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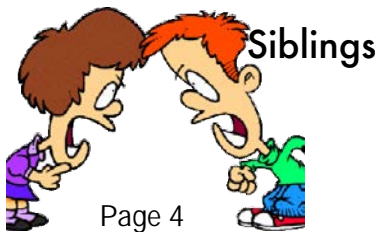
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RANDOM RAMBLER



The Remsen Drama Club recently put on a production of *Alice in Wonderland*. The play was filled with scenes from the original book, from the mad tea party to the garden of live flowers. The play consisted of all of the famous wonderland characters such as the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and of course, Alice. The lead role of Alice was performed by Riley Murphy. In the play, Alice goes on a journey in a land that is definitely out of the ordinary. She comes across some of the most peculiar things, from a catless grin to a poetry crazed caterpillar. She even gets to join the monarchy by becoming, "Queen Alice." The play was a great success, full of wonder. You may be asking yourself, "What is it like to be in the play?" Or perhaps you are wondering whether or not you would like to be a part of the play next year.



Well, here is some information that might help. The preparation for the play takes months. Everyone needs to memorize their lines and figure out how they should portray their characters. The whole cast also has to figure out what props and costumes they are going to need. There is also a lot going on backstage as well. While the play is in progress, the setting of the play changes frequently. Everyone has to work together to change the setting between every scene. Although the play takes a lot of work and preparation, it is all worth it when you are on the stage, showing everyone everything that you have accomplished. Before you are about to go on stage on opening night it may be a little nerve racking. Once you are on stage, though, the stress goes away. Being in the play is a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone.

-Molly Barton







# SPORTS



## Varsity Track

4/25 & 4/27 - Practice - 8:00-9:30  
4/29 - Invitational Meet @ Whitesboro - 2:00

## Varsity Golf

First Match was April 19th  
vs Holland Patent & Adirondack

## Varsity Baseball

4/23 - Game @ New York Mills High School - 11:00  
4/25 - Practice - 3:00 - 5:00  
4/26 - Game @ Remsen vs. Dolgeville - 4:00  
4/27 - Practice - 3:00 - 5:00  
4/28 - Game @ Remsen vs. Oriskany - 4:30  
4/29 - Practice - 3:00 - 5:00

## Varsity Softball

4/25-4/29 Practice: 10:00 - 12:00 Daily

## Modified Baseball

4/25, 4/27, 4/29 -Practice: 1:00 - 3:00

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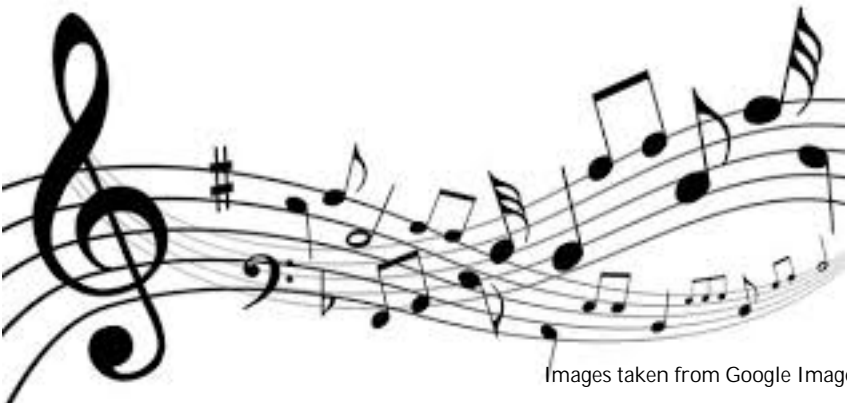
Wednesday, May 4th

At Mount Markham

# ONEIDA MUSIC FESTIVAL

The weekend of March 18th and 19th, four RCS students (Sydney Boucher, soprano; Breanna Williams, alto; Vicente Nunez, tenor; Ian Long, trumpet) participated in the Oneida County Music Educator's Association Jr High Festival. They had been preparing the music for weeks ahead of time, and committed to a 5-hour-long rehearsal on Friday as well as some rehearsal time on Saturday. Their efforts culminated in a concert on Saturday afternoon at Proctor High School. The students worked hard and were part of a fine performance.

-Mr. Malowski



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# BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS

On March 9th, 2016, Remsen High School was visited by the Bridge Performing Arts Ensemble: A performing group with a roster of about 50 gigging musicians who embark on outings of around five to seven people on various instruments. The theme of this year's visit was based on *rebellion*.

They performed two concerts in the gymnasium in the morning: One for 9-12 music students and another for Jr High. While the theme was *rebellion*, they performed music that ranged from Bali rhythms to Beethoven, an Italian aria about a daughter rebelling against her father, a song from Rent (the first musical to use actual rock singers instead of Broadway performers), and ended both sets with Rogers and Hammerstein's "If I Loved You" from *Carousel*, one of the first musical theater productions to introduce background music to supplement dialogue.

After the performances, there were three workshops offered. The Jr Choir took part in a workshop with the percussionist labeled "The Art Of Noise," which was an exploration into different percussion instruments as well as how to use everyday noise to create music. The Jr. Band underwent a workshop called "The Etiquette of Success," which helped them relate the meaning of success to their playing as a band. The 9-12 music students participated in a workshop about music and science where they learned much about what parts of the brain make you feel a certain way when you hear music. - Mr. Malowski

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The Class of 2016  
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# REVIEWS

## MOVIES

### CREED

There's a lot of good movies out lately, but a must see is *Creed*. It's a story following the "Rocky" series about Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan), the son of Apollo Creed, who follows in his father's footsteps and becomes a boxing legend. As he is training for the biggest fight in his life, he meets Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone), and convinces him to be his trainer. Through all the struggles, director Ryan Coogler produces a remarkable film and I definitely recommend it!

-Amanda Bolos



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### MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN

Looking for a great new movie to watch? A remarkable movie to see is *Miracles From Heaven*. Based on a true story, it's about a ten year old girl, Anna, who suffers from a rare digestive disorder that makes her unable to digest food. As time goes on, she gets more and more sick, and nobody knows what is wrong with her. After her mother (Jennifer Garner) goes to desperate measures to save her, Anna has a terrible accident where she falls into a hole in a tree and dies. She is revived and tells her incredible story about what happened after her death. *Miracles From Heaven* is a must see and make sure you bring tissues!

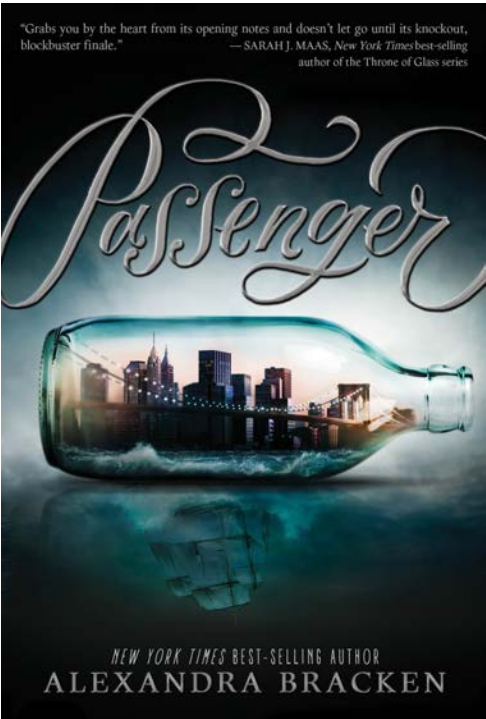
-Amanda Bolos



## BOOK

### PASSENGER

*Passenger* by Alexandra Bracken is a book full of adventure. It will keep you on the edge of your seat until you finish the last page. There are two main characters with unbelievably different lives that have to join together to save their worlds from tumbling down. Nicholas is a sailor in hope of freedom from his family, and has the ability to travel through time. Etta is a violinist who has her entire life planned out. That is until her world comes crashing down and she loses her family and is kidnapped.



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When she is kidnapped she discovers her ability to travel through time. The people who kidnapped Etta are the same family that Nicholas is trying to get away from. Etta was kidnapped because she is the only one who can find the astrolabe, which is a very important object, and whoever has it, has complete power. With the help of Nicholas, Etta embarks on a journey through time to find the astrolabe, save her family, and get home.

-Olivia Hajdasz



# WHAT'S TRENDING?

## SIBLINGS IN SCHOOL

Having a sibling who goes to school with you has its advantages and many disadvantages. It is comforting to know that you can always count on each other in times of need when at school. On the other hand, it can be exasperating to see your sibling strutting through the halls wearing your favorite pair of sneakers or that new shirt you just bought. Now, I know that all siblings do not have this problem, but they may experience a different type of issue. On various occasions I, along with many others, have received the cold shoulder from the person who has known me the longest, my sibling. I am not implying that all siblings should be holding hands, skipping down the halls together while singing “kum ba yah,” but a friendly smile or maybe just saying, “Hey” is always appreciated.



Sincerely,  
A student who is sick of  
sibling rivalries!

-Samantha L. Boucher



## MOTHER NATURE THROWS SOME CURVES



This past winter sure has been strange. From winter storms to heat waves, we have experienced it all. Just last week , the temperature reached 75 degrees! You could go skiing one day and ride your bike the next. The groundhog Phil didn't see his shadow, which means spring came early this year, but who could have guessed all of these unprecedented weather patterns? Mother Nature, get your act together!

Samantha Boucher





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# FROM THE KITCHEN OF MRS. OBERNESSER

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## Sun-Dried Tomato Turkey Burgers

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 15 min.  
MAKES: 2 servings

### Ingredients

1/2 pound ground turkey  
1/2 tablespoon Greek seasoning  
2 tablespoons sun dried tomato pesto  
2 tablespoons sun dried tomatoes, chopped up  
2- 3 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
salt, pepper, oregano to taste  
whole wheat hamburger rolls  
artichoke hearts, optional  
roasted red peppers, optional



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### Directions

Mix the first 5 ingredients together. Let sit.  
Mix the sour cream, lemon juice, oil, garlic and spices together. Set aside.  
Grease a large frying pan and turn heat to medium. (Or preheat your grill to medium). Form turkey meat into two patties and push an indent in the middle. Cook for 7 1/2 minutes, flip, cook for 6- 7 minutes longer.  
Place burgers on a bun, top with dip and add artichokes and peppers if using. Yield: serves 2

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## BBQ Meatballs

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 3 hours  
MAKES: 10 servings

### Ingredients

1 bag frozen turkey meatballs  
1 jar reduced sugar grape jelly  
1 bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce

### Directions

Put all ingredients into a slow cooker on low heat.  
Cook for 3 hours. Serve warm. Yield: serves 10



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# ATTENTION PARENTS!

New for  
2016-17  
School Year

## Parents:

All kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have the meningococcal vaccine. Without it, they can't start school.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be required for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

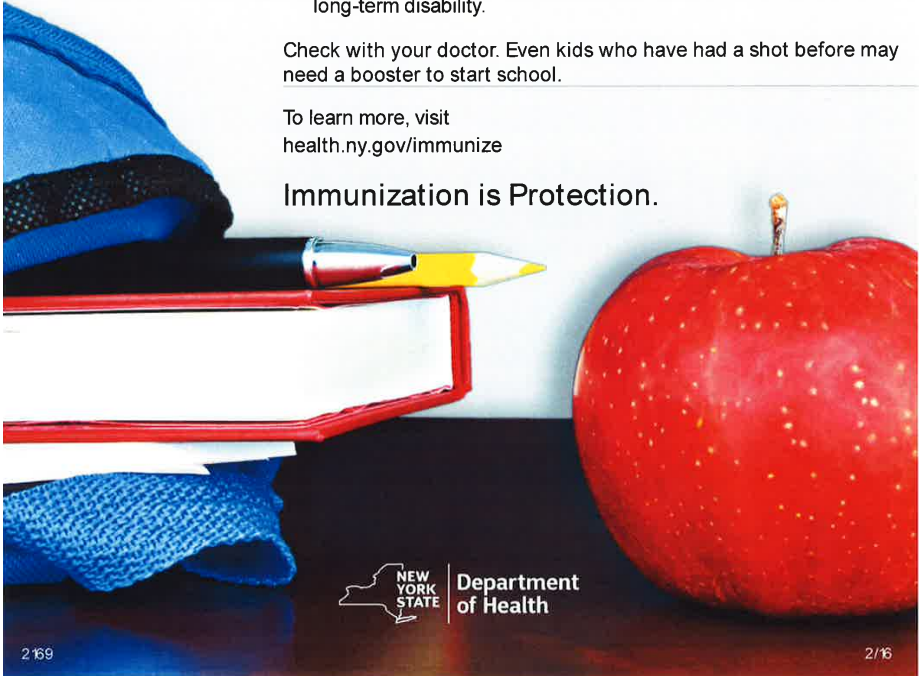
About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes bacterial meningitis and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit [health.ny.gov/immunize](http://health.ny.gov/immunize)

Immunization is Protection.



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# MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!



As students, we all appreciate mid-morning break. This is a time to be with our friends and to do as we please. But how do we show this appreciation for this little bit of freedom? Some students choose to carelessly vandalize the place we all go everyday, the cafeteria.

After our little break of freedom, the cafeteria is left in complete shambles. Garbage on the ground AROUND the cans, instead of in them. Napkins strewn across the tabletops, with various spots of sticky residue from the use of condiments. A mess of paper and cartridges left behind. Are we people, or are we animals? Why even have our opposable thumbs if they are not going to be used to make things look less like a pigsty?

"It disgusts me," says tenth grader Samantha Boucher when questioned about the subject. "I see spilled food and gross garbage everywhere." Other students agree that this carelessness demonstrates horrible school pride. We display ourselves as slobs by cluttering up one of the focal points of our school. "You would think we hate our school but we don't," says Boucher.



It is true that we love our school, so why weaken its aesthetic value? The solution is simple: just pick up after yourselves. As students, we need to take the initiative to have pride in our school and our lunch room.

-Vicente Nunez





# STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Remsen Central School strives to bring the best education to each and every one of its students everyday. Each quarter, to celebrate the best and the brightest students of each grade level, an award is given to the student of the quarter. The following students have been honored with this award this past quarter.

Alexander Vanhook, son of Heather and Richard Kuhner, is the senior recipient this quarter. His favorite subjects are English and science and his pastimes include playing basketball, baseball, and soccer. He loves to write music, rap, and sing. When asked what his educational philosophy is Alex replied, "I believe school is a place where we can go and better ourselves. We get to learn new things every day and apply them to our lives. I used to be like every other kid and loathe school but now that I'm older and more mature I see the full potential in education. I love it and treat every day like it's my last, constantly finding adventure." Next fall Alex plans to attend the Culinary Arts Institute to pursue his love for the culinary field that he has already begun to explore through the BOCES program. Congratulations and good luck next year, Alex!



Dominic Altamura, the son of Dominic and Leann Altamura is the freshman recipient this quarter. His favorite class is English and he loves to be active in the STEM club and participated in his first school play this year with Remsen's drama club. Dominic is a funny character that helps to bring his class together through his witty jokes and positive attitude. Dominic's advice on how to do well in school is, "P A Y ATTENTION IN CLASS, say no to drugs, and no matter what ,NEVER run with scissors." Congratulations Dominic!



Madison Cyr, the daughter of Nicole Estey and Ray Cyr is the junior recipient this quarter. She believes that in order to do well in school you need to study HARD! Her favorite subject is English and she loves to play volleyball and create videos in Video English class. Madison was recently honored as an All-Star athlete in volleyball by the Center State Conference. Congratulations Madison and good luck next quarter!



Michael McCormack, son of Patrick and Robin McCormack, is this quarter's 8th grade recipient. Michael is a very organized student always getting his homework done and studying for tests and quizzes so he can feel confident and get the good grades he's looking for! He likes math and social studies but if soccer were a school subject, that would be Michael's favorite. He plays in the fall and summer. When he's not scoring goals ,he's riding around on his dirt bike or snowmobile or helping his dad build trucks. Congratulations and keep it up, Michael!



Rachel Carrock, the daughter of Louis and Kim Carrock, is the sophomore recipient this quarter. She is active in horseback riding, softball, and soccer. She is an amazing artist and loves to read and draw. This year she participated in the school's production of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and was head set designer. Rachel's mindset in school and out is, "work to your full potential. If you're not going to do that, why do anything?" Congratulations Rachel, keep working hard!



Jade Dening, daughter of Dale and Jamie Dening, is this quarter's 7th grade recipient. Despite this being Jade's first year in the high school, she has become very active in school sports and her school work. Jade likes to play soccer, volleyball, and run track. It's rumored that some of the fastest juniors on the track team have trouble keeping up with Jade! When she's not working hard in school, she likes to relax by drawing. Her most important piece of advice about school is to STUDY STUDY STUDY!! Congratulations Jade and good luck with the end of your first year of high school!



# TO THE SCIENCE LAB!

## 7TH & 8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

The Remsen Middle School Science Fair was held on Wednesday, March 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The fair marked the end of months of research and experimentation by students. All 7th grade students, and 8th grade students that elected to do so, chose a topic of interest and performed research and experimentation to learn about the topic in an inquiry based manner. Students then presented the results of their research in the normal format for the scientific community- a poster session. At the start of the science fair, all middle school students listened to introductory remarks from a panel of guest judges that were professionals in the scientific community. The judges celebrated the students' accomplishments in the field of science and shared personal experiences about the opportunities that science had provided them in their professional and personal lives. Students then stood by the posters detailing their experiments as the judges reviewed their research and asked questions. After the judges' results were tallied, the groups with the 5 top scores were separated by only 1 point, and the judges were very impressed with all of the students' enthusiasm and hard work. The top 5 groups, in no particular order, included Jade Dening and Emma Skermont's study on "What is Causing Destruction of Coral Reefs?", Katelyn Griffith's study on "Store Bought vs Home-made Laundry Detergent," Andrew Paige and Jonathan Lawler's study on "Water Wheels," Dakota Darling and Ryan Grave's study on "Distracted Driving," and Railey Ehart and Morgan Jones' study "Save the Bees." These students went on to the Utica College Regional Science Fair on April 2nd, where they competed with other local students from throughout central New York. Congratulations to all students that participated in the science fair.

-Mr. O'Bryan



## CHEMISTRY STUDENTS TAKE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

Six Remsen chemistry students chose to try out for the US National Chemistry Olympiads (USNCO). UNSCO is an organization with a mission to stimulate interest and achievement in chemistry students throughout the nation, and recognize outstanding chemistry students. As part of that mission, they regularly hold and participate in national and international chemistry competitions. Jordan Brinkley, an Organic and Analytical Chemistry Lab Coordinator at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) and the Central New York Coordinator for UNSCO through the American Chemistry Society (ACS) sent an open invitation to high school chemistry students throughout central New York to try out for this year's national team. Six local students, Rachel Carrock, Ethan Kenny, Jeffrey Klossner, Andrew Rimmer, Nolan Singer, and Daniel Tripoli II, chose to accept that invitation. To try out, students had to take a 60 question exam. If students score well on the exam, they will be invited to SUNY ESF, where their knowledge of chemistry will again be tested. The top ten students identified at SUNY ESF will then be eligible to compete for the US national team in an international competition at the 2016 International Chemistry Olympiad in Tbilisi, Georgia where gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the most successful teams. Even if students don't make it to the international competition, all six students will be recognized by the ACS and receive an award at an educational event in June. They can use this recognition to become Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SAACS), which can serve as an impressive accomplishment on college applications. Congratulations to these students for taking on an impressive challenge and embracing the opportunity.

-Mr. O'Bryan





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# SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

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Students participated in the Utica College Regional Science Fair this past Saturday, April 2nd. According to the coordinators at Utica College, this year was one of the most competitive groups the Regional Science Fair has seen in its 38 years of existence. Our students represented Remsen with distinction, winning 3rd place in two different divisions, several special awards for conservation and sustainability, and monetary prizes.

*A summary of awards follows:*

Railey Ehart and Morgan Jones placed 3rd in the Junior Natural Science Division for their project "Save the Bees."

Andrew Paige and Jonathan Lawler placed 3rd in the Junior Computer Science and Engineering Division for their project "Water Wheel."

Emma Skermont and Jade Dening received a special award for promoting sustainability that had a cash prize.

Railey Ehart and Morgan Jones received a special award for conservation.

*\*Dakota Darling and Ryan Graves were supposed to attend, but were unable to do so due to illness.*

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# 7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECTS

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# ERIN HAMLIN PAINTING DISPLAYED AT SCHOOL

On Friday, April 8th, Oneida County executive Anthony Picente and Olympic Bronze medalist Erin Hamlin visited Remsen for a portrait dedication. The painting was completed by Tom Varano of Rome. Remsen students and staff are honored to have this portrait displayed in our Jr/Sr High building.



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