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Senior Stars

James Bates

By: Samantha Lewis

Nicole Smock

This month's senior star is James Bates. James is a well-rounded student that participates in the Science Olympiad, football, basketball, tennis, and the play with Mrs. Cook! His favorite subject is math with Mr. Billings. In his free time, James likes to go skiing, ride bikes, and go fishing with Mike, Jake, Justin, and Terrell. His favorite high school memory has been going to fires in Gananda with the football team. After high school, James plans to attend FLCC to become a forest ranger. His advice for underclassmen would be to live in the moment and do as many clubs as they can, don't pick your nose in class, and avoid the bullies that give you wedgies. ER is going to miss seeing you around but maybe we'll see you again soon.



Our second senior highlight this month is Nicole Smock. Nicole is a three-sport athlete playing field hockey, volleyball, and lacrosse. She is also a member of the student council and does Sing Out. The class she has enjoyed the most is English with Mrs. Cook. In her free time, she works at Friendly's, hangs out at Mr. Bates' sister's house, goes to concerts, late-night trips to Jay's diner for desserts, and goes to the mall. The highlights of Nicole's high school years have been winning sectionals in lacrosse, field hockey team, Homecoming week, MUD, and prom. Her plans for the future are to attend Brockport to study physical education and play lacrosse. Her advice for underclassmen would be to get involved in everything you can because it goes by super fast. Hang out with everyone because a small school is amazing for so many reasons so don't take it for granted. ER has been so lucky to have you and would welcome you back anytime.



The History Of April Fools' Day

By Isabella Alexander

April Fools' Day is celebrated on April 1st every year. It is a day that has been celebrated by many different cultures, for several centuries. This day includes the tradition of pulling pranks on people. The origins of this day remain a mystery, but the embrace of jokes on this day made April Fools' Day an unofficial holiday.

This day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, this tradition became a two-day event. People would run crazy errands and pull funny pranks on people.

It is believed that April Fool's Day dates back to the year 1582 when France stopped using the Julian calendar but instead switched to the Gregorian calendar. In the Gregorian calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox on April 1. Some historians also believe that the Roman festival known as Hilaria is linked to April Fools' Day. People would dress up in disguises and mock others. April Fools' Day might also be linked with the vernal equinox. This is because of the changing and unpredictable weather that occurs in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Newspapers, radio, TV stations, and websites reporting false claims
- Rearranging kitchen drawers
- Sending a friend/family member a card filled with glitter
- Caramel onions
- Fake food
- Bubble wrap under a rug
- Text prank

*Funny April
Fools Pranks*



What would you do with one small and precious life on Earth? The film to see this April is nominated for 3 Academy Awards, including Best Animated Feature Film: Disney/Pixar's Soul. Set in New York City, Joe Gardner (Jamie Foxx) is a middle school band teacher with dreams of playing jazz professionally, but his mother, Libba (Phylicia Rashad), tells him to stick with his current job out of fear for his financial security. Thanks to a student he taught, he learns of an audition to play onstage with jazz legend Dorothea Williams (Angela Bassett) and her band. He impresses everyone with his piano skills and offers him to play with them that night. Distracted by his excitement to get ready, he falls down a manhole. Finding himself as a soul in the Great Beyond, where souls go to the afterlife, he escapes and ends up in the Great Before, a place where newborn souls get all their interests and quirks and earn their spark before they go to Earth. He is assigned to mentor 22 (Tina Fey), a cynical soul who has lived in the Great Before and has next to no desire of living on Earth. Upon learning that Joe's body is still alive on Earth, 22 resolves to help Joe return to Earth by earning her spark to give to him, so he can fulfill his dream. Will Joe return to Earth or will he stay in the Great Before and go to the afterlife? Find out in Disney/Pixar's Soul.

by Jackson Wing

