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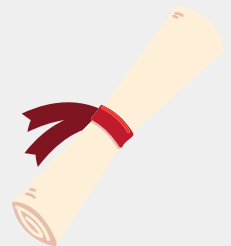
Proctor ROTC Members Dance the Night Away at Military Ball by Geri Teal

Once again, ROTC has hosted yet another exceptional ball at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Downtown Utica. ROTC students and a guest of their choice were invited to celebrate their hard work during the Annual Military Inspection (AMI), in which the cadets were inspected by a Commander in the Military service. The ball was a wonderful way for cadets to cool off and relax with friends. There were a variety of things to do. There was a photo booth, a banquet, and more. Attendees enjoyed a multitude of foods, ranging from pastas to cake. Good work, Cadets!



Attention Seniors!!

If you have not done so already, you need to order your cap and gown ASAP. The price for the cap and gown package is now \$65 and can be ordered with Ms. Kehoe in room c135 using cash or check or online at nygrad.com. A cap, gown, tassel, and stole specific to Proctor are required in order to participate in the graduation ceremony!



Guest Speaker Teaches Etiquette to Proctor FBLA Club

by Geri Teal



In preparation for our State Competition, FBLA club had invited a guest speaker, Mr. Baker, to explain to us the proper conduct during a dinner meeting. He had explained the proper topics for small talk, the right way to cut your food and how you should sit, among other things. Here are some of the many questions Mr. Baker answered.

How should we sit?

You should sit up straight, and keep your elbows off the table. In some places, it is alright to have your wrists on the table.

What are acceptable topics for conversation?

As long as it isn't about politics or religion, you can talk about whatever you'd like. Notedly, though, people like talking about themselves.

How do I know what I can and cannot order in a restaurant?

Base it off of what your host orders, and do not spend more than what they do. If they order a \$50 meal, do not order a meal that is more than \$50 off the menu.

How do I know which glass is mine?

Any glasses will be placed in the upper right corner of your place setting.

What do I do with my napkin?

Place it on your lap. Do not shove it in your collar or toss it to the side, but place it neatly in your lap so it catches any crumbs that might fall.

Senior Spotlight: Sa Yet

by Geri Teal

What has been your favorite part of attending Proctor?

I like all of the diversity here at Proctor. Everyone has something new to bring to the table.

What has been your favorite subject or class?

My favorite class has been Chemistry. I really liked the class and the labs we did. Mrs. Sydoriw is also a really cool teacher.

What advice do you have for future seniors?

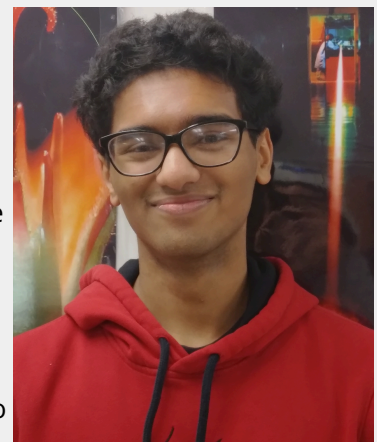
My advice would be to take some classes that you want to try while you have the chance. Make sure you have all the credits you need to graduate but also try some classes you are interested in while you have the chance to and they fit into your schedule.

Do you have a favorite quote or saying? What is it?

Yes and it is a quote from Spider-Man which goes, "With great power comes great responsibility."

What are you planning to do after high school?

After graduation I would really like to go to college and major in accounting.



Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Golden

by Sarkanyaw Chit

How long have you been teaching and what motivated you to keep going?

I have been teaching for 25 years and I have loved every minute of it. I started at JFK and Donovan Middle schools and transferred to Proctor in 2005. I love sharing my love of history with my students. My motivation comes from my students. If they are having a good day, so am I. If they are having a bad day, then nobody is happy. I get my energy from them.

What's your favorite meal?

I love to try new foods. My favorite foods are probably pasta and seafood. I do not like spicy foods.

What are some projects you are working on for the school year?

This year has been challenging. I have had to rework my courses to a single period format, which has been an experience. Mrs. Barok, Mrs. Lawless, and I expanded on Cinderella's Closet and the NEW Raider Nation Thrift Shop. We are so excited for the growth and helping kids from all over our region. We have helped students from Proctor, Clinton, and CVA schools attend their proms and balls. I love that Proctor's Gay/Ally Alliance Magnetic Mondays is slowly growing. We want to keep growing so every student knows that there is support and pride for all of our students. I also helped to coordinate the teacher professional development day on May 21st for all Utica teachers and support staff. This was a major project, but I enjoyed planning the event immensely.

Is there anything specific you look forward to every school year?

I never sleep the day before the 1st day of school. I am always so excited to meet my students. I am looking forward to the changes coming with our new principal, Mr. Paradis. Proctor is growing in greatness and I am very proud to be a part of that!

What is it like being a club advisor and a teacher altogether?

I am always a teacher first. Being a Club advisor allows me to get to know my students on a deeper level. I get to watch club kids grow throughout their years at Proctor and see where they spread their wings after graduation. That is very special to me.

JROTC Drone Camp

by Sameera Ahmadi

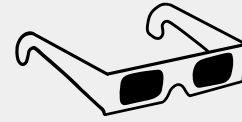
Proctor NJROTC students took part in the Drone Camp at Griffiss Institute. Students focused on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (or UAS) concepts in a way that combined classroom learning with hands-on experience. Students that attended the Drone Camp also assembled a quadcopter, learned about aerodynamics. At the end of the program, students had the chance to fly their drones through Griffiss International Airport in an obstacle course. The camp not only excited student interest in STEM while focusing on aviation and unmanned aerial systems, but it also allowed students in attendance to be able to gain a solid foundation in science, math, and communication skills to further their competitive advantage in entering the fields of aviation.





Solar Eclipse

By: Amina Cavcic



Many schools around the U.S. were closed or had half days on April 8th, 2024 due to the Solar Eclipse that moved across North America. A total eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. Blocking most of the sunlight, the sky turns dark as if it were dusk.

On April 8th, a wide path of totality spread across Mexico, 15 U.S. states, and Canada. The popular event boosted traveling and had hotels booked out in areas of 90-100 percent totality. In New York State, we experienced many regions with full totality, which many people were excited about. A solar eclipse only occurs in the same area every 400 years. Certain locations could experience total darkness for up to 4 minutes straight. In New York State as a whole, the solar eclipse event lasted 2 and a half hours as a whole. Safety during the solar eclipse was a big priority. Wearing specialized eye protection like certain solar eclipse glasses was needed to safely view the eclipse.

This solar eclipse was a fantastic opportunity for young students to explore and learn more about science and astronomy. This was an event that brought many people together to live through a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

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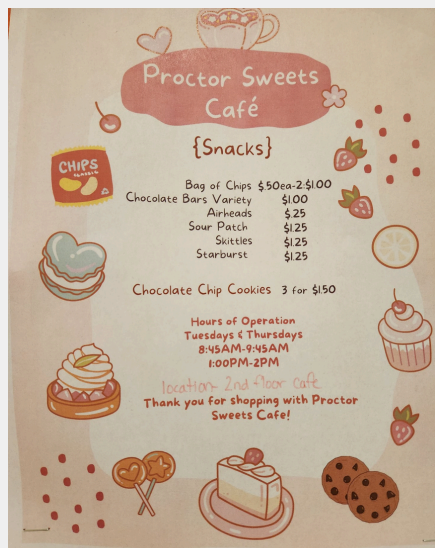
By: Zuhaira Myint



Eid Al-Fitr was a holiday celebrated by 1.8 billion Muslims throughout the world this April. There is a vast community of Muslims in our very own community and at Proctor High School. Eid marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. Muslims that observe fasting—abstaining from drinking water or eating food from sunrise to sunset.

Eid Al-Fitr (although concluding a sacred month), is packed with joy. A meaningful communal prayer commences the day that peacefully connects an entire community of Muslims together. Eid allows strangers to form a bond that is unlike anything experienced before. Friends greet one another, families visit from afar, and presents are distributed. People gather together to enjoy a large meal while adorned with beautiful clothing.

The entire Utica City School District was off for Eid, meaning no school! It was a day of relaxation and especially delightful for Muslims. The Corridors staff extend a belated Eid Mubarak to all the Muslims who were observing Eid Al-Fitr!



Witch's Garden (part 4)

by Wilmarie DeVargus



*No dragons were harmed in the making of this comic.

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