Dear Bishop Grimes Community:

First, I must thank you for the warm and loving welcome I received when I arrived on January 5th and 6th! I am both humbled and honored by the opportunity to join you and to offer my best as your new leader. In just my first few days, I have met so many wonderful people who have reflected to me the uniqueness of this Christian community of learners. It has been such revitalization for me!

A new year, a new beginning—what a perfect time to take stock, to refresh our goals, and to promise ourselves that we will do all we can to be the kind of people Our Loving God made us to be. As St. Luke reminded us in his 12th Chapter, “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Whether student, alum, teacher, parent, principal or board member, we are all very blessed here at Bishop Grimes, and as a blessed people, we must do and be all we can be here at school, in our families, in our jobs, and wherever we find ourselves.

I have come to you as a lifelong educator beginning with my years as an undergraduate at St. Lawrence University (Go Saints!). My first teaching assignment was in Mahopac, NY, where I taught Social Studies for five years. My wife Daryll and I returned to CNY where I joined the Westhill High School faculty and subsequently did my administrative internship. With that in hand, I became the Assistant Principal at Chittenango High School, and then in 1981, I accepted the role of Principal at Wellwood Middle School where I remained for 20 years. When I retired from FM, I happily took the position as Principal of Holy Cross School in DeWitt where I remained for 10 years, and where I met many of the current families now at Bishop Grimes. We have seven adult children, five of whom are educators, and six young granddaughters. Please know that I am open to your questions and suggestions and that I intend to get to know all of you in my time among you. God Bless!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
1/25/15 Booster Club Tailgate Party
1/26/15 Exam Week
1/30/15 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
1/30-31/15 Alumni Basketball Weekend
2/3/15 School-wide Assembly (CSW)
2/4/15 Open House
2/5/15 School-wide Mass (CSW)
2/6/15 Cobra Pride Day
2/6/15 Report Cards Mailed
2/13/15 Valentine’s Day Dance
2/16/15 Vacation Week

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
National Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated at Bishop Grimes the week of February 2nd.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2015 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service”. Bishop Grimes will observe the annual celebration week with a Mass, several community service projects, and other activities for our students, families, and community members.

Through these events, our school focuses on the value Catholic education provides to our children and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

MISSION STATEMENT
Bishop Grimes is a Diocesan school built on the gospel message of Jesus Christ and dedicated to providing a high quality Catholic education that prepares students in mind, body and soul to develop the fullness of their talents and abilities and to profess their love of Christ and neighbor in word and deed.

FARWELL SISTER JT
What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us.
- Helen Keller

Sorrow fills our hearts at Bishop Grimes, but now that Sister JT has departed, we will remember her at every moment as she was an exceptional person. Sister JT will be missed for all that she taught us and for all of those beautiful moments that she made for us. We say farewell, may you rest in peace.

Our sincerest condolences to Sister JT’s family.

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BG STUDENTS GIVE BACK IN A BIG WAY

- On November 22nd, the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor society participated in the St. Jude Walk
- On December 5th, BG Students went to Trinity Catholic School to make ornaments with the students
- On December 9th, our Spanish Honor Society read in Spanish to students who attend Delaware
- For Thanksgiving, students collected approximately 1,400 items and $250 dollars for the Interreligious Food Consortium.
- For Christmas, students collected approximately 350 Toys for Toys for Tots.
- For Christmas, the JV Boy’s Basketball team volunteered at the Christmas Bureau Distribution Center.

BOSTER CLUB TAILGATE PARTY

Please support Bishop Grimes by attending the Booster Club’s first Tailgate Party. The event will be held on January 25th from 2:00—6:00 p.m. at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant, located at 7384 Thompson Road, North Syracuse. Help support our athletic programs and the many student-athletes that are involved. Tickets are $25 per person and may be purchased through bgboosters@syrdiocese.org. In addition to the event, 50/50 raffle tickets are available (need to be present to win). Raffle tickets are: one ticket for $10; three tickets for $25.

CONGRATULATIONS...

The BG Community would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Emily Patrick. Emily is the recipient of the Silver Kay Winner at the National Scholastic Art Show. Emily’s painting, entitled “Starry Night”, was painted from her imagination. The painting is beautiful and shows her to have exceptional skills for such a young age. Our sincerest congratulations to Emily Patrick, we couldn’t be prouder.

THANK YOU...

On behalf of the entire BG Community and the Music Department, we would like to recognize Maria Giufre on performing with the 2015 Senior High All-County Band, and representing Bishop Grimes so well. Great job Maria! The Mission Advancement Office would like to thank all of those that baked for the cookie exchange. The school netted over $600 with funds appropriated to the Annual Fund and the Senior Prom. Thank you bakers and those that purchased the cookies.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

Please contact the Mission Advancement Office if your class is planning a class reunion. We can assist you with class rosters, schedule a private mass, school tour, and/or a reception. If your class has any other ideas, we’d love to hear them. Please email chaskins@syrdiocese.org.