



# Weekly Bulletin



“Do your job.”

- Bill Belichick, Head Coach of the New England Patriots

## Upcoming Events

- Sat., March 14 – Pi Day
- Tues., March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- Tues., March 17 – McMahan Irish School of Dance performance (Bird/Morgan)
- Mon., March 23 – Jump/Hoops for Heart (Creekside)
- Tues., March 24 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Spanish Breakfast (Bird/Morgan)
- Thurs., March 26 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., March 27 – Creekside Talent Show

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

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## A Message from Mike

Regardless of whether or not you are a fan of the New England Patriots (and I’m not), it’s difficult to dispute that they are a great football team. And at least part of the credit for their success ought to be given to their head coach, Bill Belichick. After all, if a team is *not* doing well, the head coach ends up taking credit for *that*. Belichick’s motto or mantra is, “Do your job.” On the surface it’s pretty simple. If everybody does what he or she is supposed to do, things just work.

I saw a great example of this over the weekend. Emma was in a large swim meet in Webster. It takes a lot of people to run a big swim meet. You need a meet director, officials, timers, lifeguards, coaches, and swimmers among many others. As a parent, it’s understood that you need to help in some way. I was assigned to a shift as a lane timer. So for about 90 minutes I worked with a parent from another swim club, and we recorded the times of swimmers in lane seven. Even though there is an electronic timing system, the rules require stopwatch times recorded on paper as a backup.

As I was standing by the starting blocks timing swimmers I had a chance to look around and watch all of the activity – officials, coaches, swimmers, lifeguards, and so many other people doing their specific jobs. There was even a person assigned as the “runner” whose only job was to gather the timing sheets from each lane after each race and deliver them to the scorer’s table. I watched another volunteer whose only job was to deliver water to the people working on deck. Everyone did their job, and things just worked. The lifeguards weren’t timing, the officials weren’t delivering water to people, and the runner wasn’t disqualifying swimmers. It always amazes me how large and complicated events can run so smoothly because everyone has a specific role and does what they are supposed to do.

- Mike Doughy, Deputy Superintendent

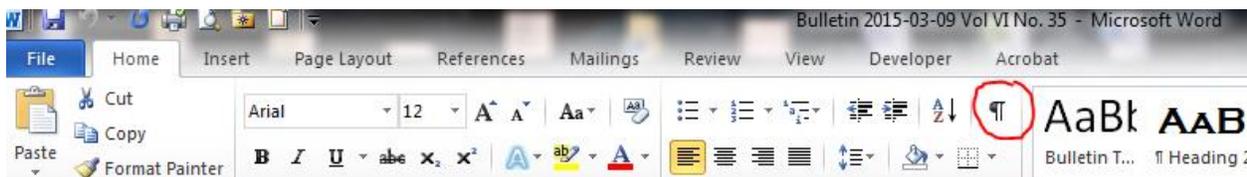
# Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

## Shortcuts using the Enter key

1. Press **Ctrl + Enter** to start a **new page**. A manual page break is inserted, which forces a new page automatically.
2. Press **Shift + Enter** to insert a **soft return**, which is useful for breaking a line of text, such as in a document title or an address.

This is also useful when you want a new line in a bulleted list. (a normal Return would cause it to put another bullet in.)



## 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 **Mark Ballard**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am a Consultant Teacher in the Consultant Teacher/Tutoring Services program. I currently have six students at Seton Catholic School in Brighton and one at Allendale Columbia. For each of these students, I am also the Case Manager, and I work with them in both Consultant Teacher and Resource Room settings.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I began as a substitute teacher in a variety of programs in fall, 2010. Since then, I have served as a Long Term Substitute, and have taught ESY for both District Based and for Creekside School. I began my current assignment in December, 2014.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** The favorite part of my job is the opportunity to work one-on-one with students of different abilities. I love the challenge of finding the key that will help to unlock a concept or learning strategy and then watch as the student grows. I am also delighted at how openly I have been welcomed at both CTTS, as well as both of the schools I am working in.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Besides teaching, I am also the part time pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Fairport. With what free time I do have, I enjoy making music. I sing in a group that performs Gregorian chant and Renaissance anthems, and my wife and I are members of the local branch of the Irish Musicians Association. We play in several Irish jam sessions each month. I play hammered dulcimer, fiddle, and guitar. Finally, I spend as much time as I can with my twelve-year-old granddaughter here in Rochester, and my two-year-old granddaughter in Buffalo.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I love to find the joy and humor in everyday life. I love puns and word play, and I find that playful humor can often defuse tense situations.



# Programs & Services Update

## O'Connor Academy

Nicole Cook, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at O'Connor Academy, wrote this rap song for Pi Day and also rapped it for her class. Pi Day is Saturday, [March 14, 2015 \(3.14.15\)](#) (Pi = 3.14159265...). This was an excellent strategy to help students better understand the concept of irrational numbers.

Click the following link to watch the video of Niki rapping her song: <https://ensemble.monroe.edu/Watch/PIsong>  
(If the link is inactive, copy and paste it into your web browser.)

Song lyrics are shown below.

### *PI Rap by Niki*

*PI is my enemy*

*It's got no jive*

*You can never underestimate 3.1415*

*You can never end this #*

*It never ends*

*It made a lot of enemies*

*It's made a lot of friends*

*It helps a lot of people learn and teach*

*Has more amount of #'s than amount of sand on the beach*

*This about brings my rap to an end*

*So just try to remember, make PI your friend 😊*

- Jason Rotundo, Secondary ELA Instructional Specialist &  
Trajanka Petkovska, Special Education/Math Teacher

## Multi-Occupational/FOCUS

The Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Class (Multi-Occupational FOCUS) recently created wooden coat and backpack racks for the Computer Office Skills' classroom. The students spaced the pegs out perfectly and stained the wood to match the classroom computer tables. Computer Office Skills students were happy to be able to hang up their backpacks and coats. Thanks so much and nice job to Brett Walker's Building and Grounds Maintenance students!

JoAnne L. Jones, "College and Career Ready" Coordinator



# Professional Development

## 2015 Superintendent's Conference Day

### PD4U

Monday, April 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

With Spring Superintendent's Conference Day approaching, our office has a steady stream of calls and emails with questions pertaining to the day. We decided to go with the saying; if one person has a question, then others probably do, too. Below is a list of the common questions and the responses. We hope you find these helpful as you prepare for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **Question:** Is Spring Superintendent's Conference Day really on a Monday this year or was that a mistake?
- **Answer:** This year our Superintendent's Conference Day is on a Monday.
  
- **Question:** Where do I find the catalog of sessions?
- **Answer:** The Superintendent's Conference Day Catalog is in WinCap WEB. You can use the link provided and log in. <https://wincapweb.com/loginresult.aspx?result=redirected&ReturnUrl=%2fmy%2fdefault.aspx>
  
- **Question:** How many sessions do I need to sign up for?
- **Answer:** One
  
- **Question:** I'm not a teacher so what sessions are for me?
- **Answer:** The following sessions, which still have seats available, are intended for personnel that are not teachers:
  - Building and Sustaining Relationships
  - If You Want Respect
  - Staying Safe and Secure in our Changing Digital and Physical Worlds
  - Taking Control of Your Workday
  - The Habits of Mind
  - Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Workshop
  - Why Do People Act That Way?
  
- **Question:** Will I need to catch a shuttle bus to my session this year?
- **Answer:** No. No shuttle buses will be running this year. You will drive to the location of your session as listed in the WinCap WEB catalog.
  
- **Question:** Can I bring a snack with me?
- **Answer:** Yes, because no food will be served. Please bring your own provisions.
  
- **Question:** Will I need to use the time clock to punch in on Superintendent's Conference Day?
- **Answer:** No. Sign in at your session location on the roster provided for attendance purposes.
  
- **Question:** What do I do at 12:30?
- **Answer:** We have shortened hours on April 27<sup>th</sup>. At 12:30, you are free to go and enjoy the rest of your day!

If you need assistance with registration or require special accommodations on April 27<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development at 249-7039 or 383-2277.

- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development



# SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

**MA** – Medical Assistant

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