NHS Dinner
By: Victoria Young

This year’s National Honor Society Dinner was held on Monday, June 4th. Several students were inducted into this prestigious society while this year’s seniors were honored. The ceremony was held at 6pm, followed by dinner catered by the Tally Ho.

The ceremony started with some opening words from Superintendent, Tom Piatti, and then the NHS officers did the Readings of the Officers and lighting the candles. High School Principal, Joe D’Apice spoke about the seniors and then the new members were inducted. The inductees at Monday’s event were Sophomores, Isabella Hudziak, Jayce Horender, Julie Smith, Holly Malinowski, Hannah Elkins and Junior, Jackie Thomson.

After the inductions, the Seniors were recognized and given their NHS medals to wear at graduation and to commemorate their time spent in NHS. This year’s seniors are:

- Sarah Calta - SUNY Cobleskill
- Peyton Coones - Siena College
- Alexis Fahey - Utica College
- Gabriella Hudziak - Utica College
- Jessica Klem - Nazareth College
- Dhara Patel - University of Rochester
- Jenny Seamon - Broome County Community College
- Bailey Waid - Hartwick College
- Victoria Young - Marist College

Congratulations to National Honor Society’s newest members and good luck to the Seniors!

2018 Academic Awards
By: Dhara Patel

On Tuesday, June 5th, students gathered with friends and family in the high school gym at 6pm for the annual Academic Awards ceremony. The ceremony started off with the recognition of the students who were newly inducted into the National Honor Society: Hannah Elkins, Jayce Horender, Isabella Hudziak, Holly Malinowski, Julie Smith, and Jacquelynn Thomson. Students from 7-12 were recognized for their academic efforts, and many received awards for their academic achievement and outstanding effort. Juniors were awarded college awards, and Boys and Girls State participants were also recognized. The ceremony concluded with the announcement of the 2018 Teacher of the Year. This year’s Teacher of the Year, chosen by the senior class, is Mrs. Mayne. Congratulations to all!

Athletic Banquet
By: Alexis Fahey

The Richfield Springs Central School 2017-2018 athletic banquet was held on May 29, 2018. All JV and Varsity sports teams were recognized, and this year even undefeated modified teams were recognized. Awards were given out to each team including, the coach’s award, the most improved award, and the most valuable player award. Senior spring athletes from baseball, softball, and track & field, were recognized with their families and they were each given gatorade, flowers, and a candy bar, because due to bad weather, they were never able to have a senior night. At the end of the banquet, all senior athletes were recognized and given a token of appreciation from the sports boosters. Since 2011, new additions to the athletic hall of fame have been added at every athletic banquet. These members are added to the RSCS athletic hall of fame to recognize and honor the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and anyone who made a significant contribution to RSCS athletics. Added to the hall of fame this year were former RSCS athlete Jill Yaworski, and former RSCS coach, coach Vancouwenberge. RSCS is very proud to welcome these influential people to the RSCS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018.
The 2018 Sherburne Pageant of Bands was held on June 2nd, and over 30 schools traveled to compete in the competition. This is the parade’s 69th year, and months of preparation have been completed to ensure everything would run smoothly. Vendors are set up along the streets and parking lots for visitors and several parade-goers held signs for their school district. Along with the parade, schools are able to compete in other competitions such as concert band, drumline, jazz band, color guard, and small ensemble. This year Richfield Springs competed in the parade, concert band, color guard, and drumline competitions. The marching band played a song from the movie Shrek, called “Accidentally In Love.” The band had played the piece prior at the annual Memorial Day Parade in Richfield Springs. Our very own color guard took home the third place trophy for class D and our incredible drum line received second. We are extremely proud of everyone who competed at Sherburne and would like to wish good luck at next year’s 70th annual parade.

From May 30 to June 1, 19 seniors ventured into Massachusetts for their senior trip. The money they raised since seventh grade, selling candles, chickens etc… paid for the three day vacation. They took a tour bus from Wade Tours, driven by Tim – otherwise known by the students as “Tim-Tam” or “Timmy” – to arrive in Boston, Massachusetts on May 30. The three chaperones were FaithAnn Young, Renee Kurkowski, and Joe Manzo.

The days started early, with students and chaperones alike arriving at 6 am in order to board the bus on the first day. It took four hours to drive from Richfield Springs, NY to get to Boston, MA. Upon arrival, the students walked through the picturesque Boston Gardens. From the Gardens, the students were bused to Quincy Market for lunch. Quincy Market is a historic marketplace with many shops, restaurants, and kiosks with souvenirs or food.

After Quincy Market, the students went to Boston Harbor. At Boston Harbor, they were greeted to hard rock music as they waited to board CODZILLA. The CODZILLA is an adventure speed boat ride where the passengers are taken at high speeds to search for the mysterious “Codzilla”, which is described as a sea monster living in the harbor. Some seniors got a salty surprise as they were splashed with the Atlantic Ocean by the speedboat.

To finish the day, the class went to Boston’s Hard Rock Cafe, and afterwards went to their hotel.

The second day, the students began with a tour of historic Fenway Park. Fenway Park is the oldest baseball stadium in America, after the Yankees tore down their previous one that is. The stadium is home to the Boston Red Sox, longtime rival of the New York Yankees which one would not forget after leaving the tour. Students went into the press box and sat atop the Green Monster, and then the tour ended in a museum of the Red Sox.

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The 2018 NHL Finals are underway, bringing together the Golden Knights and the Capitals for a chance at the Stanley Cup. The Capitals currently lead the series 3-1, meaning they need only won more win to take home the cup. Even with the lead, this is the Golden Knights first ever season in the NHL, making them one of only three teams to make it to the Stanley Cup finals their first season. Many have stated that the luck of the Vegas Golden Knights has run out, and that they will in fact not be winning the cup this year. Others are giving the team a surprising chance to come back from their 3-1 deficit. In game 5 of the finals, the teams are moving back to Vegas, giving the Golden Knights a clear advantage. The Knights also have Marc-Andre Fleury, a goalie who has a playoff save percentage of .947. If Fleury is able to come out “hot” early, the Knights may be able to hold off the Capitals for round six.

Cavs and Warriors in the NBA Finals... Again!

By: Peyton Coones

The 2018 NBA Finals are underway and it is the fourth year in a row that both the Cavaliers and Warriors have met to compete for the championship. Golden State leads over the Cavs, winning two of the three completed finals. Golden State defeated the Spurs (4-1), Pelicans (4-1), and the number one overall team, the Rockets (4-3), to get to the finals. Cleveland defeated the Pacers (4-3), Toronto (4-0), and the Celtics (4-3), to make their way to the final round. The playoffs are played first to four wins, leading to the possibility of a game 7 being played at Oracle Arena in Oakland. Golden State currently leads the series 3-0, with talks of Stephen Curry winning Finals MVP for the first time in his career. Lebron James is playing in his ninth straight finals series, and has been the driving force for the entire Cavs team. The finals series this year has brought in a record amount of at-home viewers, even though many questioned whether fans would get “bored” of the matchup.

On June 5, IHOP’s Facebook page posted an odd announcement about the name of the restaurant chain. “We’re flippin’ our name IHOb,” reads the post, “That’s right, with a ‘b’.” It then says that it’ll be announced on June 11 what the mysterious “b” would stand for. The announcement is accompanied with a short video of the “P” traditionally standing for “Pancakes” flipping over to become a “b”.

IHOP is an acronym meaning “International House of Pancakes” and the letter change leaves people baffled as to what the name change would mean. Some offer joke answers like “bitcoin” or “broccoli”, and others think that this could be a rebranding and that the “b” could simply stand for the word “breakfast”.

Others are speculating as to whether this announcement was real or not. The domain for ihob.com leads to nothing, whether this announcement was real or not. The domain for ihob.com leads to nothing, so the restaurant doesn’t have a website for the new name. The restaurant’s Facebook page is still “IHOP” and currently no Facebook account exists for “IHOb”. “IHOb” does have a twitter account that is verified though. Speculation is high for what this could all mean, and all the public can do is wait for June 11.

They then began a scavenger hunt after the tour, one that split them into three separate groups. In those groups, they were required to take pictures and videos with objects or people doing an interesting array of actions. One challenge required you to act like a robot while surrounding a random person, another asked you to take pictures with artistic signs around the city. The search went from Quincy Market to the Boston Harbor to the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.

After the scavenger hunt, the group boarded the bus once again and rode to Cape Cod. They went to Yarmouth and enjoyed an afternoon on the beach. In the evening, they arrived at their second and final hotel, which had miniature golf.

On the third day, the students went to Agawam, MA for Six Flags New England. There they went on various super-hero themed roller-coasters like the Superman and the Batman. Rides ranged from the extreme Sky Screamer, which lifted passengers high into the air and spun them fast around on swings, to the mellow Balloon Race, which was like the Sky Screamer if it was ten feet off the ground and spinning 5 mph. After a day at the amusement park, the students began their journey home to Richfield Springs.
Journalism was a wild ride. Though it was hard at times, taking the class with the 4 other girls and having a great teacher made me enjoy every moment of it. We had a lot of laughs and I don’t regret taking this class one bit. To any underclassmen reading this-- keep the Tomahawk alive for us. It’s one of the things that makes this school unique.
~Dhara Patel

This has been my first year writing for the Tomahawk in over three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing for you all my Senior year. It really has allowed me to express myself in a way I didn’t think was possible. I am going to miss this school like crazy and I would especially like to thank Mrs. Lamphere for taking over the journalism class. It has been an incredible time spending second period working on the paper with everyone. I hope the paper will continue tradition next year and I am thankful for the group of students who have worked so hard to put out the paper this year!
~Peyton Coones

I’ve been writing for this paper since I was 11 years old; I’m one of the founding members for the club. The Tomahawk has been so prominent to my middle and high school career, I even wrote my college essay about it. I’m going to really miss it after I leave, because I think when you really care about something it becomes a little part of you. I hope you’ve enjoyed reading it as I’ve enjoyed writing and sometimes editing for it. I won’t pretend that this paper was always amazing in its production throughout the years, but the fun was in the journey of it becoming what it is now. Thank you for reading and hopefully enjoying this paper for these last six years!
~Gabby Hudziak

I’m so happy to have been a part of The Tomahawk for my senior year. I always heard about the hard work and dedication that went into making the paper by past members and the former journalism teacher. I always wanted to be a part of the Newspaper Club and never did because of my busy schedule. This year I got the opportunity to join the journalism class and work for the paper under the supervision of Mrs. Lamphere. It has been an amazing experience. I’m so thankful for Gabby Hudziak and the other founding members of The Tomahawk for making something so amazing and inclusive. The Tomahawk is a great way for the high school to come together and I loved being a part of that. I wish that I could write articles every other week for the rest of my life for this paper! I hope that future students keep this paper alive because it deserves to live on for the rest of Richfield Springs Central School’s existence. Thank you to Gabby, Dhara, Peyton, Lexie, and Mrs. Lamphere for making this an amazing experience that I will keep with me for the rest of my life!
~Victoria Young

A Note from Mrs. Lamphere

I cannot express fully my love and appreciation for Gabby, Dhara, Victoria, Lexie, and Peyton. You girls made this class what it was--awesome and super successful! Also a big shout out to Isabella Hudziak--contributing writer. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. This class wasn’t just about The Tomahawk--this was a bonding experience I will never forget! Congratulations on your graduation! You will be missed!
~Mrs. L

I really enjoyed writing for the Tomahawk during my senior year. This paper has given me an outlet to express myself. My favorite part was writing my Savage Advice article for every issue. I would like to thank everyone who read my articles every week, those who gave me the questions to use for Savage Advice, and Mrs. Lamphere for taking over the paper this year.
~Lexie Fahey
**Question Corner**  
By: Victoria Young

**Are you ready to yeet on out of here?**

Alexis Fahey  
I’m excited but as a senior, I’m also nervous for the future.

Patrick Twomey  
I’m excited to yeet my feet right on to the skeet so that I can meet a living beet who lives on the street selling meat to give his dog a treat hopefully the treat doesn’t pack to much heat or he will have to put the dog in the backseat and try to feed it wheat or perhaps something sweet to eat wouldn’t that be neat?

Gabby Hudziak  
i’ve been ready since september, i am so ready friend

Peyton Coones  
Yes and no.. I’m going to miss everyone terribly, but I’m excited to start a new journey at Siena.

Michael Larkin  
YESSSSS!!!! YEET!

Jenny Seamon  
no, sad clap
Ingredients:
12 ounces bittersweet chocolate chips 60-70% cacao
1/2 cup butter
3 large eggs
1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup mini semisweet chocolate chips

Instructions:
1) Melt bittersweet chocolate chips and butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until melted and well-combined.
2) Remove from heat, and set aside.
3) In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the eggs, sugars, vanilla, baking powder, and salt on high speed 5 minutes, or until the batter is thick and creamy. This step is key, so make sure to beat the mixture for the full 5 minutes.
4) Reduce the speed to low, and mix in the melted chocolate until well-combined.
5) Stir in flour and cocoa powder until combined.
6) Add mini chocolate chips. Stir in to combine. The batter should be the consistency of a thick brownie batter at this point.
7) Cover the batter, and chill for 30 minutes.
8) Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
9) Using a cookie scoop, drop batter onto the prepared cookie sheets about 2 inches apart.
10) Bake cookies 8-10 minutes. The cookie will look set at the edges but still be a little wet looking in the center. Don’t overbake, or the cookies won’t be crackly and fudgy.
11) The shiny, crackly crust will develop as the cookies cool on the baking sheet.

Savage Advice
By: Alexis Fahey

This is my last Savage Advice article ever!!!

Question: My friends and I are drifting apart, how do I keep us together?

Advice: Sometimes people drift apart because they just simply aren’t meant to be together anymore, and this is true for all forms of relationships. You can beg and fight for people to stay in your life as much as you want, but sometimes it’s just not possible. You can’t force people to be your friend and that’s ok. It hurts to try and let people go that you care about, but you have to realize everything happens for a reason.

Question: Sometimes I feel invisible, what should I do?

Advice: I think we all feel like no one cares about us or that we just don’t matter sometimes, at least I know I do. We have to get past this feeling and we have to find people that do care about us and that want us to be in their lives, once you find someone like this, everything changes.

Question: I’m a senior and I’m graduating very soon and I’m nervous that I won’t do well in college, what should I do?

Advice: As long as you try your best, you will do fine. It’s normal to feel really nervous and scared for this big change in life, but you just have to be the very best that you can be, and everything will work.