

Weekly Bulletin

“Don’t give up. Don’t lose hope. Don’t sell out.”
- Christopher Reeve

Upcoming Events

- Fri., Aug. 30 – National Toasted Marshmallow Day
- Mon., Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Wed., Sept. 4 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Thurs., Sept. 5 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., Sept. 6 – Fight Procrastination Day
- Wed., Sept. 11 – National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Sat., Sept. 14 – Yom Kippur

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

A Message from Mike

It’s hard to believe that Extended School Year and Regional Summer School have ended and that we are starting the Regular School Year. As you make final preparations, please remember to take some time for yourself to enjoy these last few days before the rush of the new school year arrives in full force. Try not to run yourself ragged as Paige did last week getting the most out of her vacation. This is a picture I took towards the end of her fourth day in a row at a theme park. We were at Universal Studios in Orlando. You can see Emma in the background ready to ride another roller coaster.



- Mike Doughy, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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Data Snapshot

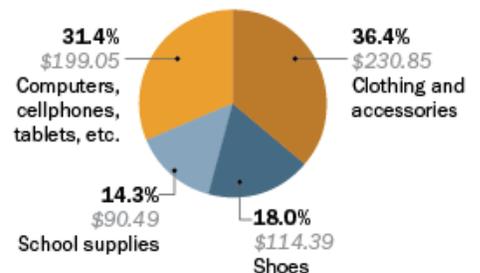
[From Pew Research Center and the National Retail Federation:](#)

Back-to-School Spending

Average amount respondents say they will spend on back-to-school supplies for their family

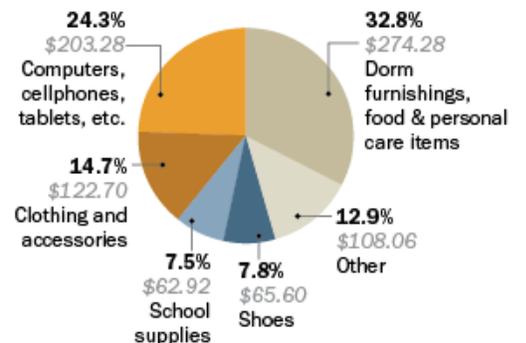
Families with School-Age Children

TOTAL SPENDING: \$634.78



College Students and Their Families

TOTAL SPENDING: \$836.84



Source: National Retail Federation

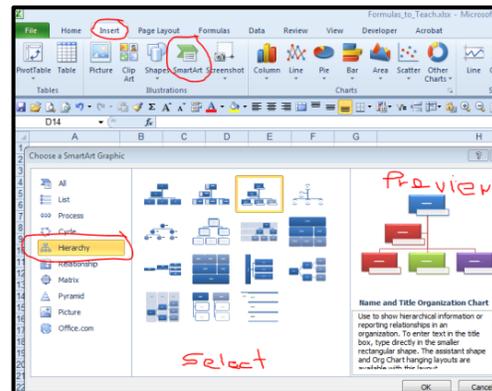
Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:
Drawing Organization Charts in Excel



There are many programs you can use to create org charts and other drawings: PowerPoint, Word, Publisher and Visio. You can even use Excel to do it. Here's how:

1. Click on the **Insert** menu.
2. Click on **SmartArt**.
3. In the left column, click on **Hierarchy**.
4. In the center column, click on the picture with the style you want to use. (The right column will show you a larger preview.)
5. When you find the one you like, click **OK**.



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 **Cynthia Wyman**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am an associate teacher in the Project SEARCH program at Wegmans. This is a job skills development program for students 18-21 years old, the goal of which is competitive employment. Students intern in three different departments at Wegmans and develop job skills. My primary responsibilities include supporting students at the job site, development of teaching tools designed to meet specific student needs, and small group instruction in the classroom and at the job site.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I started my career at BOCES in July 2004 working as a para-educator.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** The favorite part of my job is watching the students grow throughout the year they spend at Project SEARCH and seeing them achieve success. It is very exciting for our entire team (Project SEARCH partners, Wegmans, Monroe #1 BOCES staff, and students) when they master new employability and job skills, gain confidence, and ultimately receive a job offer.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time I enjoy spending time with family and friends. In my solitary time I love to garden and make art.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** My grace filled moments happen when I am focused on creative endeavors! I think everyone should have a creative outlet!



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Comprehensive Health and Pupil Services: **(CHAPS)**