

BOCES Bulletin

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“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?”
 - Vincent Van Gogh



New Staff Orientation

New O'Connor Academy teachers, Jyllian Adams (left), Social Studies, and Virginia Malone, Art, joined over 40 other new staff members for Day One of orientation on August 29th at 15 Linden Park.

Upcoming Events

- September 5** Labor Day
- September 6** First Day for Teachers
- September 7** First Day for Students
- September 8** Regular Board Meeting
- September 11** Patriot Day; Grandparents Day

Follow this [link to the BOCES Calendar of Events](#)

From the District Office

Welcome to the 2016–2017 school year. Summer seems to have come and gone faster than last year. Hopefully, you were able to take some time for yourself to recharge and be with family and friends. And as we prepare to welcome our students back I wanted to share with you some very interesting data. According to Dennis Glaser, our Coordinator of Student Admissions & Student Records, “The numbers are literally changing by the hour through this last week before we start up again.”

- Bird/Morgan: 125 enrolled + 5 awaiting IEPs = 130 for opening day
- Creekside: 223 enrolled + 4 awaiting IEPs = 227 for opening day
- O'Connor Academy: 95 enrolled + 4 awaiting IEPs = 99 for opening day
- District-Based: 130 enrolled + 0 awaiting IEPs = 130 for opening day
- TOUR: 25 for opening day
- Project SEARCH: 3 for opening day
- e-START: 24 enrolled + 5 awaiting IEPs = 29 for opening day
- Possible 635 for Opening. With the normal end of year losses that we experience through graduation, returning to district, moves, aging-out, this still represents a significant growth for us.

And that’s just special education. We have 220 students ready to start in our Multi-Occ/FOCUS programs and at the Eastern Monroe Career Center (EMCC) we have 297 second-year students in the morning and 402 first-year students in the afternoon.

As another school year begins, let’s remember and celebrate the great work that we do for so many in our region.

- Mike Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

Board Briefs

Click here for the Board Briefs for **August 25, 2016**:

http://www.monroe.edu/files/filesystem/BOEBRIEFS_08_25_2016.pdf

Professional Development

New Staff Orientation (NSO)

Each year, we host a three-day orientation for our new instructional employees. New teachers, related service providers, associate teachers, paraeducators and administrators come together to learn about working at Monroe #1 BOCES. We have many presenters from a variety of departments who take the time and effort to develop and facilitate these professional learning sessions.

- Day 1:** New staff receives the “nuts and bolts” of Monroe #1 BOCES, including presentations by Human Resources, Business Office and Campus Technology.
- Day 2:** New staff reviews their rights and opportunities through presentations on professional development, DASA, Right-to-Know and contractual evaluation systems.
- Day 3:** *(Teachers and paraeducators only.)* Teachers and paraeducators engage in learning activities, related to best practices, for their roles in the classroom.

New Staff Orientation is a great opportunity for new employees to develop a sense of expectations and learn the components of their new positions, while getting to know each other. NSO sets the foundation for their journey ahead at Monroe #1 BOCES.

- Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director

News and Notes

OMNI Updates

Thinking about saving more money in 2016-2017?

Learn more about contributing to a 403(b) to save for retirement with pre-tax contributions.

[Click here for OMNI Updates.](#)

Programs and Services Updates

Challenger Learning Center Earns K-12 Content Pinnacle Award

The Rochester Challenger Learning Center program of our Instructional Technology Department was among 69 providers from across the United States and beyond to earn a coveted K-12 Content Pinnacle Award for the 2015-2016 school year. "Our Challenger Learning Center staff has won a Pinnacle Award for at least one of its videoconferences every year since 2010 when we joined the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration," stated Steve Orcutt, Director of Instructional Programs and Services. "This year, all seven of our programs received a 2.85 or higher rating."



For more information, go to:

<http://www.monroe.edu/news.cfm?story=395&school=0>

Cooperative Summer School Closes A Successful Session

Our Monroe #1 BOCES 2016 Cooperative Summer School program, held at Pittsford Sutherland and East Irondequoit Middle School, served 1433 students from seven school districts. Students with disabilities comprised 26.4% of the enrollment. Of the 1433 students, 1233 were enrolled in courses and 200 students were "test only." The "test only" students registered to sit for Regents exams to either improve their score or retake an exam to earn a passing score. Our staff administered a total of 976 Regents exams.

We also provided instruction in ELA and math for 131 middle school students who engaged in project based learning and created portfolios to showcase their skills. Our newly created progress reports were standards based with evidence listed. All in all, a very successful summer school program!

- Joyce Cymer, Director of Regional Programs and Services

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Technology Tip

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following Technology Tip:

Opening New Internet Windows

With more of our applications being web-based (Outlook, School Tool, IEP Direct etc.), we find we have many **tabs** open at once. But what if you want to see two webpages side by side? If you have opened them in "Tabs" you have to switch back and forth between them by clicking on the tab.

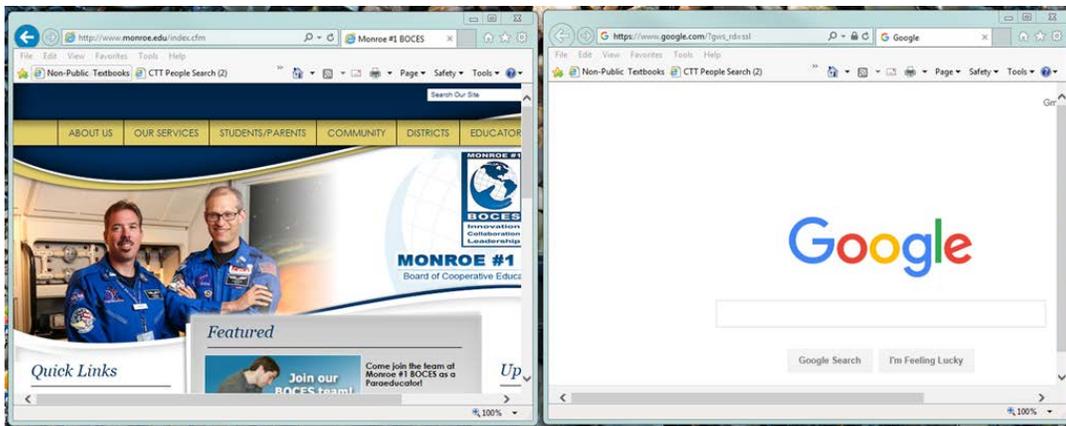
To see them side by side you need to open them in new "Windows".

Open your first web page as usual.

Now open a "New Window": on the menu click on **File** or the  icon and select "**New Window**" (or use keyboard shortcut **Ctrl N**)

Select your second webpage.

Now you can grab the "Title Bar" of one browser and drag it to your other monitor to see it next to the original webpage.



Looking for another Tip? Check out the Index to Tech Tips by clicking [here](#).

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Monroe #1 BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation (the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or asexuality), political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. In addition, students are also afforded protection based on weight.

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