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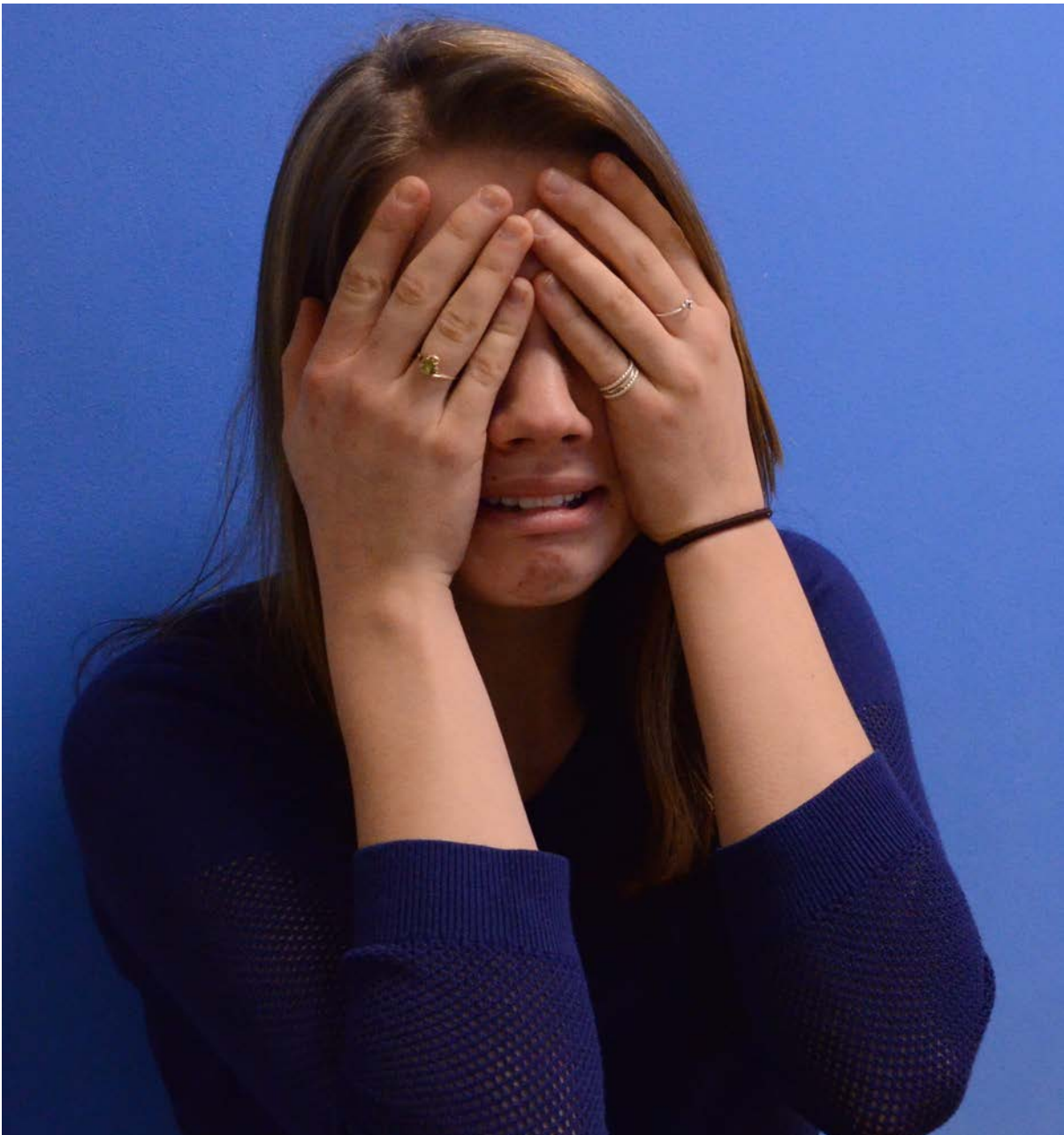
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# RANDOM RAMBLER

# STUDENTS DISTRESS, MINDGRAM STRIKES!



On Wednesday, January 7th, the entire senior class nervously waited in the library for their appointment to be interviewed. They were all dressed in their most professional outfits with resumes in hand. All afternoon they put on serious faces and were interviewed for the position of manager. This was for Mindgram, a project that every senior is required to participate in which puts them in the position of dealing with a company almost completely alone, besides their teams of three. They prepared for these interviews on Tuesday January 6th, when Mr. Steve Boucher and Mrs. Lynn Boucher came in and gave teams tips on what to do and not to do in not only the mock interviews for Mindgram, but jobs in the future when they have real interviews.

The seniors who were chosen as managers in their interviews could then choose two other students to be on their team to act as financial/production planners. These teams all represent businesses that had to make decisions, produce products, take loans, and buy everything needed to run their business.

At the end of the project each team put on presentations in front of a panel of people well versed in the business world. The winning team is chosen by the panel based on who made the most money, most product, and most creative and professional presentation. They were given a series of awards including a business luncheon with Mr. Turner at the restaurant of their choosing. This project helps the seniors be ready for the days after graduation in whatever job they end up in, by helping them learn to make up for mistakes, deal with money, and handle themselves in a professional manner when faced with difficult and stressful situations.

Mindgram concluded on Thursday, January 22nd with the winners announced Friday morning. The winning team was Purple Team 1 which included Manager, Morgan Murray, Financial Planner, Maité Petré and Production Planner, Riley Murphy.

— Riley Murphy



## WORLD CUP LUGE 2014

### LAKE PLACID, NY

I stood in the sea of red, white and blue overlooking the icy track as the riders flew by on their narrow sleds. My nose stung from the cold, but I joined the roar of the crowd and cheered "USA, USA." The cheers warped into "Go Erin," as Erin Hamlin slid down the track into second place.

More than 180 fans gathered in Lake Placid to cheer on Erin Hamlin as she won the silver cup, just behind the German athlete Nathalie Geisenberger. Tatjana Hüfner from Germany completed the podium, arriving in third place.

U.S.A.

December 5-6 was definitely a great success for the American team on their home track. With only six runs allowed before each competition, both women and men finished their race in the top 20. The cold was worth it.  
- Maité Petré

## GRANDMA'S SEAFOOD CHOWDER

Two and a half years ago, Ms. Melissa Beyer, Family and Consumer Science/Health teacher at Remsen Jr./Sr. High School, was up for a Field Editor's position at *Taste of Home Magazine* and mentioned her grandmother's chowder recipe in her application. Recently, the recipe was featured in the December edition of the magazine, and we, at the school newspaper, felt the need to share the love and the recipe.

Ms. Beyer acquired the recipe from her grandmother in June of 2104, which features haddock, shrimp, and crab. Ms. Beyer also recently had a Skype interview with Hallmark Channel's *Home and Family* TV show which featured her recipe.

Listed below is the recipe and instructions needed to make the dish because, as Miss Beyer said on the magazine's webpage, "Why wait, when you can enjoy satisfying chowder anytime?"  
- Vicente Nunez



Read more at:  
<http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes>

Ingredients  
3 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup butter, divided  
1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
4 cups half-and-half cream  
1-1/2 cups 2% milk  
1 pound haddock fillets, skin removed, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled  
2 cups frozen peas (about 10 ounces)  
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup lump crabmeat (about 5 ounces), drained  
1 jar (4 ounces) diced pimientos, drained  
1 teaspoon paprika

Directions  
In a 6-qt. stockpot, heat 3 tablespoons butter over medium-high heat  
Add mushrooms; cook and stir 8-10 minutes or until tender  
Remove from pot  
In same pot, heat remaining butter over medium heat  
Stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth; gradually whisk in cream and milk  
Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until thickened  
Stir in haddock, shrimp, peas and sautéed mushrooms; cook 5-7 minutes or until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork and shrimp turn pink  
Add cheese, crab and pimientos; stir gently until cheese is melted. Sprinkle servings with paprika

Yield: 10 servings (3-1/4 quarts)





# SPORTS



### Varsity Sports

Varsity Volleyball: 17-1 (currently in sectional play)

Varsity Basketball: 8-9

### Junior Varsity Sports

JV Volleyball: 14-4 (1st place @ CVA JV Tournament)

JV Basketball: 6-4

### Modified Sports

Modified Volleyball: 1-7

Modified Basketball: 0-2

*\* Records are accurate at press release*

**Congratulations athletes on your dedication!**



At a cheer competition you are surrounded by a bunch of stressed out, exhausted, excited athletes with hair up to the ceiling and makeup that could put you into cardiac arrest. All you're thinking about is how you can possibly pull off a perfect routine when you're up against teams from Proctor, RFA, or Phoenix, all of whom have been champions in past years, with graduating classes of about three hundred students.

A task like that seems impossible; however, with hours of rigorous practices, a great coach to lead, and plenty of spirit, the Remsen Varsity Competition Cheer team has achieved greatness.

For their first competition at Fulton High School, the Remsen team placed second in the Varsity co-ed division. At their second competition at West Genesee High School they placed first in the Varsity co-ed division scoring higher than Proctor, RFA and Sherburn Earlville. The team concluded their competition season on Saturday, February 7th at Chittenango. - Alyssa Scott

# REVIEWS

## MockingJay

Author: Suzanne Collins

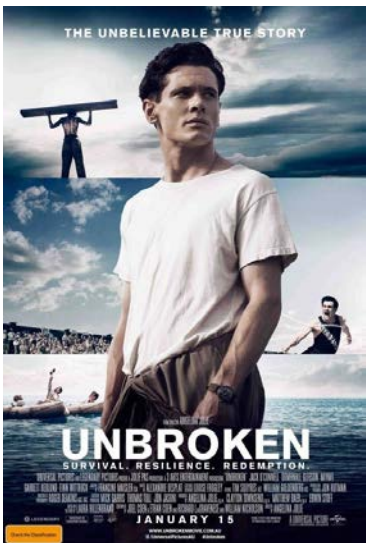
Director: Francis Lawrence

The epic trilogy that set fire to national book lists everywhere finally came to an end in August of 2010 when Suzanne Collins published her final book, MockingJay, in the bestselling The Hunger Games series. In the final book, we follow heroine Katniss Everdeen (more commonly referred to as "the girl on fire") as she and her fellow tributes storm the Capital and take down the government as well as their evil President. In 2014, Francis Lawrence directed part 1 of the gripping adaptation of MockingJay. Actress Jennifer Lawrence portrays Katniss Everdeen and does an amazing job with keeping true to the character that Suzanne Collins originally wrote. I personally prefer the movie to the book; I feel like it fulfills the intensity that the first two books staged so well. I recommend the Mockingjay book and movie for anyone who loves a good conflict and an action packed story. - Julia Roos



## Unbroken

If you're looking for a great movie to see this winter, check out Unbroken starring Jack O'Connell, directed by Angelina Jolie. Unbroken tells the true life story of Olympian Louie Zamperini. After an almost fatal plane crash in WWII, Louie and his two friends were stranded on a life raft for over a month before being captured by the Japanese Army. Louie continues to show his strength, bravery and faith with many more extraordinarily difficult challenges as a Prisoner of War. Be sure to catch this inspiring movie playing in theaters now! - Amanda Bolos





# WHAT'S TRENDING?



It's now getting into the middle of winter and Remsen is frigid! Our frosty little town generally reaches above freezing by mid-morning and remains there until dark. However, it seems the high school didn't get the memo that the building should actually be warm! So how are students and faculty supposed to stay warm? Bring a blanket to school obviously! In the halls there are numerous sightings of random students, generally a senior who has caught "senioritis", with blankets trying to stay warm. You may wonder, "Why a blanket?" Well, a blanket allows students to stay warm, be comfy in class, and nap everywhere and anywhere. (I would advise against napping in class, teachers wouldn't be too fond of that!) Blankets at school during winter can be seen as a trend that started with a couple students and is now trickling down to the masses. So now I must ask, "Why not a blanket?" - Alex Opperman

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team who won their league!  
They are the number 1 seed in the sectional tournament and have won 19 straight matches,  
24 league matches in a row and have finished 19-1 on the regular season!  
The team beat Cincinatus Wednesday night 3-0 to move ahead to the sectional class "d"  
finals this Saturday .  
They will play at Ilam in Chittenango against Manlius Pebble Hill  
Well done ladies and Coach Roos!

## STUDENTS COMPETE FOR REMSEN CUP POINTS

On Friday, December 19th, Student Council hosted the winter sports pep rally. Students competed in a trio of games for the coveted Remsen Cup points. The senior class currently has the lead for the Remsen Cup points.





# SABA



Photo courtesy of Brittany Barton, BOCES

The School and Business Alliance Breakfast (SABA) event tied together senior students and professionals to talk about their career fields. Each student picked a career field that they would be interested in. The event had the seniors dressed in their most professional attire and ready to make their best impression. I sat at a table which included students that were interested in physical therapy. The physical therapist at my table gave great advice for my upcoming years in college. The event had two motivating, inspirational speakers who talked about their journeys through their careers. Both speakers didn't intend to end up where they are now, but that's how life goes. Their examples show the dedication and passion needed to have a successful career. The breakfast has expanded students' knowledge of the careers they hope to pursue. After all, delicious, homemade breakfast and meeting inspiring professionals is the recipe for future success. - Aly Atwell

## STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST

Right before Christmas break to get into the holiday spirit, Remsen High School held a school wide "Ugly Sweater" contest. Students and teachers were very creative.

Winners of the contest were Mr. Gallo for the Teacher category and 9th grader, Cameron Taylor for the student category. When asked about his inspiration for his sweater Mr. Gallo stated, "My inspiration for my ugly sweater was an ugly Christmas tree my mom once had when I was a kid. So I found an old green sweater and just put some tinsel and lights around me."

When Cameron Taylor was asked about the inspiration for his decor that day he stated, "I have no idea how I got my inspiration for the contest. I just knew I really wanted to win, so I asked my mom to help me make the ugliest sweater in the whole school!"  
- Samantha Boucher



## LET'S MAKE REMSEN EPIC

### EMPATHY PRIDE INNOVATION COLLABORATION

EPIC is comprised of four schools, Oriskany, Westmoreland, Remsen, and Sauquoit, that have come together as one group to work together as a team. One thing that all schools are completing as a whole EPIC project is an "EPIC" paper chain. When a student completes or sees an act of kindness, the student will get a piece of paper and write what they did or saw on it and the paper keeps adding on to the chain. (The EPIC goal is to make a mile long paper chain, combined with all four schools.)

In the last three EPIC meetings, we've done many fun activities. During the first meeting of EPIC at Remsen, students completed a series of collaborative activities focusing on working together, empathy and pride.

The second meeting was in Westmoreland and students brainstormed ideas on what activities all four schools could do together. This is where they came up with the idea for the EPIC paper chain.

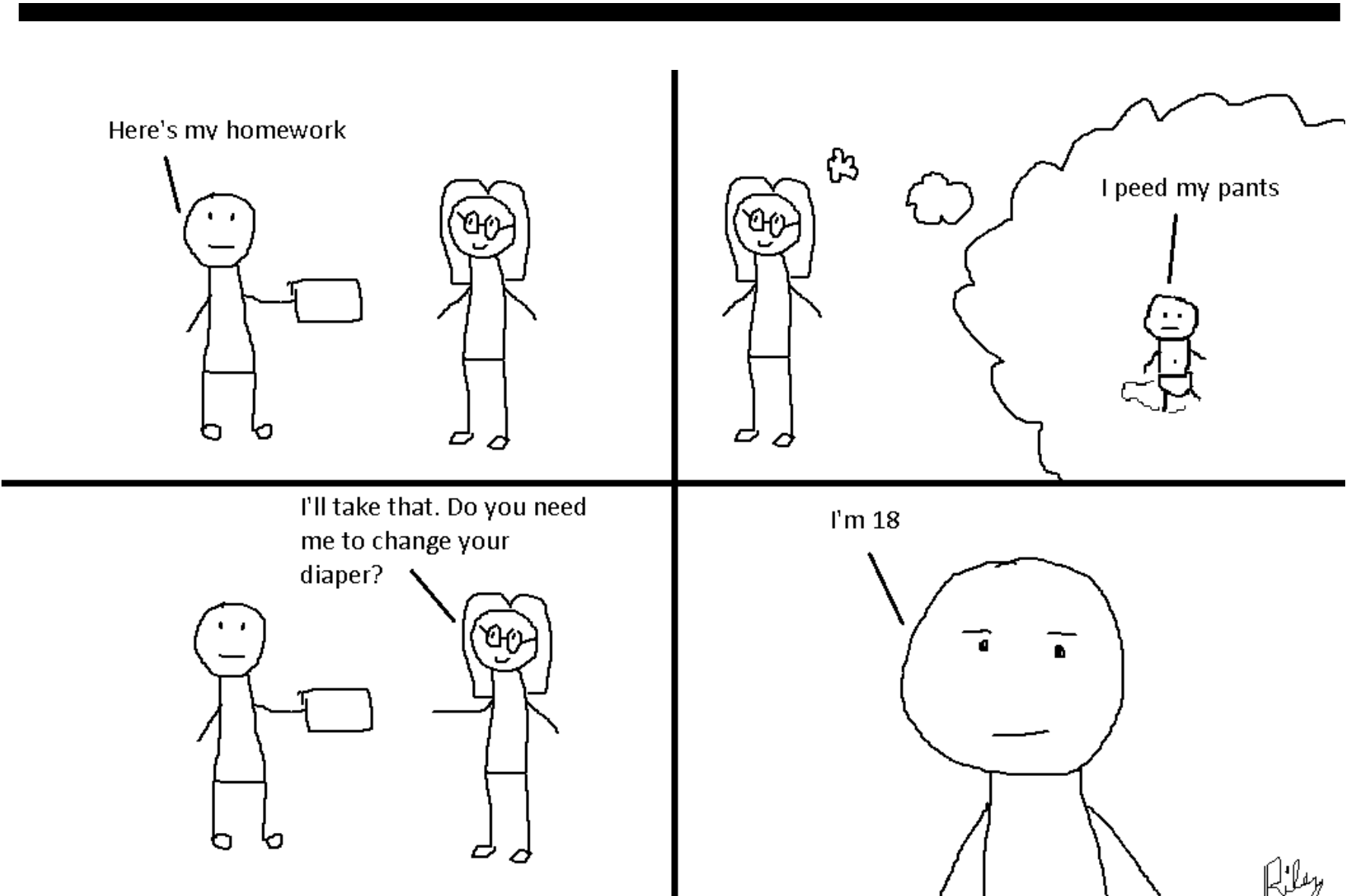
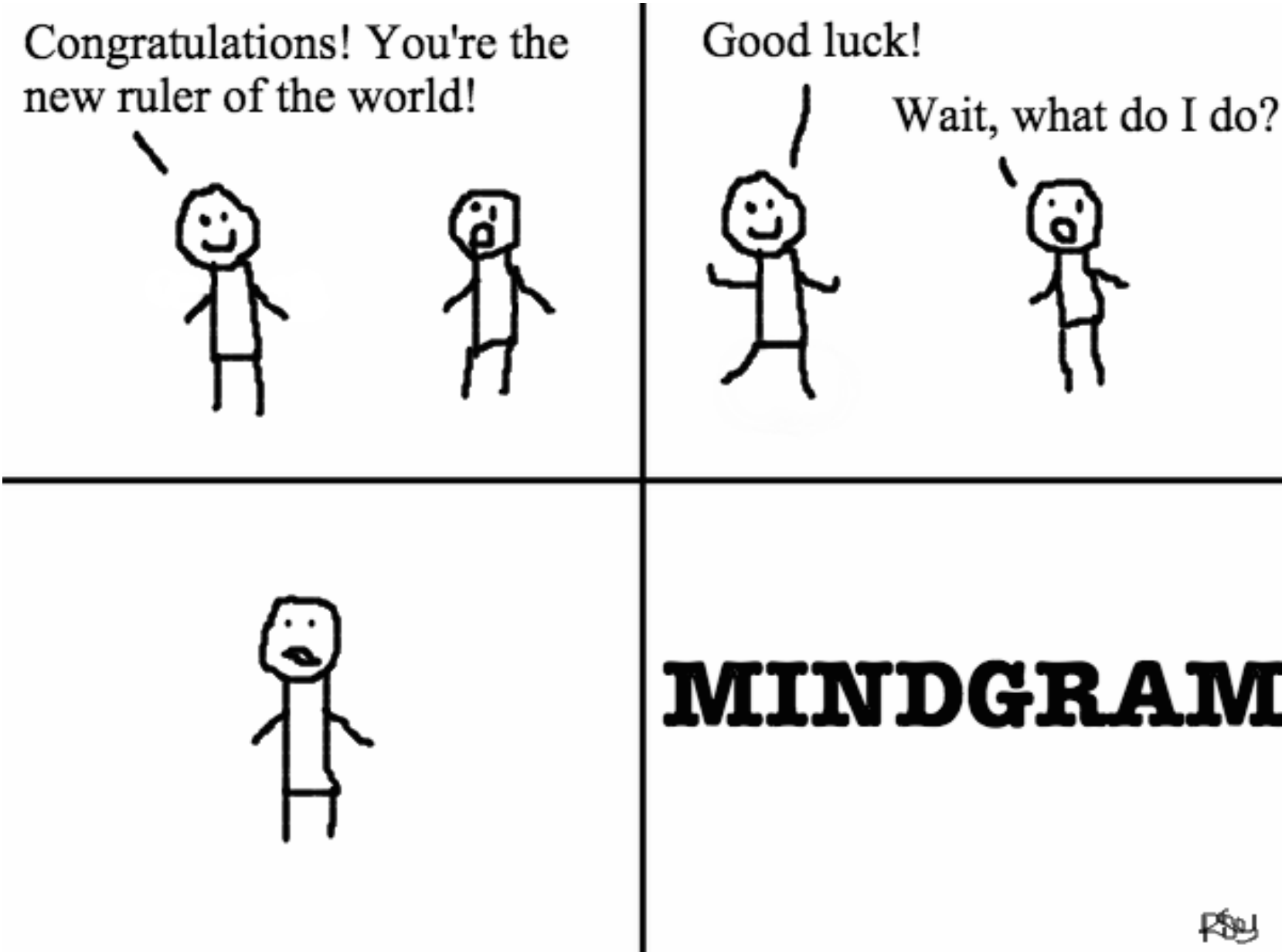
The last meeting was just recently at Oriskany, and students listened to a motivational speaker, James Von, who talked about fostering pride within oneself. Students were also able to go to Eastern Star Nursing Home. The culminating activity was for students to make Valentine's Day cards for the elderly at the nursing home.

The EPIC program at Remsen consists of four sixth graders; Amy Kelly, Railey Ehart, Jade Dening, and Mckenna Jones; three seventh graders, Mikayla Moore, Kady Mitchell, and Vicente Nunez; and two eighth graders, Megan Graves and Hunter Jones.

When asked about what EPIC means to them, 6th grader Railey Ehart stated, "It means coming together to complete a project," 7th grader Kady Mitchell stated that her favorite part about being a part of Remsen's EPIC team was "meeting new people and working as a team."

EPIC is a great program for everyone. The program teaches students about the meaning of EPIC, which is to have empathy and pride in all of your actions. - Mikayla Moore

# COMICS FROM RILEY





# STUDENT MEETS COMETS

Over winter break, 9th grade student Shawn Graves attended a meet and greet with players from the Utica Comets hockey team. Shawn was able to meet with players and watch a Utica College Pioneers hockey practice. Prior to attending the event, Shawn was given a jersey by Rita and Tayah Hummel who also arranged the event, and was able to have the jersey signed by members of the Comets team.



Remsen  
Drama Presents  
**Romeo and Juliet  
... and Hamlet Too**  
March 6th and 7th  
7:00 p.m.  
Remsen High School  
Stage

# REMSEN GETS GRINCHED

Throughout the month of December, students at Remsen Elementary and Remsen Jr./Sr. high school participated in the Foothills Rural Community Christmas Basket Project. Students at the Jr./Sr. high school competed in a classroom competition in an effort to raise food to donate to the pantry. A total of 361 pieces were raised by the Jr./Sr. high school students and staff. Winners of the classroom food drive were Ms. Galime’s class sweeping 1st place with a total of 63 pieces of food.

Ms. Hazen’s class came in second with 54 pieces of food and Ms. Izzo’s class rounds out our top three with 38 total pieces of food.

With the help from the Elementary and Jr./Sr. high school, the project was able to distribute 225 Christmas baskets to 1,018 people in our community.



# SENIOR SWITCH DAY

On Monday, December 15th, seniors and staff at Remsen High school participated in their annual “Senior Switch Day”. A day of learning and exploration was had by students and staff, as senior students switched roles (shadowed) with their teachers and various other staff members, taught senior classes, worked on school grounds/ maintenance and worked in administration positions throughout their day.

