jeremy Eloi, Madonna Baseball Coach T.J. Miller, Madonna Baseball Coach Luke Myers, and Madonna Principal Jason Heckathorn. David plans to major in Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy.



Congratulations to Blue Don student-athlete Christy Bartley, who has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Washington & Jefferson College, a member of the PAC.



Congratulations to Blue Don student-athlete Wes Molish, who has signed a letter of intent to play football at Fairmont State University.



Congratulations to Blue Don student-athlete Logan Brown, who has signed a letter of intent to play football at Waynesburg University.



Congratulations to Blue Don student-athlete Chloe Orecchio, who has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Seton Hill University.



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

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- ◆ Volunteer
 - ◆ Serve on a committee
 - ◆ Donate to the Blue Don Fund
 - ◆ Include Madonna in your will

For more information please contact Stephanie (Sharpe) O'Brien, '90 at 304-723-0545 or sobrien@weirtonmadonna.org