NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) is a professional organization that evaluates student musicians in New York state from elementary school to high school. Each spring, thousands of students register through their school music programs to attend NYSSMA Evaluation Festivals where they are judged and scored based on their performance. These festivals take place at local middle and high schools within the fifteen NYSSMA zones, each of which covers an area in New York State. Usually, county high schools take turns to host the festival every few years. This year the festival in the RSCS zone is at Norwich Central School on May, 11th. The students attending for band are: Paige Cooper, Rylie Chenel, Dakota Vickerson, Grace Stockigt, Riley Francis, Katrina Schafer-Gilbert, Claire Collins, Danica Farley, Fiona Gibb, Brianna VanBuren, Emma White, and Orion Hazelton. The students attending for chorus are: Maura Buck, Hannah Elkins, Alexis Fahey, Roberta Schafer-Gilbert, and Shayanne Williams. Best of luck to all participating students!

The 2018 Scholar Recognition Dinner was held on May 5th and Senior Dhara Patel was chosen to attend. The Scholar Recognition Dinner honors students who show scholarship and leadership within their communities. A teacher is also chosen by each scholar, one who has helped shape the students education and career within high school. Mrs. Lamphere was chosen by Dhara to attend this recognition dinner. Each student-teacher pair had a picture taken prior to the dinner, which can be seen on top of the shelves with in the guidance office. “I am very grateful for this honor and I am so happy that I could spend this night with Mrs. Lamphere,” stated Dhara. “The Scholar Recognition Dinner is an amazing event to honor the successes of our school and especially those of Dhara. I am honored that

The 2018 Scholar Recognition Award” winner is Jacquelynn Thomson. Each year nominations roll in from each BOCES component district in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties. The award recognizes students for their efforts to overcome adversity, have a positive attitude, be responsible, communicate, perform academically, be involved in extracurriculars and be committed to the pursuit of a career or higher education. Jacquelynn was nominated by the School Counseling Department Staff and will receive the award at a banquet in her honor at Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in NY Mills.
Name: **Holly Malinowski**
Grade: 10
Sport: Track and Field

Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Season: Summer
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
Favorite Music Genre: Pop

Holly Malinowski is a sophomore at Richfield Springs. She’s a member of the track and field team, and has been since she was in 7th grade. On the team, she mainly does throwing events like shot put and the discus throw.

Track and field interested her when she heard about it in 7th grade, so she decided to give it a shot. After trying it the first time, she felt that she was actually pretty good at the sport, so she continued doing it. Malinowski reminisced that it “led me to want to get better at my events and improve upon my technique.”

Malinowski’s favorite part about track isn’t winning, she likes how it allows her to become a leader and a role model. She stated, “Track brings people closer and has others led by examples, rather than worrying about winning and getting first every time.” Her favorite memories of track come from the competition. Malinowski explained, In whatever event we do, there’s always two people or more who are pushing each other and trying to beat each other. The competition is always fun, mainly because it helps everyone push each person to their limits.

Name: **Darren Panko**
Grade: 9
Sport: Track and Field

Favorite Sport: Summer
Favorite Subject: Global
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip
Favorite Music Genre: Hip-Hop

This is Darren Panko’s third year of being on the track and field team at RSCS since he joined in seventh grade. The freshman participates in mainly three different events: high jump, 400 meter hurdles, and the 200 meter run.

He first joined the RSCS track team in order to challenge himself. His favorite part of being on the team is that it enables him to stay physically fit. When asked what his favorite memory from the sport was, Panko replied that it was “placing first last year in high jump at the Eagle games, jumping 5’2’’.”

Iron Chef Junior Competition
By: Gabby Hudziak

On April 21, 2018, the RSCS Baking and Cooking Club went to SUNY Cobleskill in order to compete in the Jr. Iron Chef high school competition being held there that day.

The team sent consisted of seniors Sarah Calta, Victoria Young and Gabriella Hudziak, along with Sophomore Hunter Oldick. Baking and Cooking Club member Isabella Hudziak was also a part of the team as an alternate. Mrs. Shannon Gee was the supervisor present in the kitchen with the team.

The competition, along with the other for middle schoolers in the morning, was meant to promote healthier eating habits in adolescents. All of the recipes had to include locally sourced foods, and many of the ingredients used that day were donated from local farms.

The schools competing were Broadalbin-Perth, Delaware Academy, Edmeston, Fonda-Fultonville, Margaretville, ONC BOCES, Roscoe, Sidney, Waterville, and Richfield Springs. All of the schools competing did so under a team name, which they were supposed to include on the poster displaying their recipe – ours is currently located by Mr. Piatti’s office. The RSCS team competed under the punny name, the Richfield Springs.

The Richfield Springs’ dish was miniature quiches dubbed “quichlettes.” The recipe included fresh vegetables, spices, and a homemade crust courtesy of Sarah Calta. Calta reminisced herself that she thought it was really cool “when the chef from the Otesaga… talked to me in the kitchen and was impressed by the fact I was making a pie crust there.” The crust was also shaped by a cookie cutter made with the 3D printer available at school.

First place ended up going to the Margaretville French Toast Mafia; second place went to the Roscoe Sizzling Chefs; and third place went to Savor 20-18, which consisted of students from the ONC BOCES. Even though RSCS didn’t place, it was still memorable and fun for the students that attended. Calta’s explained her favorite memory, “I think right after the team and I presented our quichlettes to the judges and I told them about the recipe. As soon as we finished I felt so relieved and proud of us, and our little group hug made me feel like we had done something really special.” All participants received a Jr. Iron Chef cutting board and apron, and they also received a SUNY Cobleskill spatula.

Have story ideas for the staff of the Tomahawk?

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The Duchess of Cambridge gave birth to her third child with her husband, Prince William, by her side at 11:01 AM on April 23. The baby boy weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. He joins older brother Prince George, age 4, and older sister Princess Charlotte, age 3. The new baby was named Louis Arthur Charles. This name holds a lot of special meanings for the royal family. His name appears to be a nod to his father, whose full name is William Arthur Philip Louis. But it’s also likely to be a tribute to Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Duke of Edinburgh’s uncle and the last British Viceroy of India before independence in 1947. Louis’ older brother, Prince George, also has Louis as a middle name. Meanwhile, Arthur is also a middle name of William’s, Arthur was also the name of Queen Victoria’s third son (and seventh child). Charles is William’s father’s – and Louis’ grandfather’s – name, Prince Charles of Wales. The baby will be known as His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Cambridge. Just seven hours after giving birth, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, left the Lindo Wing of St. Mary’s hospital, proudly showing off the new prince to the world.

Volcano Erupts on Hawaii’s Big Island
By: Dhara Patel

A week ago, Leilani Estates was the definition of peaceful on Hawaii’s Big Island, a subdivision in the island’s eastern Puna district filled with wooden homes and surrounded by tropical plants. However, last Thursday, the eruption of volcano Kilauea has changed everything, disrupting the peace and destroying countless homes. Shortly after Kilauea erupted Thursday, the ground split open on the east side of Leilani Estates, exposing lava from beneath the lush landscape. From the gash, molten rock splashed and shot dozens of feet in the air. The Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency called the eruption an “active volcanic fountaining”. However, some people insisted that the eruption was Pele, the Hawaiian volcano goddess, coming to reclaim her land. Residents were ordered to flee, as dangerous sulfur dioxide gas levels rose and fires spread. At least 26 homes have been destroyed and at least 10 fissure vents have been reported. The U.S. Geological Survey said some of the lava was shooting 330 feet into the air—higher than the tip of the Statue of Liberty torch. Unfortunately, this is not the end for Leilani Estates, as Kilauea is expected to remain active for some time.

Our Principal, Mr. D’Apice, voiced his pride in our school community in lieu of this event. He said that this visit showed the true character of the staff and students in the district, especially the students. “It was a collaborative effort, but it was all spearheaded by the students,” he said. “I just can’t say enough about them and how proud I am of the students, how grateful I am to them and the staff members for everything they’ve done to support Kaitlin this last month. The students really display virtues that always trying to teach them and instill in them.”

One of Kaitlin’s very close friends and one of her biggest supporters, Mashayla Davis, said, “Visiting Kaitlin was extremely heart-warming. It’s always heartbreaking to see her struggling, but warming to get to show support and love. Surprising her and getting to see her was exceptional, I am so happy that people came to show their support. Kaitlin got many physical gifts but most importantly the gift of seeing just a fraction of all the supporters she has. I think she enjoyed having us all there and getting to see all of her friends at once. I encourage people to visit her as much as they can as she loves to have company.”

On May 18, there will be a Talent Show at the school and all of the proceeds go to support Kaitlin Salomon.

Richfield Springs has your back, Kaitlin. The school sends their love every day!
**A Night in Hollywood: Prom 2018**

By: Peyton Coones

On Saturday May 5th, the Junior class held the 2018 Richfield Springs Prom. The theme of this year’s prom was “a night in Hollywood.” The grand march was held at 5pm in the elementary gym. The gym was decked out with a red carpet on the stage and VIP passes for Junior parents. Students walked across the stage and posed in the middle for families to take pictures. This year 70 people attended prom, one of the largest attendance records in years.

After the march, students were taken to Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in Utica for the dance and dinner. Students enjoyed turkey, sirloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, rolls, penne alla vodka, and salad. For dessert there were several vanilla and chocolate cupcakes. Students had a great time dancing the night away and taking pictures in the photo booth. Remsen Junior Senior High School also had their prom a room over, and students had fun combining the two dances for a memorable night.

Soloists for their pieced were Hunter Oldick, Maura Buck, Hannah Elkins, Isabel Martinez, Damon Thomson, Gabriella Hudziak, Matthew Palmer, and Brady Young. Hannah Elkins also played the flute for The River alongside Sharon Rankins-Burd, who accompanied both choruses on the piano.

During the concert, all of the seniors that have participated in band and chorus were acknowledged.

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Bailey Waid - Band
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Dhara Patel - Drumline
Gabrielle Rhyde - Drumline

Congratulations to all the students who participated!

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**Spring Concert**

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Elementary Chorus sang The Water is Wide, Under the Sea, and Blackbird. Briana Van-Buren and Sharlette Dungy were soloists in the final piece. Every song was also translated into American Sign Language by 6th grader, Angelina Cardona. Secondary Chorus performed Dancing Through Life, Wade in the Water, and The River.

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**Question Corner**

By: Peyton Coones

What Avengers superhero would you be?

Thomas O’Connor
“Ironman”

Mr. Hudziak
“Ghost Rider cause he’s cool. He’s got a flaming skull and gets to fry people’s souls.”

Cole Bobnick
“Hawkeye”

Jacob Patterson
“uh spiderman. duh. he’s got them web thingys oooooooo”
Deliciousness with Dhara
By: Dhara Patel

3 Ingredient Oatmeal Cookies!
These cookies are really simple and great if you’re on a health kick, or even if you’re really lazy and want cookies immediately! This recipe takes about 8 minutes to complete.

Ingredients:
1 ripe banana
1 cup of rolled oats
Chocolate chips

Steps:

1) Take your ripe banana and mash it thoroughly in a bowl. Once your banana is mashed, it should be fairly liquidy.

2) Add one cup of rolled oats, or one package of Quaker oatmeal, to this mixture. Sometimes if I’m really lazy, I just add a package of Quaker Maple Brown Sugar oatmeal, and it works just as well. Mix well.

3) If the mixture is too wet, add a bit of flour to produce more of a dough-like mixture.

4) Add as many chocolate chips as you’d like and mix well.

5) Scoop spoonfuls of this mixture onto a greased baking tray and bake for 8 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

6) Enjoy your cookies!

Savage Advice
By: Alexis Fahey

Question:
I went to prom with a guy but then he spent the whole night dancing and hanging out with another girl. What should I do?

Answer:
Don’t let him get you down, you don’t need him anyway. All that matters is that you went to prom with your friends and had fun. High school goes by way too fast, don’t waste time worrying about a guy.

Girls can survive without a boyfriend but they can’t survive without a best friend.

Question:
My best friend and I are going to different colleges in the fall and we are having separate summer jobs and I’m really worried that we are going to grow apart. What should I do?

Answer:
Just spend as much time together as possible. People always grow apart throughout life, especially after high school graduation. This is a big deal, you have been together for years and now everything is changing. But just remember that this is normal and that if you are true friends you can get through it.

Hard times will always reveal true friends.

Question:
It’s so nice outside and I find it hard to get my schoolwork done. What should I do?

Answer:
When the weather changes it is always harder to stay inside and focus. Just try your best to get all of your work done. Tempt yourself to do your work by saying that the sooner you finish it, the sooner you can go outside and have fun.