We’re Digging In
After a great start to the new school year, we enter 2024 building our future together

Inside: From September to December, we’ve been busy
This first day of school will be remembered as a gorgeous weather day as students arrived with smiles of anticipation for what waited ahead. Our Evertech Academy faculty and staff arrived even earlier, exhibiting the energy they always bring, leading us into the 2023-2024 school year with an early-morning “New Year” party. There was definitely an electric vibe in the air.
We started strong, but to stay at our very best, a little relaxation is called for. That’s why fun playgrounds are so important. In these photos, the enclosed/outdoor playground at our Education Center received new equipment (see inset, opposite page), and to make room for better parking at West Learning Center, we relocated the playground from near Pennsylvania Avenue to the rear of the school.
Our popular New Visions program started the year with students from all the disciplines engaging in fun team-building exercises at Highland Park. Check out their volunteerism in our Day of Service video by using the QR code.
We strive to maintain balance in whatever we do. Sometimes it’s working on our strength and confidence in our Related Services Department (left), while other times it’s competing (right), like we did this fall in our Culinary Arts program, creating and serving delicious food and non-alcoholic beverages.
At Broome-Tioga BOCES, our monitors, aides and therapists are always right there, helping our students grow and reach new heights.
Two classes of our Health Science students are shown on this page on the days they started their clinic work. The senior group (top) went to Hilltop Nursing Home, while Health Science II (below) went to Elizabeth Church Manor. Meanwhile, our Cosmetology Program (opposite) holds clinics for the public. We have daytime student clinic (Thursday/Friday, 8:45 or 11:45 a.m.) and nighttime students clinic (Wednesday/Thursday, 4 or 6:30 p.m.) - call (607) 763-3241 to schedule an appointment.
When the pieces fall apart, we support one another, even cheer for each other. No matter what, we’re always building together.
Over the last year and a half, we built our third Habitat for Humanity house, then watched it travel to Linda Drive, near our main campus. You can watch that video through the QR code.
Our brand new Clean Energy and Battery Storage program offers students from throughout the region a formal introduction to the emerging industry that experts project will produce 43 million new renewable energy jobs by the year 2050. This program will be introduced to the community on Jan. 18.
This fall we started a new video series that celebrates our Community Connection. Jesse Ryan, a teacher’s aide at East Learning Center who is known as much for his community activism as he is his artwork, was the subject of chapter one in the series. Check out his story by using the QR code at the right.
P-TECH students once again designed, constructed and installed a holiday lights presentation at Roberson Museum & Science Center. Also focusing on the holidays, we made statements with our worst/best sweaters and other fashion (opposite).
Our welding classes were in the holiday spirit, too, as they designed and manufactured metal snowflakes. Veteran instructor John Shear also shared this: our welding enrollment is at an all-time high, with 95 students (44 morning, 40 afternoon, 11 adult/evening).
We sang “Deck the Halls” in our Christmas concert, and we got decked out in our halls.
Happy Holidays!
From all of us here at Broome-Tioga BOCES
Congratulations on your appointment as the assistant superintendent for instruction, Tom McNair. Your dedication and leadership will undoubtedly contribute to the success of our instructional programs. We are proud to have you as part of the Broome-Tioga BOCES team.

Sandra Ruffo, Broome-Tioga BOCES Board of Education president and past president of the Susquehanna Valley board, was elected president of the New York State School Boards Association. She will take office Jan. 1. Congratulations Sandy! We’re very proud.

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