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## Achievement, STEM activity

**Parent Tech Night**  
March 6  
Abate School  
2513 Niagara Street  
6 PM – 8 PM

See how **you** can use the District technology resources at home to help your child increase his or her academic performance.

- Learn how you can get free Microsoft Office 365 software to use at home.
- Learn how to use the Parent Portal to monitor your child's attendance and grades.
- See how to get connected with the District Social Media.
- Get some hands on experience using resources you can use at home with your child to increase classroom performance.

Enter into a drawing to win a Lenovo tablet.

We will have activities in the school for children if you want to bring them along!

**Open to ALL!**



Above, the Barstys family: Young Ryan was recognized earlier in the year for a perfect score on his NYS ELA Assessment. Of 162,000 grade four students taking the test State-wide, Ryan scored in the top 1%. He is pictured with father, Ron, Superintendent Mark Laurrie, and mother, Christine. Photo credit: Dan Cappellazzo.

Below, what is it like to be an engineer? Deborah Hick's second grade class at Henry J. Kalfas Elementary recently discovered the answer to this question. They completed a hands-on activity in the STEM lab that involved using engineering skills and team work.

The students were given a task to build a bridge using marshmallows and toothpicks. The bridge had to be strong enough to support a small amount of weight. It had to be long enough to connect two chairs positioned apart a small distance. Students had to think like engineers while building the structure. They worked in small groups for the activity and used mathematical skills to measure width and length.

At the end of the activity, each group presented their bridge to the class and discussed how they built the structure. They shared what it felt like to be an engineer, and the skills that were used to complete the project.



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### Board of Education Meetings

The Niagara Falls Board of Education meets the fourth Thursday of each month with presentations to the Board at 5:30pm and a regular meeting including a public comment session at 7:00pm. Agenda Review sessions are held on the second Thursday at 5:30pm. Board meetings are held in Central Administration Offices.

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.**



## From the Superintendent



**Mark Laurrie**

Since becoming Superintendent, I have been frequently asked how can residents can help in making our schools the best they can be.

I have a simple answer: pay attention.

That is the single most important thing a resident can do to support our public schools. The District communicates all the time with anyone who is listening. We publish this newsletter monthly, send notices, press releases, and announcements to the media, maintain a website, a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter, send automated messages, maintain a television station, and hold monthly meetings of the Board of Education and parent groups.

But that isn't all. Because of residency, you see our employees all the time. At church, at the grocery store, the gas station, or the mall; believe me, we are happy to be asked about our jobs, our classrooms, or our other professional activities.

The reason I encourage you to pay

close attention is because when you do, you will know about all the truly wonderful students, staff, and programs we work hard to maintain and improve. You will know when you have an opportunity to support public education by voting, by contributing to the Post Prom Party, or by coming out to see a play or game. You will also know when the Wellness Center is open for your use or when a school is hosting an open house. As a resident, you should feel free to come on in on those nights--see the school you attended or check out a school that you have never been in before. These are our schools-- yours and mine. Now more than ever, we need every resident to take a sense of ownership and pride in Niagara Falls public schools.

Communication is a two-way street, and you should also know we are listening. Come to a Board meeting. Send an email to me or to staff. Give a call. Write a letter. We are happy to hear your feedback and ideas. Few organizations affect a community so thoroughly or long as public schools. As a taxpayer, you are already part of our District. Deepen that relationship. You are welcome here.

## From the Board



**Earl Bass**

Greetings students, family, faculty, and staff.

As this is my first time formally addressing you as a board member, I would like to share how much of a privilege and honor it is to

serve the community of Niagara Falls in this capacity. I thank you for granting me the opportunity to do so.

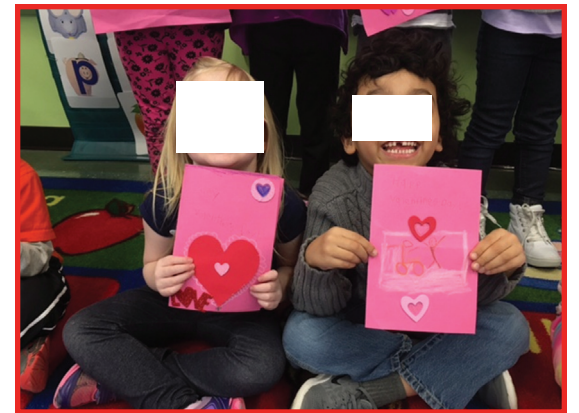
March is Music and Women's History Month and I challenge our students to remix a verse and chorus of one of your favorite songs using lyrics based on a subject you are currently studying in class.

I also challenge our students to write about their favorite heroine and how she inspires you. I will review the submissions and select a winner for each challenge at the elementary, prep, and high school level, giving the winners a gift card to a local restaurant of their choice.

We have many talented students in our district and it our responsibility to tap into their skills. Please submit your entries to the administration building in care of Earl Bass.

As we are in budget season I encourage the public to attend our meetings and/or watch the streams from the district website to keep you informed and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to serving over the next five years, together we can be great.

*79th Street School stuents Assisted Assemblyman Morinello's office by creating Valentines for those in nursing homes.*



## Bits & Bobs

✓ Thank you! Covanta Energy Corporation donated 55 uniform shirts to Henry J. Kalfas Elementary. The shirts will be provided to students in need of a uniform.

✓ Join us! April 27 at Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center, 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd. at 6 p.m. for the Niagara Falls Education Foundation Alumni Recognition & Scholarship Dinner. Tickets are \$55 per person/\$25 per person for students.

✓ Congratulations to three of our students whose outstanding work represented Niagara Falls High School at the Daemen College All High Exhibition, which showcases the best high school student artists from all of Western New York: Sibyl Delgrolice, Kayla Passmore, and Natalia Suska.

Primary grade students (grades k, one, and two) adopted a trimester schedule this year. Research indicates that trimester reporting for primary grades is more accurate and realistic than the traditional quarterly report card.

With that change, questions have arisen concerning when is the appropriate time to inform parents that their child is in danger of non-promotion. To address this as effectively as possible, letters informing parents that their child is at risk of non-promotion should go out around March 1st. The rationale is as follows:

- The parent-teacher conferences scheduled prior to this date allows teachers and parents the opportunity to have a meaningful discussion around student data and testing results, so that the parent knows the specific areas of concern prior to receiving any letter.
- Specific strategies and/or practices can be shared with the parent so they know how to help their child improve. This will foster a valuable partnership with parents.
- There are approximately three and a half months left in the school year, in which a significant amount of instruction takes place.
- The new trimester standards-based report card is quite detailed and provides more infor-

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**Business Entrepreneurship (BUS 430) - 1.0 Credit**  
**Mrs. Spanbauer - Room 147**

**Business Entrepreneurship** allows the Niagara Falls High School student an actual, hands-on experience as they run a real business (**Groovie Smoothie and Coffee Shop**) during their regular course schedule. This multi-faceted class allows the student to exit high school with the skills necessary to be college and career ready/employable. Students explore self-employment benefits versus risks and develop specific competencies necessary to start a business. It covers the characteristics of an entrepreneur as well as the economics and the nature of small business. Also included are feasibility studies, business plan development, types of ownership, location, financing, recordkeeping, management, promotion, legal issues, business protection, and health regulations etc.



### Class Format

The course consists of the study of the above mentioned as well as individual construction/presentation of a business plan including a resume'.

Achieving an 80% or higher in the Course makes the student eligible for a college credit at NCCC.

If you are interested in the course, please sign the form on the bottom so I can forward it to your counselor to register for the course next year.

Student's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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mation than ever before to parents. Parents are clearly informed of their child's progress.

Most importantly, teachers are an incredible resource for parents. Primary grade students are not yet in a position to advocate for themselves, so this adds an additional layer of responsibility on the teachers in grades K-2. However, by open communication and by helping parents facilitate their child's learning, we can move at-risk students closer to achieving their goals.



## WBFO: "Cafeteria Chats" at NFHS



NFHS welcomed Eileen Buckley and Jonny Moran from WBFO, who invited members of the student body to participate in its radio series "Cafeteria Chats." WBFO is visiting high schools around Western New York and talking with students about their experiences with respect to curriculum, social climate, and more. The series is available for streaming at [www.wbfo.org](http://www.wbfo.org). Pictured with WBFO reporters are Nicolas Salimbene, Tyler Sanders, Christian Meranto, and Ally Zelinsky.

## WGRZ at NFHS



WGRZ TV 2's Heather Ly stopped at NFHS to check out the Groovie Smoothie. Here, she interviews Quran Dubois.

## Recognition



Angela DeMunda Martin, Annie Carr, Patricia Hennegan, Jackie Perdue, Diana Marshall



were recognized as outstanding employees at the January 26 Board of Education meeting.



## Calling parents of Seniors, others



Each year, teachers and staff, supported by parents and community volunteers, host the Post Prom Party at Niagara Falls High School. The basic idea is that, in the hours after the Senior prom, Seniors and their dates return to NFHS and remain there until several hours later.

The bounce houses, mechanical bulls, free food and drink, magicians, fortune tellers, basketball court, Velcro walls, and all the other activities which have been offered for entertainment in the past have proved very popular with Seniors and have kept them off roads and away from unwholesome activities.

Many communities have suffered tragic losses of teens around prom and graduation time, as excitement has given way to poor decision making. Drunk or reckless driving has cost lifelong heart-ache. In other cases, inappropriate intimacy has resulted in curtailed opportunities, and life-changing ramifications. The Post Prom Party aims to avoid all those things, and to provide a popular, safe alternative, so teens can have fun and parents can enjoy prom night worry-free.

Although it is a noble goal, State Education Law prohibits the use of tax dollars to fund such an undertaking. That is why the community is key to successfully hosting the Post Prom Party, which typically costs around \$25,000.

the prom and post prom party take place June 16, 2017.

Here are three ways you can help:

**Parents of Seniors:  
Buy your ad!!  
The book below has  
become a tradition!**

**Do you own a business?** Donations of cash are appreciated! So are donations of items that can be used for door prizes (gift certificates, items for dorm rooms, technological merchandise, car washes, and the like). Also needed are donations of food to be served that evening: pizza, subs, fruit, smoothies, snacks, coffee -- nothing goes to waste at Post Prom. These are teens; they are capable of consuming copious amounts quite effortlessly.

**Are you an individual?** Monetary donations are greatly appreciated; make checks out to NFHS Student Council and mail them to Richard Slaiman, c/o NFHS, 4455 Porter Road, 14305. Also needed are volunteers to work the event (yes, 11:30 p.m. or so until the wee hours of the morning). Volunteers help serve food, provide supervision, and keep the atmosphere fun.

**Are you a parent or teacher?** Each year, the District publishes a commemorative graduation book, which is distributed on graduation day, June 24. It contains ads from proud parents and teachers congratulating specific graduates. Prices range from \$25 to \$100 per ad in the 8.5 x 11 book. Typical ads contain text or text and photographs. Often, an image of the graduate is presented with a baby picture of the young man or woman. Sometimes people have written poems. Frequently college, work, or plans to join the military are included in the ads.

Ads can be submitted ready to print, or our Public Relations Director can design the ad for you at no additional cost. Again, checks would be made out to NFHS Student Council, c/o Judie Glaser, NFCSD, 630 66th Street, 14304.

Here are the price points:

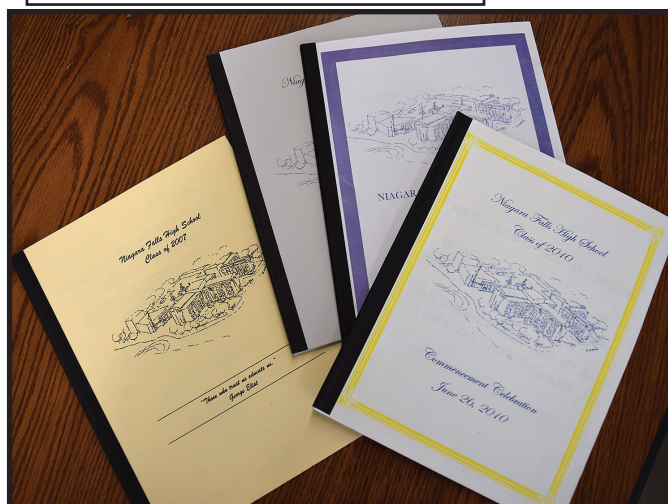
Full page: \$100

Half page: \$75

Quarter page: \$50

Eighth page: \$25

**The deadline for ads is May 17.**



**Planning Meetings for the Post Prom Party will take place**  
**Wednesday, March 1st**  
**Wednesday, March 15th**  
**Wednesday, March 29th.**  
**All meetings**

**are at 6 PM and will be held in the red/green cafeteria at NFHS. Please join us!**



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### Retirees always welcome



Andrea Koch from the Alzheimer’s Association of WNY was on hand at *Breakfast With Benefits* in January, the series of seminars presented for District retirees. Among the alarming statistics she shared:

more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimers;

every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops the disease.

In addition to socializing with former colleagues, participants also received good information on staying healthy and helping loved ones who may be affected by the disease.

In March, the District is stepping up its efforts to solidify retiree relationships by pairing open enrollment for health insurance with a Health & Wellness Fair, complete with door

prizes. Taking place the 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Niagara Falls High School, the event will feature more than 10 agencies and vendors.

“Just because someone retires, that doesn’t mean their relationship with the school district is over,” said Human Resource Administrator Maria Massaro. “We really encourage people to take advantage of the events planned just for them.”

What’s in it for the District? “When our retirees leave us, they take a wealth of knowledge and organizational history with them,” Ms. Massaro said. “It helps us to maintain those relationships, to stay in touch. We also want our retirees to enjoy long, healthy retirements; if we can help with that, we are happy to do so. After all, most of our retirees devoted years to us.”

### Field trip: NASA



District STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classrooms offer many thoroughly modern opportunities and resources. One of the most interactive is the ability to take virtual fieldtrips, in this case a visit with NASA for grade five students at Hyde Park Elementary School.

Two-way communication allows students to ask and answer questions, see and be seen by the presenter, in this case, NASA’s Roger Storm.

The subject matter for this lesson was the moon: phases, distance from the earth, climate, and so on. The students were enthusiastic and appreciated the high-tech lesson.

# SAVE THE DATE

## NFCSD Retiree Open Enrollment and Health & Wellness Fair

**March 17, 2017**  
**NFHS**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Anticipating at least 10 local agencies/vendors**  
**UnitedHealth Care**  
**More details to follow**  
**Questions contact Alicia Savino or**  
**Maria Massaro**  
**286-4225**

Your Human Resource Department works hard to service employees and retirees. To correspond with the open enrollment period, HR Staff is coordinating a health and wellness fair of general interest to all retirees. Stop in and reconnect with former colleagues while picking up good information. See you there!

At Hyde Park School, Rocky the plecostomus kisses Spring hello! Or he may be sucking scum off the tank, but either way, he is one of Hyde Park’s non-human family members, along with Rosie, in the background.



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*Hairspray: a column by Kate Muldoon*



When March approaches, I am reminded that for the last 30 years March is “Music, Art and Theatre in our Schools” month. As the Theatre Arts Educator at Niagara Falls High School for the last 10 years, I have had the rare privilege -- and I do mean privilege -- to watch our Niagara Falls students embrace all of these Arts every day.

I am a longtime member of the New York Theatre Education Association and I know that theatre is an essential part of a K-12 education for all students. It develops abilities needed for the 21st century such as creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, productivity and responsibility, cross-cultural skills, and social responsibility. Check any career website, such as LinkedIn or Indeed, and all of these skills are at the top of employers’ desirable skills list. Any of our students who participate in the theatre program at Niagara Falls High School learn these skills and are able to use them in all areas of their lives.

Each year the months of January through March are filled with a whirlwind of activity for the Theatre Department. On any given day there are students singing in the choir room, dancing on the stage, the pit orchestra practicing in the band room, theatre interns painting scenery, students acting out their scenes and the list just goes on and on. As their teacher, my heart just bursts with pride as I watch, almost 100 students working as a team to create the Spring Musical. I witness, on a daily basis, students making artistic decisions, choosing to compromise for the good of the production, and a very diverse group of students working hand in hand to

create a quality musical. What impresses me the most is that these students do all of this in their spare time while maintaining good grades, part time jobs, and family obligations. Our community can take great pride in the Niagara Falls High School Proscenium Players and the Theatre Arts students. They are the shining stars of the future.

Kate Muldoon, Theatre Arts Educator and Director of “Hairspray”

**HAIRSPRAY!**

March 23, 24, and 25, 2017  
Curtain at 7:00PM  
Matinee Performance Saturday, March 25 at 2:00PM

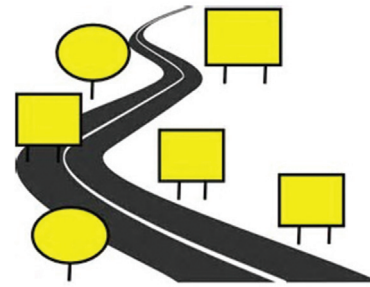
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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: March 23**  
ALL General Admission Tickets will be \$5.00 and Students and Senior Citizen Tickets will be \$3.00

Tickets \$8.00 General Admission, \$7.00 Students and Senior Citizens, \$6.00 Children 5-12  
Call 286-7979 to reserve tickets or for group sales.

*Kudos to Advanced Placement Art student Sibyl Delgrolice who won an Honorable Mention Award and a \$1,000 Scholarship at the 45th annual Daemen College All High Exhibition for her great painting. Congratulations also to Natalia Suska and Kayla Passmore who exhibited their work in this excellent show featuring the best student artists from across WNY.*

*Gaskill to hold fair*



**Parents: Help Your Child To Create Their Roadmap To The Future**

At Gaskill, it is one of our priorities to prepare middle school students for college, as well as other post-secondary opportunities, by creating experiences to expose students to post-secondary options. To support this goal, Gaskill Preparatory School will host a College & Career Fair for students and parents on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Gaskill Preparatory School.

Representatives from two-year and four-year collegiate institutes, military branches, and skilled trades professions, such as NCCC, ECC, Buffalo State College, Niagara University, U.S. Army, and more, will be on hand to offer their experience and expertise. Students and parents will be able to find out information about what volunteer or work based learning activities are available, what high school programs or courses may help students prepare for the future, and what post-secondary training or education is necessary for career interests. Grades seven and eight are a crucial time to empower students with college and career information. Come out and support us on March 1st to ensure our District prep school students are college and career ready!

*Contributed by Schurron Cowart, who is co-ordinating the event.*

**APOLOGIES!** The Knitting Club featured in last month’s newsletter is at Gaskill, not NFHS.

But after reading the story, resident Muriel Eley, contacted the District to offer help. A knitter, she is willing to share yarn and ideas. All’s well that ends well!

*Kalfas*

**Henry J. Kalfas Magnet School is a Special Place**

With the magnet school application currently being distributed for the 2017-2018 school year, students and staff at the school wanted to share why Kalfas is a special place.

All students at Henry J. Kalfas Magnet School wear a daily uniform to school. It reflects a commitment to look professional at all times and to prepare students for future success. Kalfas is the only school in the District where students are required to wear a daily uniform.

There is a theme at Kalfas that focuses on communication, technology, and futures. Mr. Thomas Fisher, theme specialist, works with the classroom teachers to incorporate the Kalfas theme into student instruction. Many teachers have facilitated hands-on activities in the S.T.E.M. lab. Recently, a second grade class worked in small groups to build bridges using engineering skills.

In addition, there are various clubs that students participate in to build communication skills. The morning news club presents the daily announcements through television broadcast. The ambassador club is made up of students who serve as leaders by assisting staff members at school events and by helping small children at school arrival and dismissal. A new club focusing on S.T.E.M. was recently launched at the school where students will work in small groups on hands-on projects.

Recently, several Kalfas students were asked what they like best about the school. Below are a couple responses:

“I feel the uniform makes us look nice and neat every day”.  
- Grade 6 student

“I like using the laptops and also the STEM lab because it is more fun”  
- Grade 5 student



**Gone, but not forgotten.** Still alive in many a heart, LaSalle Senior High School, and its counterpart, Niagara Falls High School - Pine Avenue, sent its student body to Porter Road in 2000. While today’s students have no complaints on that score, alumni still have a dull ache for LSHS. Once an Explorer, always an Explorer.



## Looking Ahead

April 3  
Elementary No School; SCD  
a.m.; Staff Dev. p.m./Prep  
School Half Day

April 5  
Elementary Swim Meet 4 p.m.  
NFHS

April 6  
BOE Review Session 5:30 p.m.

April 10 - 21  
Spring Break  
No School

April 24  
Welcome Back!

April 25  
DPC Meeting Central Office  
5:30 p.m.

April 26  
BOE Special Meeting 7 p.m.

April 27  
Indian Education Public  
Hearing 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Abate Rm. 119

They were riding good vibes as the Groovie Smoothie held its Grand Opening. CEA Robert Bradley was moved to dance as the band played in the early morning at NFHS. The Groovie Smoothie is run by entrepreneurial students.

Smoothies are made to be healthful breakfast options. Funding was provided by Cornell Cooperation Extension of Niagara County through its Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant; NYS Dept. of Health was the funder. It paid for a refrigerator, blenders, and juice-making supplies, carts.

Students, see page 6 for a coupon.



## Kudos!



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# March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BOE</b> Board of Education <b>CES</b> Cataract Elementary <b>GPS</b> Gaskill Prep <b>LPS</b> LaSalle Prep <b>NSS</b> Niagara Street <b>PAC</b> Performing Arts Center at NFHS <b>TLC Meeting</b> Teaching, Learning, Consulting	HFA - Abate School CES - Cataract Elem. HJK - Kalfas School GJM - Mann School NSS - Niagara St. GPS - Gaskill Prep LPS - LaSalle Prep CEC - Comm. Ed. PAC -Performing Arts Center at NFHS	SCD -Superintendent's Conference Day UPK- Universal Pre-Kindergarten DPC- District Parent Committee	<b>1</b> Prep No School SCD; St. Dev.; Parent Teacher Conf. p.m. <b>GPS</b> PEG Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> NFHS Parent-Teach. Conf. 4 p.m.to 7 p.m. <b>Hyde Park</b> PEG Meeting 6 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Robotics Competition NFHS Main Arena <b>National Grammar Day!</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> NSS Book Fair through 3/10 Hyde Park Pre-K Cap/Gown Picture Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> BOE Review Session 5:30 p.m. NFHS Parent Grp. Mtg. 6:30 p.m. <b>79th St.</b> Picture Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Daylight Savings	<b>13</b> Hyde Park Picture Day	<b>14</b> Pi Day!	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> No School	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 79th St. PEG Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> BOE Regular Meeting 7 p.m. Hairspray at the PAC Tickets: 286-7979	<b>24</b> Hairspray at the PAC Tickets: 286-7979 Annual Basket Auction	<b>25</b> Hairspray at the PAC Tickets: 286-7979
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ELA NYS Assessment Grades 3 - 8 through 3/31	<b>28</b> DPC Meeting Central Office 5:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BOE Special Meeting 7 p.m	<b>31</b>	