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“ Aim at heaven and you will get the earth thrown in.
Aim at earth and you get neither.”

- C.S. Lewis

Upcoming Events

- Sun., June 17 – Father’s Day
- Mon., June 18 – Retiree Celebration – Burgundy Basin Inn, 5:30 PM
- Wed., June 20 – First Day of Summer
- Wed., July 4 – Independence Day (All Staff Recess)
- Fri., July 20 – All Staff Picnic
- Sun., July 22 – Parent’s Day
- Fri., July 27 – System Administrator Appreciation Day

A Message from Mike

Area high school students are in the midst of Regents Week. It’s been over ten years since I taught math in a high school. I went on a little trip down memory lane as I helped a couple of family friends review for the Algebra Regents Exam last week. Three eighth grade girls at the kitchen table made for some pretty funny conversation. At one point, Megan asked me, “Why did you ever get certified to teach math?” Obviously because math is cool. As we were working through some of the questions, we started talking about why the letter x is the most commonly used variable. In this short and funny [TED talk](#), Terry Moore provides the surprising answer.

Algebra was among the first Regents Exams given in New York State, and the Regents Exams have a longer history than you might think. “The first high school examinations were held in June 1878. About one hundred institutions participated. The five studies examined on that first occasion were algebra, American history, elementary Latin, natural philosophy, and physical geography” (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/hsgen/archive/rehistory.htm>). Did you know you can view old exams on the SED website? I found the Course II exam (now geometry) that I took in 1990. Here is the link to the archived exams: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/regentsexams.htm>.

As for Megan, in a truly teenage text after the exam, she reported that, “it went good...i think i did good.” I’m glad we have a few of years before the Comprehensive English Exam.

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REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

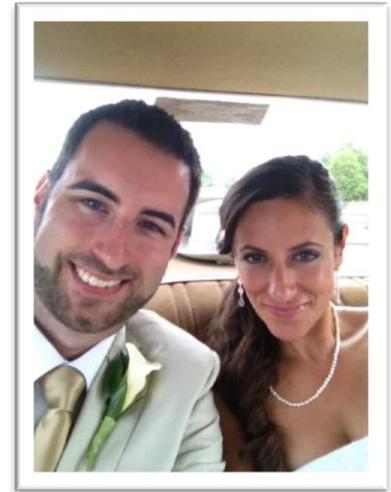
THREE-YEAR SEQUENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

COURSE II

Wednesday, June 20, 1990 – 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., only

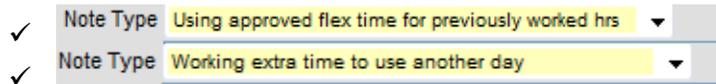
• Staff News

- ❖ Church bells were ringing on June 9, 2012, for the new Mr. and Mrs. Mark D'Annunzio! Memories were made with perfect weather, a spectacular reception offering beautiful views of Irondequoit Creek, and Mark and Melissa's family and friends enjoying every minute of the day with them. Their sun and fun-filled honeymoon was spent on Crescent Beach in Sodus Bay. Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as they begin their journey together.



• Staff Reminders

- ❖ **Time and Attendance:** Just a gentle reminder, if you are working extra time to use on another day, or using approved flex time for previously worked hours, you should enter a comment in the "Note Type" on that date.



-Carolyn

Technology Tip of the Week

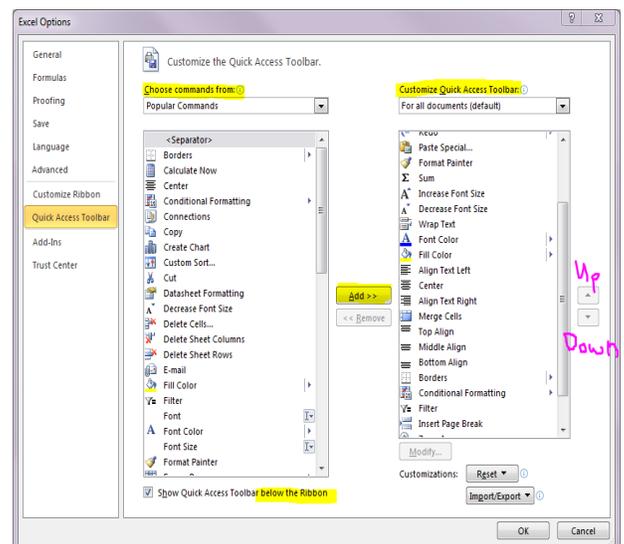
Thanks to Diane Smith for sharing this Tip of the Week:

Quick Access Toolbar

No matter which Ribbon is active, you can put your favorite commands on a toolbar and always available. This works in both Excel and Word.



1. Click on **File** ribbon
2. Click on **Options**
3. Click on **Quick Access Toolbar** (in column on left)
4. Select the button you want to add in the list on the left
5. Click on **Add** to add it the box on the right
6. Use the **up and down arrows** to arrange where on the toolbar you would like it to be located.
7. Repeat steps 4-6 for all the commands you want to include.
8. If you don't see the one you want in the "**Popular Commands**" group, use the pull down box to select another group.
9. If you want this toolbar to appear below the ribbons, click in the **checkbox**.
10. Click **OK** when done



Commands I like to include:

- ✚ Format Painter - Wrap Text
- ✚ Sum - Insert Page Break
- ✚ Increase Font size - Font Color
- ✚ Decrease Font size - Fill Color
- ✚ Paste Special -Merge Cells
- ✚ Alignment - Vertical and Horizontal

JENerally Speaking... Library, Media, and Arts News

I am pleased to welcome two new members to the Library, Media, and Arts team. Carolyn Byam and Wendy Petry will be joining our department on July 1st:

- Carolyn, already an important member of Technology Services, will now be sharing her expertise and skills with our librarians as she coordinates Electronic Database purchases and assists with the School Library System.
- Wendy comes to us from the Harris Building where she worked with the Audio, Speech, OATS, and the DPU team. She has been working for BOCES for more than 10 years and is excited to be assisting with the Arts in Education program. Wendy enjoys walking, swimming, and playing video games.

We are looking forward to working with both Carolyn and Wendy! Please help us welcome them as they transition to their new roles in Technology Services.

-Jen

RECDC Happenings

The Regional Early Childhood Direction had a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with the Mid-South Early Childhood Direction Center during the month of June to bring Dr. James Ball, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst to present on the topic of Behavior/Social skills and Autism. Dr. Ball is the current President of the Autism Society of America and the author of *“Early Intervention & Autism: Real Life Questions, Real Life Answers”*. Dr. Ball presented to over 200 participants from within the 22 counties covered by RECDC and the Mid-South ECDC. The participants included special education teachers, general education teachers, related service providers and community agencies. Student educational levels represented a span from preschool through adult services. His presentation was engaging, enlightening and confirming of the work professionals employ with students on the Autism Spectrum. He discussed the importance of preschool services and the need to lay the foundation for appropriate behavior and social skills in children with autism. This is in line with the current New York State Education Department’s early learning expectations linked to the P-12 common core learning standards and the development of the Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core. Both ECDC networks are in discussion with Dr. Ball to bring him back in June 2013 to provide additional professional development in the area of preschool learning.

-Beth Grier-Leva

Steve’s Space

Green Machine

Last Sunday, John Costanza, Andy Raab, and I volunteered to bring the Mobile Laboratory out to Cancer Survivor’s Day at Genesee Valley Park. This is a festival created for families to celebrate their children who have survived cancer. Yes, that really is an authentic storm trooper costume that Andy is wearing. I’m sure any of you who know Andy are not really surprised. Ask Andy about the club he is in and the volunteer work they do. Yes, in costume.

WBER – Submitted by Joey Guisto

On Friday, June 8th, 2012, WBER’s Friday Morning Show did its first ever live remote broadcast from Monroe #1 BOCES for EMCC’s end of year carnival. Joey, Shaun, Pepper and Mike set up the broadcast a little before 6:00 A.M. and stayed until almost 11:00 A.M. In between, we had many students from different classes at EMCC stop by the booth. Some students talked on the air about their experiences with the EMCC program including students from the radio and TV class and cosmetology. It was great to hear these testimonials about how much being a part of EMCC will make their lives better after high school and how they will be so much more prepared for the real world after graduation. WBER is already looking forward this event next year!

A special thanks to Shaun for coming in early to set up the technology for the morning. It sounded great!

-Steve

