



Weekly Bulletin



There are always decades that interest people. For me, that's the Roaring Twenties."

- Ian Somerhalder

Upcoming Events

- Tues., Aug. 11 – Last Day of Cooperative Summer School
- Fri., Aug. 14 – Last Day of ESY
- Thurs., Aug. 20 – Regular Board Meeting
- Tues., Sept 1 – First Day for Teachers
- Wed., Sept 2 – First Day for Students
- Thurs., Sept. 3 – Regular Board Meeting
- Mon., Sept. 7 – Labor Day

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

A Message from Mike

It's hard to believe that we are entering the final week of our extended school year program and our cooperative regional summer school. Regents exams will be on Wednesday and Thursday, and then we're on to our remaining couple of weeks of summer. It seems like it's gone so fast. But we probably say that every year. Hopefully if you have not yet had an opportunity to take a break from work you will be able to do so before our regular school year starts.

I'd like you to get into the "Way Back Machine" for a couple of minutes. Try to remember high school English. Can you think of a couple of the books that you read during that time? If you came up with *The Great Gatsby*, you are not alone. It is arguably one of the most commonly assigned books in high school English classes. Unlike the vast majority of high school students, I was not required to read *The Great Gatsby* during my time at Cortland High School. So I didn't. Fast forward 20 years to 2013 when the Leonardo DiCaprio movie version of *The Great Gatsby* came out. At that point I felt like I was missing out on something because everybody else seemed to have read the book. To overcome my FOMO (fear of missing out), I downloaded the audiobook and listened to it while mowing the lawn for a few weeks. I liked the story.

Recently I listened to a podcast interview with Maureen Corrigan, the author of *So We Read on: How The Great Gatsby Came to Be and Why It Endures*. In true nerd fashion, I got really interested in the depth and complexity of the novel and the backstory of F. Scott Fitzgerald as told by Corrigan. Did you know that his full name was Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald and that he was distantly related to the man who wrote our national anthem? The interview was fascinating, so I decided to download Corrigan's book which I am now listening to when I walk the dog. I'm about half way through. That I have gotten so into this book probably has a lot to do with the fact that no one is requiring me to read it.

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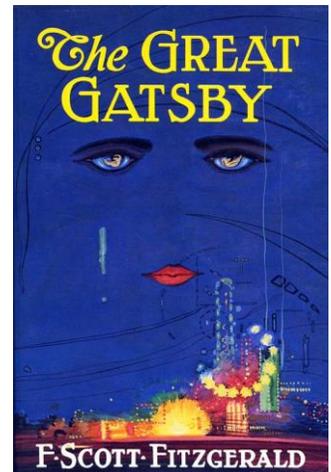
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So with what little summer we have left, is there a book you have always thought, "I really should have read that?" Here's a summary of [10 high school classics](#) to get you thinking about what you might want to tackle in the next couple of weeks. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

- Mike Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Matt Giardina for the following tech tip:

Create Desktop Shortcuts

For quick access to folders on your Personal or Shared drive, you can create desktop shortcuts. Right click on the folder, choose **Send To**, and choose **Desktop** (create shortcut). This will add the shortcut to the desktop.

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 **Tim Poland**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** My primary responsibilities include Audio/Visual Tech Support for Distance Learning, Multi-Media, Campus Tech, and WBER. This encompasses a variety of rooms, equipment and usage. Examples include classrooms, media labs, the challenger lab at the RMSC planetarium, district board rooms, Foreman center/Bird Morgan classrooms and auditoriums, video conferencing and even a radio station or 2!
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I was employed by Monroe BOCES from June 2000 – June 2010 as part of Tech Services and I was mostly based as an A/V-Distance Learning tech at a component district in Bloomfield NY. I took a job at Fairport Schools from 2010 - 2015 with similar responsibilities although a little more computer oriented, mostly supporting classroom technologies and the growing list of devices/software used for that environment. I'm now on my second lap at Monroe BOCES 1 since March 3 of this year.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is the variety of places, people and equipment. Although mostly equipment based, I've realized it's really a customer service job with the need to decipher and sometimes translate the need/usage into a simple set-up to be used by the gamut of abilities and positions of the end users. Administrators, teachers, secretaries, techs, students and even volunteer DJ's all use rooms and equipment and if it breaks I will get a call!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** My work hours really allow me to be present with the after school/work household activities. I enjoy spending time with family, wife, kids (11 and 14 years old) and all the adventures they can muster up.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** Although most people consider me a "techie" I really have a more creative based mindset. I'm a musician, a bass player, with most of my tech experience gained using sound-video hardware/software in a creative capacity.



Programs & Services Update

Graham Greene, EMCC Culinary Arts Graduate, Plans Pop-Up Restaurant

Graham Greene, a 2013 graduate of the Culinary Arts program at the Eastern Monroe Career Center and a Fairport CSD graduate, recently graduated from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY.

Greene was featured by writer Pam Sherman in her Saturday, July 18th SUBURBAN OUTLAW column in the Democrat & Chronicle, including his plans to open a pop-up restaurant in Victor, NY, called Beth. For Pam Sherman's complete story, [click here](#).

Green and his pop-up restaurant, Beth, are also featured in a July 29th restaurant review by Democrat and Chronicle staff writer, Tracy Schuhmacher, in "Fresh flavors, artfully presented." For the complete story, [click here](#).



Graham Greene, right, with culinary crew from Brick-n-Motor food truck serving at EMCC, June 2013

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

NSC – Non-Service-Connected Disability

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