



# Weekly Bulletin



Every success story has a parent who says, 'over my dead body.'

- Bill Cosby

## Upcoming Events

- August 13-14 – Summer School Regents Exams
- Fri., August 16 – ESY ends
- Thurs., Aug. 22 – Regular Board Meeting
- Mon., Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Wed., Sept. 4 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Thurs., Sept. 5 – Regular Board Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 11 – National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Sat., Sept. 14 – Yom Kippur

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

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## A Message from Mike

As we reach the midpoint of our summer vacation, there is a lot going on. Our Extended School Year programs are in full swing. Regional Summer School has started their “second semester.” We even had a group of 37 cosmetology students work two weeks to accumulate 55 hours toward their licensure requirements. We have so many stories to tell. And stories are important. Stories help people make personal connections and learn concepts more deeply. Stories also keep people interested in what you have to say.

As we continue our preparations for the start of the 2013-2014 regular school year, John Walker reminded me that many folks are hard at work preparing to tell the BOCES story. Here are just a few examples:

- We have about 15 new employees who will participate in an orientation on August 26 and 27 where they will learn about BOCES statewide, our BOCES, and their new department assignments;
- We have the Fairport Board of Education (and hopefully others to follow) scheduled to tour our programs in September where we once again can tell our story to their Board members, with the help of our principals and the Fairport students themselves;
- At the end of October, nearly 2,000 school board members, superintendents, and other administrators from across the state will be in Rochester for the New York State School Boards’ Association (NYSSBA) conference to network and learn how to better serve schools and communities. Students from EMCC will be showcasing our programs on the vendor floor, and Steve Orcutt will be presenting a workshop on our distance learning services.

These are just examples of great opportunities to tell our story as a BOCES, and we have so many stories to tell. How will you help tell our story?

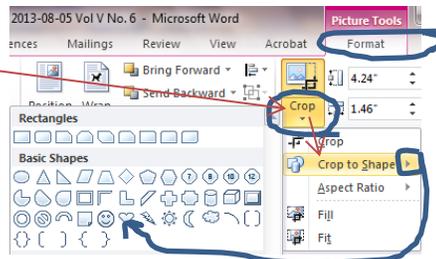
- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

# Technology Tip of the Week

## Crop a Picture to Shape (In Microsoft Word)

If you have inserted a picture into your document and would like to crop the picture into a specific shape, such as a heart or star, you can do this with the following steps:

1. Click on the picture and select the **Format Tab**.
2. Next, select **Crop**.
3. Using the drop down arrow, select **Crop to Shape**.
4. Using the right arrow, **select the shape** for your picture.



## Did You Know?

### Consultant Teacher and Tutoring Services

- Consultant Teachers of the Consultant Teacher & Tutoring Service provide tutoring and resource room services for over 150 students annually at more than 25 area schools.
- CTTS employs almost 80 tutors who provide services to students across seven main locations, as well as in homes, hospitals, and at area libraries.
- CTTS has three Languages Other Than English (LOTE) teachers who teach Spanish at Norman Howard and START.
- During the month of January, CTTS tutors provided more than 4,000 hours of service to their students.
- CTTS has tutored students from 69 different school districts this year.



- Liz Walton, Program Coordinator, Consultant Teacher and Tutoring Service

## Connecting with a Colleague

Each week, a staff member will be selected to complete a brief questionnaire to help us get to know him or her. This week we are connecting with **Megan Barrett**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am a teacher in the District Based program. My primary responsibility is my students and their well-being.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked for BOCES for 2 years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I love working with the students and finding new ways to explore learning and finding solutions to everyday challenges.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time I love to be social and active, so I participate in a Cornhole League (throwing bean bags at a wooden board) and a Kickball League. I also enjoy exploring Western New York's great natural resources and often go for hikes around the area.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I am a very flexible person and willing to go that extra mile for anything or any person.



# Programs & Services Update

## **GED Students Celebrate Success at Graduation**

Congratulations to the sixty-seven adult students who completed the GED classroom instruction and passed their High School Equivalency (HSE) exam. The graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday, July 31st, in the West Irondequoit High School Auditorium. Twenty-five of the graduates participated in the ceremony. Please see photos from the event below:



## **SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)**

**The Client Assistance Program (CAP):** a statewide network of skilled advocates that assist New Yorkers with disabilities in getting the training, equipment, and services needed for employment