



Weekly Bulletin

“Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge.”
- Khalil Gibran

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Thurs., Sept. 12 – National Chocolate Milkshake Day
- Sat., Sept. 14 – Yom Kippur
- Thurs., Sept. 19 – Regular Board Meeting

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

A Message from Mike

I am sure it’s not coming as a surprise that school starts this week. This beginning means different things to different people and brings a range of anticipations. My anxiety about the start of school has changed over time. As a student I worried about whether or not I would be in classes with my friends. As a teacher I felt like I could never be ready enough for the students to arrive. I would be embarrassed to admit how many times I rearranged the tables and chairs in Room 106 of Churchville-Chili Middle School at the end of August as I prepared for 25 fifth-graders to arrive. And then there are the hours I spent poring over my high school math course syllabus and expectations. When I became a principal, the worries became about staffing, facilities, and schedules. Emma reminded me of this changing perspective last week when she got all excited about having a locker for the first time and then proceeded to freak out because she didn’t know how to open a combination lock. Grammy came to the rescue and went searching for a combination lock. In the time it took Grammy to find the lock Emma had already downloaded an app on her iPod to learn the process of opening a combination lock. All of the adults marveled at the app and at the speed with which Emma was able to think to look for it, to find it, and to begin using it. We all felt really old.

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As my father, a retired high school principal, routinely reminds me, “It doesn’t matter if you’re ready or not, the kids are coming anyway.” If you catch a free moment, try to think about the things that stressed you out and how they have changed over time. Will they be the same things next year? In five years? In ten years?

Thank you for your time and dedication in preparing for another successful year at Monroe #1 BOCES. I wish you a safe, productive, and exciting opening day. Enjoy this new beginning.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

P.S. – I will be watching *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* for the 18th year in a row. I would love to hear what pre-opening day rituals you have.

Technology Tip of the Week

Thesaurus in Microsoft Word

Have you ever typed a document and then when proofreading noticed that you used the same word in more than one place? If so, you may want to replace one of those words with a synonym. To easily find a synonym, **highlight the word you want to change, press and hold Shift, and press F7**. This will take you to a thesaurus where you can choose another word for your document.



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 **Annette Christensen**, Executive Coordinator, Adult Education, High School GED, Multi-Occupational/FOCUS Programs, Vocational Assessment Center.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** My primary responsibilities are Multi-Occupational/FOCUS vocational programs, Adult Education, and High School GED.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** This is my 10th year and I hope to have another 20!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I love everything about my job, but mostly helping people of all ages as they prepare for jobs. Also, I love the people I work with.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy many different things, but especially family, golf, wood working and home improvement projects.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I love to play computer games and I play to win!

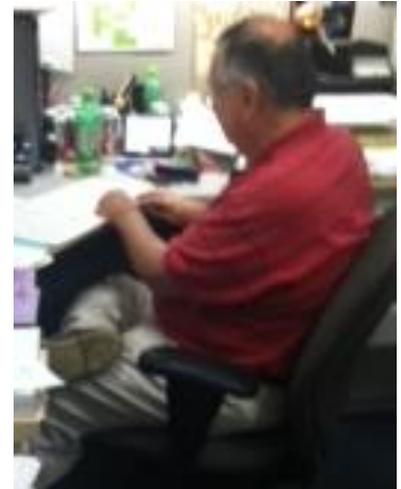


Programs & Services Update

The Stats are in for the Music Library

The **Music Library Service** managed by Roger Wink has been steadily growing each year. Last year we had 24 participating districts (up from 21 in 2011-12). That number will increase to 26 participating districts for 2013-14 with the possibility that more could still be added. In 2012-13, we loaned a total of 608 music titles (326 Vocal and 282 Instrumental). For Vocal, we loaned 26,068 individual parts/copies. For Instrumental, we loaned out 27,279 individual parts/copies. That's the most instrumental music that we've ever loaned in a year. In total, we loaned 53,157 individual pieces of music which is a record. What does that really mean? That means we provided service to at least 53,157 students. That's assuming no one shared a piece of music. Nicely done, Roger!

-Steve Orcutt, Director of Instructional Programs



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Cultural Education Center: (CEC) - The [New York State Archives](#), the [New York State Library](#), and the [New York State Museum](#) are housed in the Cultural Education Center in Albany, New York.

The Cultural Education Center (**CEC**) is at the south end of the Empire State Plaza, on Madison Avenue (Route 20). The street address is:

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