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East Islip Middle School Pep Rally
By Brianna DiMaria

East Islip Middle School held their first annual Pep Rally on Friday, October 20, 2023. It was hosted by the school's health teacher, Mr. Padgur in the gymnasium. He started by introducing the middle school sports teams. They came running in and then waved to the crowd of students and staff sitting on the bleachers that watched and cheered. Club members were asked to stand and be recognized too.

Students played various games and even the teachers participated. At first, the grades competed in a screaming competition to get the Pep Rally going and get people excited. The 8th graders won this. The first game played was musical chairs. The teachers picked students to play and they were divided by grade. The winner of each grade versed the other winners and it ended up with the 6th graders winning that round. Mr. Safrany was the winner for the staff and Kaia Thornton was the student team winner!

The next competition was a hula hoop chain game. After that, students played a massive game of rock-paper-scissors with 30 people from all 3 grades. The 7th graders won. At the end of the Pep Rally, everyone participated in a freeze dance with three rounds.

Overall, the Pep Rally was super fun and exciting for many who participated but also extremely loud.

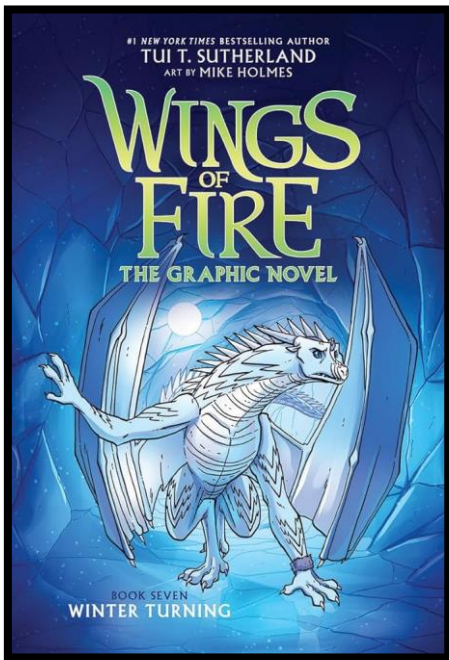
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New Book Release By Elena Aurrecochea

Have you ever heard of *Wings of Fire: Graphic Novel*? Well then you are in luck because Book Seven is being released this December! The book's title is *Winter Turning*, and it will be about Winter, one of the main characters from Book Six. Winter is rude and evil and has a secret. A lot of people are waiting for it to come out and now that it will be out in a couple months, they are so excited to read it. The release date is December 26, 2023 and it would be the perfect Christmas gift for this year if you like reading this series. If you want to pre-order it, you can for \$22.49 on Amazon (paperback is only \$11.08). I hope you are going to read it, because I certainly am!



Sweet Chocolates! By Peyton Zusmer

North Fork Chocolate Company is a chocolatier in Mattituck and Riverhead. Their locations are 8700 Main Road, Mattituck and 309 Main Street, Riverhead. They have several things on their menu including Belgian waffles, chocolate cake, pie, homemade ice cream, several types of chocolate truffles, and honey. They also serve lunch items such as sandwiches and flatbread pizza.

When I go there, I usually get honey sticks, ice cream and a box of chocolates that can last for snacking during the week. They have several types of honey including traditional, blackberry, orange blossom, and more. My personal favorite is the orange blossom because in my opinion, it is the sweetest and it's the best for tea!

When you go to their location you will see that they have several flavors of ice cream like chocolate, mint chocolate chip, and cookies and cream. All of their flavors are very good and you'll be happy with whichever option you pick! They also have tons of chocolates to pick from such as milk chocolate, bubble tea, dark raspberry, gingerbread, ice cream sundae and many more. I recommend you give North Fork Chocolate Company a try!



East Islip Pride Winners

The following students participated in Spirit Week. Their names were entered into a raffle and picked at random to win a gift certificate to the Spotlight School Store. Congratulations!

6th Grade

Aidan Mathers
Adon Murray
Hadley Sujka

7th Grade

Stephen Competiello
Reagan McConnell
Meghan Mullins

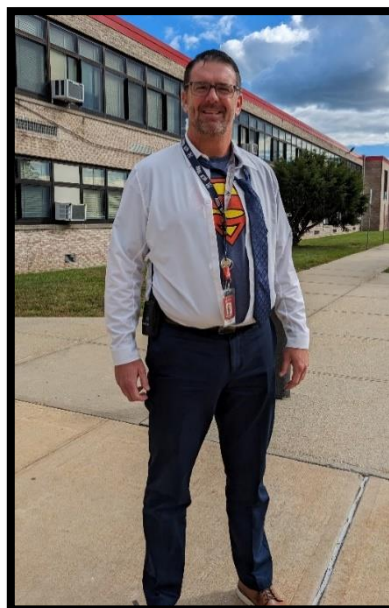
8th Grade

Brandon Buonocore
Ike Jin
Gabriel Rivera



Spirit Week 10/16/23 – 10/20/23

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Monday – Pajama Day
Tuesday – Superhero Day

Spirit Week (continued)

**Wednesday – Students dress like staff,
Staff dress like students**

Thursday – Sports Jersey Day



Spirit Week (continued)
EIMS Pep Rally 10/20/23



Friday – Wear school colors



Tips, tricks and information about *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*

By Darian Primiano



If you ever thought about playing *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* and don't have it, well you should get it. If you have it, I have some tips, tricks and information for you.

1. I recommend if you are going to get the game you should get it on a Nintendo Switch because it's easier to navigate, and a bit more challenging because of how the controllers are made. If you already have another console, you don't have to go and get a Nintendo Switch.
2. If you want more characters than you already have, you can get different packages. Each package has different characters, but the downside is that you must pay money for each package.
3. If you just got the game and you don't have many characters, don't worry. Every two rounds or so they pick a random character from the game for you to fight in order to collect that character.
4. If you want to create something like a Mii Fighter, an amiibo or a stage, go to Games and More and look at the bottom of the screen.
5. There are some characters that can move while crouching.
6. Here are some of the oldest characters in the game: Mario, Donkey Kong, Link, Samus, Yoshi, Kirby, Fox, and Pikachu.



7. If you are looking for a bit of a challenge, go to online *Smash* and play a round.
8. In Vault you can find soundtracks from all of the characters in the game. You can even make your own playlist of all the songs that you like.
9. In total there are about 89 characters that you can play as.
10. A lot of people wonder who the strongest character is. According to the website, Kirby is the strongest character in the game. In my opinion, it's up to you to decide who that is.
11. One way to fall faster is to move your joystick down as you're in midair.
12. The hardest character to play is Pichu according to the website. All of Pichu's moves give him back damage except for one.
13. Another tip is in the "Games and More" section, there is practice mode. In practice mode, you can adjust the CPU's (computer player) level and switch what character they are.

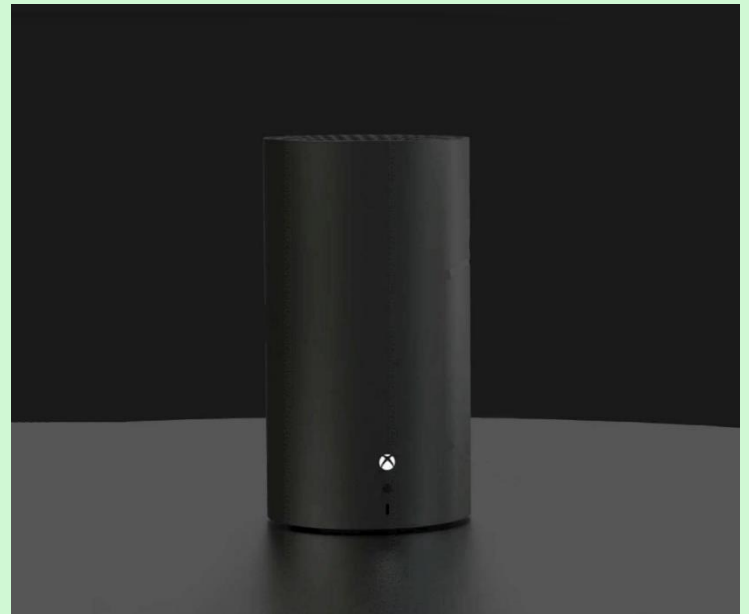
Those are some facts about *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*. Remember if you are planning to get the game, get it now.

Did the New Xbox Just get LEAKED??

By Ryan Geraghty

The newest Xbox Series X revision was apparently leaked recently, and I'm mixed about it.

There's a picture to the right. →



This new Xbox has good specs. Including:

- New way of maintaining stability
- New USB-C port in the front
- Double Storage of the Xbox Series X (2 TB)
- New design of both console and controller
- 100% Recyclable packaging
- 4K Graphics
- Faster Wi-Fi speeds
- A price of \$499

Now the public knows what this new Xbox is. Not only do we know what it is, but also other companies do too. If other companies use this info, they can make something better, which worries me.

BROOKLIN – XBOX SERIES X REFRESH
The most powerful Xbox ever, now adorably all digital

Brooklin will deliver 4K Gen9 console gaming with more internal storage, faster Wi-Fi, reduced power, a more immersive controller and a beautiful redesign that elevates the all-digital experience of the Xbox ecosystem.

Giving Our Fans More to Love

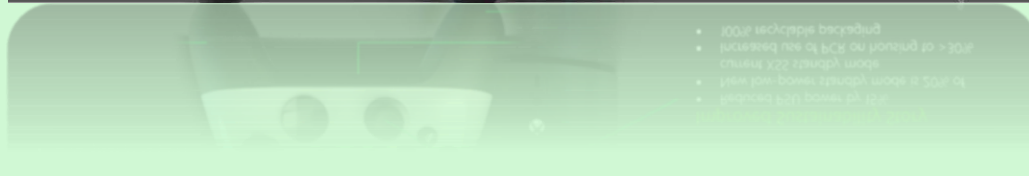
- Beautiful and innovative new design
- More internal storage for games
- USB-C front port with power delivery
- All-new, more immersive controller
- Same great price, \$499

Updated Technologies

- All-new southbridge to modernize IO and sustainability efforts
- Wi-Fi 6E radio for better throughput, latency, and interference mitigation
- BT 5.2 radio for improved accessory experiences
- 6nm die shrink for improved efficiency

Improved Sustainability Story

- Reduced PSU power by 15%
- New low-power standby mode is 20% of current XSS standby mode
- Increased use of PCR on housing to >30%
- 100% recyclable packaging

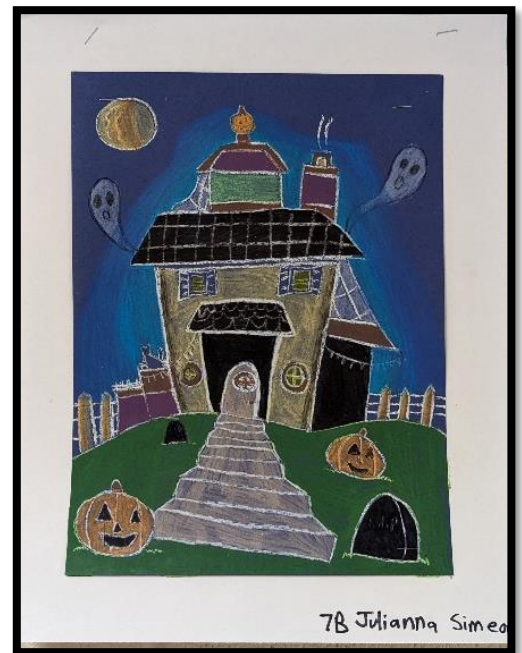
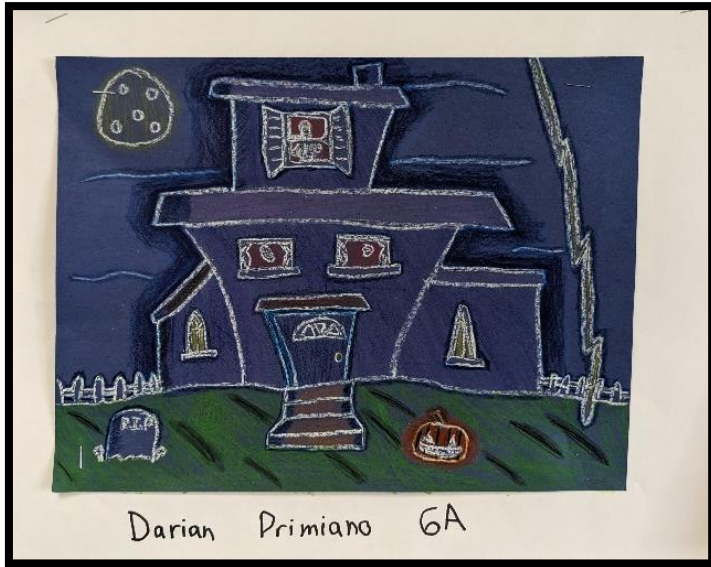


Another **BIG** issue with this is there is no sight or mention of a disk drive, and that means no physical games, digital only. Now for the best experience you must get Xbox Game Pass.

What do you think of the new Xbox revision? Will you buy it?
Let's wait for its release.
(Whenever it releases)

Art in the Halls

Mrs. Taylor's 6th grade students



Taco bout some great food!

By Bobby DiVisconti

Do you love tacos? I sure do! Check out these local places for some of the best food:

1. Shrimpy's Burrito Bar is a fun and cool place to eat and the food is delicious. I love their classic tacos and the Shrimpy's Burrito with their special shrimpy sauce. My brother Frank loves the Legend Burrito. Definitely check it out! Its location is 322 East Main St. in East Islip. The website is www.shrimpyburritobar.com
2. Texas Taco is terrific, and you should definitely go there and try the Fire Island Trio! It's my all-time favorite and has lime shrimp, salsa, cabbage slaw and chipotle. Its location is 21 North Main Street in Sayville. The website is www.texastacomenu.com
3. Island Empanada has a great Buffalo chicken empanada and crispy, tasty fries! The location is 1551 Montauk Highway in Oakdale. The website is www.islandempanada.com
4. Qdoba has awesome queso and chips and really good quesadillas. I like chicken, cheese, black beans and jalapeños on mine. The location is 31 East Main Street in Bayshore. The website is www.locations.qdoba.com
5. If you are ever in Babylon, check out Del Fuego at 117 Deer Park Avenue in Babylon. Their homemade chips and salsa at the table are so delicious and their beef empanadas and tacos are terrific! The website is www.delfuegorestaurant.com



Girls Leaders Fall Fundraisers

Candy Corn Guessing Contest



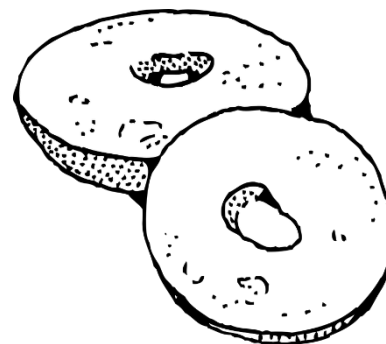
The winner this year was Vincent Marku. There were 1006 candy corns, he guessed 1025. Congratulations!



Unicef Collection



EIMS raised \$741 for Unicef this year. Great job by all involved! The winner of the bagel breakfast was Mr. Kreuder's homeroom. Congrats!



Good fantasy football picks

By Colin Belrose

Fantasy Football is a very fun sports game where you have to draft National Football League (NFL) players to make up an imaginary team. You then hope they put up enough points to win the match for you. The points are decided by how many touchdowns (TDs) and yards the players have. Without further ado, here's my list of some good picks.



1 - Christian McCaffrey

Christian McCaffrey has always been a great and very consistent running back. In fact, last week he put up 45 points and 4 TDs. That game helped him break a 49ers franchise record for all time TDs and he is playing against a Cowboys defense without Michael Parsons and Trevon Diggs.

2 - Tua Tagovailoa

Tua's first years in the NFL were riddled with injuries but in week one he showed that his health should not be a concern. He put on a show with 400+ passing yards and 3 TDs. He is the best quarterback (QB) in fantasy football and I expect 30+ points from him.



3 - Kirk Cousins

Now I know his last game was nothing special, but before that he was putting up insane numbers, like 300+ passing yards a game and 2+ TDs a game. He also put up consistently 25+ points a game. Also, he is third in passing yards in the NFL.

4 - Tyreek Hill

So far, through this season, I think he is going to lead the NFL in all receiving categories. He put up 40 points in week one, which is a great feat by itself, but to do it twice is astounding. I also think since he is so fast, he could beat the corners on the go routes.

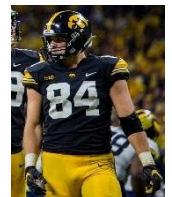


5 - C.J. Stroud

If I had to describe C.J. Stroud in one phrase it would be "a diamond in the rough". He has consistently put up around 20 points per game and has shown that he is the best QB from his class so far. Another upside is that he has mostly gone undrafted in a lot of fantasy leagues so pick him up as soon as possible.

6 - Sam LaPorta

He's young, agile and a sharp route runner, what can he not do? He is the second ranked tight end in the NFL. This is honestly a huge surprise and he is mostly an undrafted player in fantasy football. He also is constantly putting up 10 to 20 points per game.



7 - George Pickens

First of all, he has arguably the best hands in the NFL. He literally led the NFL in contested catches in 2022. I think he is the best flex position player in fantasy football and mostly pushed under the rug by football fans.

How to beat a Lynel in By Wyatt Casdia



If you want to beat a Lynel easily every time, it is simple with a few preparations. First you will need to obtain the radiant armor set by buying it in Kakariko Village (then you have to free at least two great fairies to upgrade the luminous gear to level 2) or obtain the Phantom Gannon set to get the bone proficiency effect.



Next you need to beat Molduga. To obtain the jaw, you can use time bombs and have the Molduga eat it and attack the belly for maximum damage. Once you obtain the jaw, you need to get a royal guards claymore. You can obtain one by flying inside Hyrule Castle and then look above the throne to the left behind the golden statue. Fuse your Molduga jaw to your royal guards claymore and use it until it says it is badly damaged.

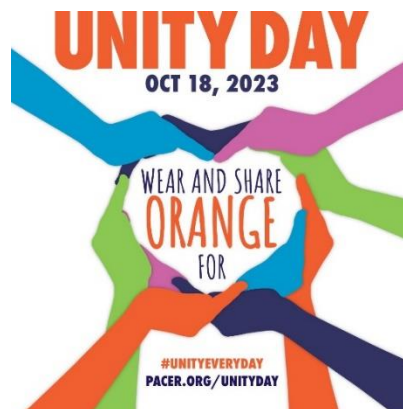


When you see the Lynel, use your bow to shoot directly under the Lynel's face to stun him. While it's stunned, get behind the Lynel and mount it to equip the bone proficiency armor. You can only use it while you are on his back. It will break if you don't because while you are mounted on a Lynel, your weapons don't take damage. You can increase your damage again by eating attack up meals. When he attacks, you should parry the attack and if it isn't stunned, wait until he is attacking again to stun him. Once stunned, shoot directly under its face and repeat until it's defeated. Then obtain the materials dropped by the Lynel.

Images: logo:r/tearsofthekingdom. Lynel: Video Games on Sports Illustrated. Weapon: Pro Game Guides

Congratulations to Unity Day raffle winners:
Cori Schweizer and Emma Van Nostrand. They each won a \$10 gift card to Starbucks for wearing orange on October 18th.
This contest was run by Student Government.

Photos by Mrs. Avella



Fun Fall Recipes By Ray Castillo

Just in time for Halloween, here are some fall treats you can serve at your next Halloween party!

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup canned pumpkin
1 cup sugar
½ cup oil
1 egg
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
½ cup chopped walnuts (optional)



Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine pumpkin, sugar, oil and egg. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Dissolve the baking soda with the milk and stir into liquid ingredients. Add flour mixture to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Add vanilla, chocolate chips and optional nuts. Drop by spoonful on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. My family loved these cookies; they were delicious!

Harry Potter's Pumpkin Juice

Ingredients

4 liters apple cider
1 ½ cups pumpkin puree
¼ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
2 teaspoon vanilla



Instructions

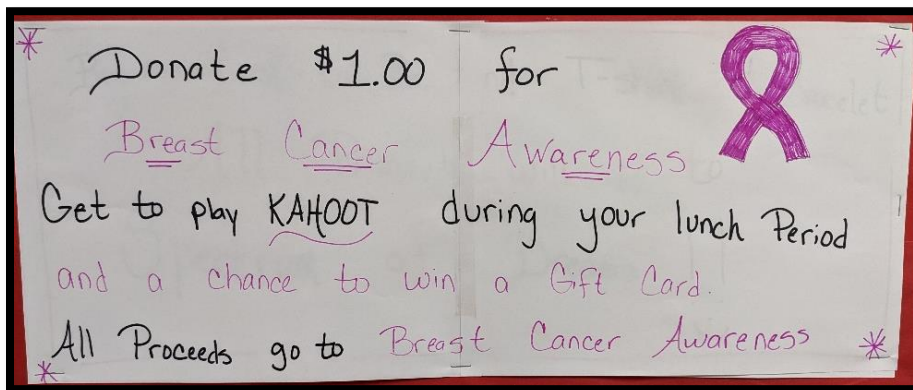
1. Combine all ingredients in a large picture and stir well.
2. Use a hand blender for best results.
3. Stir again before each serving to prevent settling.

Notes

Be sure to stir often as the pumpkin and spices can settle on the bottom!



Look for photos in our next issue:



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Fall Word Search

By Griffin Byrne

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