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### **Supporting Our Community!**

By: Alaina Brodzinski

Following the tragic mass shooting that occured on May 14, 2022 at a local grocery store, the city of Buffalo has come together to help all those who were affected. Just last week, our school and many others across Western New York had shown our support for the community in various ways,

including wearing Buffalo apparel and accepting donations on Friday. There are several organizations who are continuing to welcome contributions to support the victims, their families, and all those impacted by the tragedy. The link below includes just a few of the many useful/credible

organizations and community efforts that you can learn more about and donate to if you would like to help support and spread love to our neighbors. <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kztmjwQek9SVBaSEYIdqvYtK-h7wszVrLxihxkSvE/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kztmjwQek9SVBaSEYIdqvYtK-h7wszVrLxihxkSvE/edit?usp=sharing</a>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Senior Sport Banquet
Thursday the 9th

Senior Prom

Friday the 10th

**Senior Day** 

Monday the 13th

**Regents Week** 

14th-22nd

**Board Meeting** 

Wednesday the 15th

**Senior Graduation** 

Thursday the 23rd



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### Regents and Final Exam Changes

By: Alaina Ventry

School is finally coming to an end and classes are starting to wind down. However, the year's end brings with it Regents Exams and local finals. Due to the new grading alterations regarding these, there has been a lot of confusion. Mr. Lyons graciously agreed to an interview to discuss what exactly is happening with our finals.

During normal years, the Regents and local exam grades you receive, count towards 20% of your final class average. However, this year if your final class average calculated simply with your 4 quarter grades is higher than your exam score, your exam score will not count towards your final class average. If your exam score is higher though, it will count. For example, if in math class your 4 quarter grades average out to be an 85% and you received an 80% on the final, it will not be added to the calculations and your class average will remain an 85%. However, if you receive a 95% on your final, it will count as 20% of your class average and you will end with a class grade of 87%. Essentially, the grade you get on the final will only help you; it will do no harm. If you are failing a class or want to get your grade up, study, study, study and aim for a good grade on the final! These grading regulations apply both to Regents exams and local finals as well.

Now, whether or not your Regents Exam grade counts towards your average or not, you still at least need to pass it with a 65% or higher in order to get the Regents credit (and possibly to graduate if the class is a mandatory high school requirement). Also, these exam grades will be on transcripts for colleges to look at regarding acceptance and scholarship offers, so keep that in mind as well.

Additionally, many are wondering why, with all of the grading changes, we are still taking local finals since that is up to teachers and the school district. Mr. Lyons said it is because many of the students have no, or very little, experience with taking exams. Studying a whole year's worth of material, doing review, and then sitting in a room for hours using all of the information crammed into their brain is something a lot of students are not used to. It is especially difficult if you need to do that for more than just one or two classes. Local finals are remaining this year to help students adjust to taking final exams because exams are a big part of their future school careers. Also, the grades that students get on finals help teachers see where students are struggling and how to better attend to those subjects.

Since this article is on Regents Exams, I felt it important to mention that us Juniors are very happy this year because the US History Regents Exam was canceled! Apparently, some of the questions on the exam dealt with sensitive topics relating to the recent tragedy that was the shooting in Buffalo according to the New York State Board of Education. Only the US History Regents is canceled though, all others should still be happening, so don't get your hopes up. All of this craziness for finals is only in regard to this year. Mr. Lyons is believing and hoping that they will be back to normal next year because of a fairly normal 2022/23 school year. If you have any further questions on finals and grading, make sure you talk to teachers and administrators so you can better understand how all of this is going to work. Happy end of year y'all and good luck on finals!

Happy June Highschool Birthdays To:

Camryn Jacobs······06/02	Matthew Russillo ······06/10
Nathan Bowden······ 06/02	Emma Jane Preischel···06/11
Emma Johnson······06/02	Jessica Zittel······ 06/12
	Josiah Devlin06/15
Rachel Phillips······06/02	Tanner Seymour·····06/15
	Peyton Koszelak······06/15
	Shanahan Roach······06/15
	Owen Wade 06/15
	Luke Schinzel······ 06/15
Noah Kidder····· 06/07	Zachary Karpinski·····06/16
Allison Grunder······06/08	Adam Powell 06/17
Maverick Sutherland····06/08	Muhammad Mahmood·06/18

Samuel Overhoff ······ 06/19
Catherine Kauzala·····06/21
Elizabeth Kauzala····· 06/21
Aidyn Gombos······06/21
Mya Ogle06/24
Alex Abplanalp····· 06/25
Autumn Abplanalp·····06/25
Alexandria DePan·····06/27
Ashlei Spina······ 06/28
Noah Panek 06/29
Savannah Brocious····· 06/30



### Powderpuff Game 2022

By: Madilyn Brodzinski

Last month the annual Eden Powderpuff game was held, the ruthless battle between the Junior and Senior Classes. The juniors and seniors competed in a flag football game against each other, and of course, what is a football game without cheerleaders?! Each class had their male players cheer on their grade! They created pyramids and dances and cheers that had been practiced for the game ahead of time. The girls of each class played the flag football game on the field. This year's Powderpuff game was held in benefit towards the "Be Like Banks" Scholarship fund at Eden High School. Our school sold shirts for the game, red shirts supporting the Junior Class and the blue shirts supporting the Senior Class. The game was held on Tuesday May, 17th, where... The Senior Class won against the juniors, with an ending score of 7-36.



### Throwing Their Way to Sectionals

By: Mya Shrecengost Sophomores Annabelle Koszelak and Kerrigan Biastre have both extended their track and field season qualifying for the section VI meet. At the Class B championship meet, Anna took 2nd in Discus throwing an automatic qualifying distance of 100'3" and Kerrigan took 2nd in shot put throwing a provisional distance of 31'2". Throughout the entire season both girls would consistently take 1st and 2nd in shot and disc in dual meets and had lots of success in the invitationals. At the Golden Falcon invitational, Anna was crowned the discus out of 33 girls.

### Summer Activities for Teens

By: Anonymous

You might find yourself not knowing how to spend your time this summer. This list is full of activities that will keep you busy/productive, but also allow you to have fun.

- 1. Start A Garden: Growing your own food can feel very rewarding and can be a good hobby in your downtime.
- 2. Make A Time Capsule: Put some of your favorite photos or trinkets into a box and bury them, after a few years you can dig it back up and reminisce about your past memories.
- 3. Make A Scavenger Hunt: You can get some of your friends together and host a scavenger hunt.
- 4. Have A BBQ/ Picnic: You can spend quality time with your friends, and also practice your cooking skills.
- 5. Go To A Museum: You can learn about many topics such as art, history, and culture.
- 6. Play A Complete Game Of Monopoly: For many this seems like a challenging feat, but playing with your friends would be fun.
- 7. Organize A Neighborhood Cleanup: While picking up trash you can listen to music or socialize with others.
- 8. Research Your Family Tree: Learning about your heritage can be interesting, you might learn something you didn't know before.
- 9. Go To The Movies: Regardless if you're alone or with a friend it can be fun seeing a new movie.
- 10. Paint: Whether it be on a canvas or a tshirt, painting can be a good creative outlet.





#### Kenobi's Comeback

By: Zachary Karpinski Seventeen years ago, Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith was released in theaters, and it marked the end of the Star Wars prequel trilogy. At the time, actors Ewan Mcgregor and Hayden Christensen, who played Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker respectively, thought it'd be their last time starring as those characters and in *Star Wars*. But, seventeen years later, Ewan McGregor finds himself as Obi-Wan once again in Disney Plus's newest series, Obi-Wan Kenobi. And while McGregor is back as Obi-Wan, Hayden Christen finds himself playing not Anakin Skywalker, but the most iconic villain of all-time: Darth Vader. *Obi-Wan Kenobi*'s premise is set ten years after *Revenge of the Sith*, and finds himself in exile on the planet Tatooine, watching over a young Luke Skywalker, but is tasked with a crucial mission. The series has fans excited to not just see Obi-Wan Kenobi and what he had done between *Revenge of The* Sith and A New Hope, but to also see what Darth Vader was up to during that time period. The promotion for the show has also been very secretive about the story, and that has only led to more excitement and theorizing about what exactly could happen in *Obi-Wan Kenobi*. Obi-Wan Kenobi premiered on May 27th along with the Star Wars Celebration event, and further episodes will

be premiering on Wednesdays, only on Disney Plus.

### **Senior Sign Off**

By: Julia Kuster

This is the last issue of the newspaper this year, and I would like to thank the entire yearbook team! This club was an idea Charlize Perkett, Mr. C Archabald and I thought up last year and you guys made it possible. Thank you for helping us figure out the process of producing a newspaper together. I know it took a little bit to establish a routine for every month you guys came through, submitting your articles on time. I really appreciate all of the time you put into your piece. I cannot wait to see what you do next year and I will make sure to read the newspaper. Also, thank you to the Board of Education and our administration for allowing us to revive the newspaper this year. A big thank you to Mr. C Archbald for being our advisor and aiding in the process of reestablishing the club.

I hope everyone has a great summer! Good luck to my fellow senior staff, Charlize Perkett and Michelle Barnack, along with the rest of the class of 2022 next year! You guys will go on to do great things!



Michelle Barnack



Charlize Perkett



Julia Kuster

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