



Weekly Bulletin



Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

- Ferris Bueller

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Fri., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
- Sun., Sept 13 – Grandparents' Day
- Thurs., Sept. 17 – Citizenship Day
- Thurs., Sept. 17 – Regular Board Meeting

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

A Message from Mike

I'm starting my 20th year in education this fall and the opening of school never gets old. Welcome to the 2015 – 2016 school year. It's hard to believe that the summer went as fast as it did. Hopefully you were able to take some time for yourself to recharge and be with family and friends. And as we prepare to welcome our students back I wanted to share with you some very interesting data. According to Dennis Glaser, our Coordinator of Student Admissions & Student Records, "The numbers are literally changing by the hour through this last week before we start up again."

- Bird/Morgan: 122 enrolled + 12 awaiting IEPs = 134 for opening day
- Creekside: 199 enrolled + 6 awaiting IEPs = 205 for opening day
- O'Connor Academy: 96 enrolled + 5 awaiting IEPs = 101 for opening day
- District-Based: 127 enrolled + 4 awaiting IEPs = 131 for opening day
- TOUR: 24 for opening day
- Project SEARCH: 12 for opening day
- e-START: 16 enrolled + 5 awaiting IEPs = 21 for opening day
- Possible 628 for Opening. These numbers do not include the additional ~55 students that have been referred and are still in process. With the normal end of year losses that we experience through graduation, returning to district, moves, aging-out, this still represents a significant growth for us. Last year we opened at 559.

And that's just special education. We have 227 students ready to start in our Multi-Occ/FOCUS programs and at the Eastern Monroe Career Center (EMCC) we have 318 second-year students in the morning and 394 first-year students in the afternoon.

As we begin another school year I encourage you to take time during all of the busyness to remember the great work that we do for so many in our region. And also remember to take time for yourself and enjoy those prior-to-school opening rituals. I'll be watching *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* for the 20th year in a row.

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

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Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Pete Scheid for the following tech tip:

Search Tips - Narrowing your Search

When searching the internet, it is often handy to exclude words from your search so that you are not inundated with results. For example, if searching for Vietnam, to avoid getting results for the Vietnam War, type **Vietnam -war** instead of just **Vietnam**.

You can also exclude websites in your search results or entire domains. **United States presidents -site:wikipedia.org** will eliminate Wikipedia from your search. **United States presidents -site:*.com** will remove all .com websites from your search.

Programs & Services Update

O'Connor Academy Student Honors Jonah Barley

An Angel by Kelsey Hansen

Known by all, loved by many
How could one find fault in you?
Lips that smile, eyes that shine
How could you be gone so soon?
Everyday a smile on your face
Never, not once, did we see a frown
We walk through life with fantasies & fears
Knowing how soon it could turn upside down
A boy so pure, with a heart like gold
A laugh like heaven, a hand to hold
A diamond in a shadow, a flame in the dark
In the middle of a storm, he creates a spark
Once an angel, forever an angel
Halo of silver, wings of a cloud
Never forgotten, always remembered
Your heart will be treasured, of this we vow



Thanks once again to all that have shared stories and laughed with us in Jonah's honor. For those that would like to speak with someone once we are back in session, grief counselors will be available for staff on September 1 from 8:00-2:00 and students on September 2 from 7:00-1:00.

- Mike Langridge, Principal, O'Connor Academy

The Deaf Education and Vision/Orientation & Mobility Departments

The Deaf Education and Vision/Orientation & Mobility Departments are looking forward to another great year. Our 100+ staff members will meet together on September 1st before they head off to their respective school assignments, providing related services to students in more than 50 schools in 22 districts. If history repeats itself though, we are not done scheduling and hiring. Most years we receive many requests for services during the first month of school! We look forward to meeting new students, new staff and new challenges!

- Nancy Jean Carr, Program Coordinator, Deaf/ASL Education - Vision/Orientation & Mobility Dept.

EMT Classes 10 year Reunion.....2006-2015

On Saturday, August 22nd, EMCC Emergency Services teacher Delia Tee organized a 10 year reunion of Emergency Services graduates. The reunion was held at Fellows Road Park in Fairport. Graduates from the Class of 2006 through the Class of 2015 were represented throughout the afternoon and early evening. Approximately 35 attended the event that was deemed "Tee's Troops!"

Former students who attended the reunion are employed in a variety of related fields. Some working as **firefighters** are currently employed at Brighton FD, Henrietta FD, Greater Rochester Airport FD, Pittsford FD, Rochester City FD, Union Hill FD, Webster FD, West Webster FD, and the Bluffton, SC Fire Dept. Others working as **EMT's or paramedics** are currently employed at Henrietta Ambulance, Monroe Ambulance, Perinton Ambulance, and Rural Metro Ambulance. Several others are employed by or are members of the US Coast Guard, US Army Paratroopers, Rochester Regional Health System, SUNY-Oswego (Resident Assistant), or are still in college.

I enjoyed cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the graduates and their families. Graduates, their wives and their children had fun playing family games, reminiscing and reenacting silly/memorable classroom events....as principal, ignorance is bliss.

I am truly amazed at how many of our students are serving our communities by putting their lives on the line every day for our safety and well-being. This is in memory of Tomasz Kaczowka, West Webster FD, Webster Thomas HS, EMCC Class of 2011.



- John Lisak, Principal, Eastern Monroe Career Center

Multi-Occupational FOCUS

New staff for MOF: please welcome Kim Connal at Red Cross Baking and Jean Young in Computer Office Skills. We know they will continue the MOF tradition of helping students prepare for work!

JoAnne Jones moves from Computer Office Skills to Business and Retailing and Nancy Beutel moves from Red Cross Baking to Consumer and Family Science.

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We look forward to working with district and campus students again this year.

- Annette Christensen Executive Coordinator, Monroe #1 BOCES

Lois E. Bird/Morgan School

Bird/Morgan is ready for a new school year and will be busy as ever! Much of the summer was spent planning and preparing for the school year including staff training in student social skills development, improved student assessment data tracking, and developing a cohesive AIS model to support the academic needs of our students. A great deal of work was done last year in curriculum development resulting in the eagerly anticipated rollout of an integrated K-5 curriculum. We can't wait to see everything in action!

There will be a lot of activity for us as we're opening the year with 26 classrooms at the center-based school and 5 classrooms in our district-based programs in Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, and East Rochester. With increased enrollment and retirements came the hiring of 8 new teachers for the programs and 5 new associate teachers as well as multiple paraprofessionals. We're excited to be welcoming many new students and families to the Bird/Morgan family and can't wait to have everyone back on September 2!

- Ellen Howe, Principal, Bird/Morgan School

Consultant Teacher and Tutoring Services

CTTS has been buzzing getting ready for the 15-16 school year! We have been getting used to our new location, which we have nicknamed the Poolside Wing at Lois E Bird. Requests have been flying in and even tutoring is getting started for the school year.

We welcome back our tutors and consultant teachers with Opening Day Meetings on Sept. 1. Many of our schools have students returning on Sept. 2, but some don't return until as late as Sept. 11.

CTTS themes this year will be Mindset and Mindfulness. We are looking forward to what is shaping up to be a busy and best year yet!

- Liz Walton, Coordinator, Consultant Teacher & Tutoring Services

Transition and Secondary Programs

As it happens every year, as summer draws to a close the planning and preparation for fall gains intensity. This year the Transition and Secondary Programs will support more than 110 students in 8 locations including the University of Rochester, Wegmans, Brighton, Pittsford, Honeoye Falls and our very own main campus!

Changes for this school year include a new classroom location in Pittsford and approaching capacity at eSTART. We are thrilled to have new staff at BOCES and familiar staff, but in new locations! Our offices and eSTART are located upstairs in Building 9.

A huge shout out to Jim Hartman and his team for all the construction work they did for us throughout this summer in eSTART.

- JoAnn M. Genthner, Executive Principal



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 **Denise Hazzard**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am a dispatcher/driver and summer run expediter.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I have worked for BOCES for 2 years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I enjoy Interacting with drivers, teachers, administrators, parents, etc.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I attend church and I enjoy crocheting.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I am here to help if I can, and will try to get you to the person who can help if I cannot.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

NYAIL– New York Association on Independent Living

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