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### The votes are in!

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 East Islip Middle School officers and representatives:

- President* - Kevin Huang
- Vice President* - Ryan Flad
- Secretary* - Michael Mignone
- Treasurer* - Jack Gravano
- 6th Grade reps* - Áine O'Boyle and Nick Walsh

### A New Decade! By Reagan O'Hara and Reese Varani

Welcome to the roaring 20's! The last decade went by pretty fast so here is a quick recap of the last decade.

In 2010, Instagram was founded. During 2011, the US Navy Seals found and killed Osama Bin Laden, the mastermind behind the attacks on 9/11/01. In February 2012, the Giants won the Super Bowl and in October, Super Storm Sandy struck Long Island, causing quite a lot of damage.

The Boston Marathon was marred by two bombs leading to 283 people injured and one officer shot in 2013. During 2014, *The LEGO Movie* was released. The hit single **Hotline Bling** went viral on the Internet in 2015.

In 2016, Donald Trump was the surprising winner of the US presidential election. In 2017, the astronomical phenomenon of the century lived up to the hype. It was the first total solar eclipse to cross the US since 1918. The Drake **In My Feelings** challenge became a popular dance craze in June 2018. Even some celebrities got in on it!

During 2019, the US women's soccer team won the World Cup. Also in 2019, **Old Town Road** featuring Lil Nas X made history with this country-rap hybrid song that became the longest running number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Let's see what the next decade brings!



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## **Top 15 Hits of 2019**

**By Kaitlyn McCall**

1. Senorita – Shawn Mendes
2. Old Town Road – Lil Nas X
3. Lose You To Love Me – Selena Gomez
4. Bad Guy – Billie Eilish
5. Circles – Post Malone
6. ROXANNE – Arizona Zervas
7. Beautiful People – Ed Sheeran
8. Memories – Maroon 5
9. Sucker – Jonas Brothers
10. Goodbyes – Post Malone
11. Panini – Lil Nas X
12. No Guidance – Chris Brown
13. Lights Up – Harry Styles
14. Graveyard – Halsey
15. Dancing With a Stranger – Sam Smith

## ***John Wick Chapter 3: Parabellum***

– A review

By Lee Daubaras (Mojo Skits)

Another great movie by Lionsgate features our main man of the hour, Keanu Reeves. Inducing literal torment unto his enemies in the newest hit sequel, *John Wick Chapter 3: Parabellum* blasted away *Avengers: Endgame* for an entire weekend. I'm Mojo Skits and I'm going to tell you why this amazing movie was so popular. I will also give you the history and my verdict.

It all started in 2014 when Keanu Reeves, (now known mostly as John Wick for his work on the movies) got the role of the infamous Mr. Wick, a retired assassin who just wants to enjoy the last of his years with his dog. Sadly, this is cut short by the death of that dog. He then goes after the men who broke into his house and killed his dog. In *John Wick: Chapter 2*, released in 2017, we get to see John doing what he loves most because the entire planet is after him. We are then left on an intense cliff hanger, which leads us to *Chapter 3*.

*John Wick Chapter 3* is an amazing movie that features some of the coolest fight scenes that even some of the best actors could learn from. Keanu is genuine about this role – he does everything himself. Extremely few scenes in all the Wick movies have any sort of CGI. This man got on a motorcycle, pretended to beat up a bunch of ninja thugs with katanas, ah yeah let me check my schedule, and oh, get on a horse and kick a bunch of ninjas in the face. I'll save that for this weekend.

*John Wick Chapter 3* gets a 10 out of 10, no questions asked. It is one of my favorite movies, my favorite being the original *John Wick*.

Image from: <https://comicbook.com/movies>



## **Library Candy Corn Guessing Contest**

The winner was Dylan Horodski. He won the jar of candy corn and a library goody bag back in November of 2019.

Congrats!

Photo by Mrs. Ware



## Gingerbread House Contest By Quentin Kuhn

On December 12, 2019, Mrs. Nolan and Student Government hosted a gingerbread house decorating contest in the cafeteria of East Islip Middle School. The kids of the school had been hyping up for the day ever since it was announced. There were about 40 teams of 3 to 4 students that came to the event, but only 3 teams would come out as the winners.

There were three winning teams in these categories: Most Festive, Most Creative and Best All Around. The winners chose a gift card for a prize from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts.

The winners were:

### **Most Festive, Team 34:**

Daniella Sandler, Iyana Carpenter, Lea Farley, and Nina Manzaners

### **Most Creative, Team 20:**

Heather Hefferan, Isabella LeRoux, Carley Amato and Elizabeth Rodriguez

### **Best All Around, Team 21:**

Johanna LeRoux, Danielle Birner, and Dilana Schwartz

*Photos by Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Avella*



**More photos from the Gingerbread Contest**

*Photos by Mrs. Weller*



## Highest Grossing Movies of 2019

By Adam Menendez

I know it's a little late but 2019 has come to a close and if there's one thing I miss about it, it's all the excellent movies that were released. I decided to put together a list of some of the best movies of 2019 (highest to lowest):

- . *Avengers: Endgame*
- . *Lion King*
- . *Spider Man: Far from Home*
- . *Captain Marvel*
- . *Toy Story 4*
- . *Aladdin*
- . *Joker*



That tops off the list of the highest grossing movies of 2019. See you next issue.

## Star Wars Battlefront game review

By Richard Wisotsky

Hello East Islip Middle School. Today, I will be reviewing the game **Star Wars Battlefront**. This game came out November 17, 2017. This game is good for many reasons giving many different perspectives. You can play as a hero in Star Wars Battlefront which means you can be Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker etc. If you want to do first person shooter, you can be a Storm Trooper or a Rebel.

The goal in this game is to get as many tokens as possible by eliminating characters from the other players which means you win the game. The game allows you to play online with your friends. The game costs \$11.19 so it is affordable and is available on systems such as PC, PS4, and Xbox One.

If you are looking for an online experience, hop online but you will have to pay extra for that. If you are looking to play offline, you are in luck because you can get in a round with bots and you can choose the difficulty level: easy, medium, or hard.

There are many DLC's you can buy which recreate old iconic scenes from *Star Wars*. In total, I give this game 8/10 because of how you have to pay extra to play online. There are also some lags/glitches while playing online. Thank you for reading my article.



Image from <https://www.gamestop.com/>

## High School Is Just Months Away

By Nicholas Williams

(This topic is ONLY for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Can you believe it's time to go to high school? I can't believe it. So far, we went to a freshmen orientation and an elective fair which showed us most of the choices for electives next year. If you want more info about the courses, check the high school web page. Here's the link if you are reading this online:

[http://www.eischools.org/Assets/HS\\_Links/011120\\_2020-2021\\_HS\\_Curriculum\\_Guide\\_Final\\_Draft.pdf](http://www.eischools.org/Assets/HS_Links/011120_2020-2021_HS_Curriculum_Guide_Final_Draft.pdf)

If you want to see a description of high school clubs, check the webpage or go to this link:

[http://www.eischools.org/Assets/HS\\_Links/092619\\_Club\\_Descriptions\\_2019-2020.pdf?t=637050976306270000](http://www.eischools.org/Assets/HS_Links/092619_Club_Descriptions_2019-2020.pdf?t=637050976306270000)

Now, good luck in high school!



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## Movie Event

By Adam Menendez

On Friday, January 17, EIMS Student Government hosted a movie afternoon in the auditorium. The movie was *High School Musical* and there was a trivia event afterward. The three highest scores, Haley Hannigan, Kathryn Elliot, and Kaylee Garatina each received \$10 gift cards to Starbucks.

Image from <https://www.pngkey.com>



## Global Warming By Grace Micali

It's the sad truth... we are killing our planet one day at a time. We are constantly wasting natural resources whether its water, electricity, or heat. With the amount of pollution in the air, it is making the earth get warmer.

We waste water every day. If the average person takes a shower for 5 minutes each day for an average lifetime (which I don't think anyone can), it would be like running water for 98 days straight. That's a lot of water!

If that's not bad enough, we waste electricity just as bad! When your phone is done charging, and it is still plugged in, that's called phantom energy. We should unplug our devices to save energy.

Powerplants that make electricity run on steam which uses water. Speaking of water, our ocean is being massively affected due to litter. By 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. By 2021, all small crustaceans will die due to the high amount of carbonic acids in the ocean. What is carbonic acid, you ask? Carbonic acid is when fossil fuels burn and mix with the ocean.

Not only is carbonic acid doing bad things to the ocean, the warming of ocean is killing off the coral. When coral gets too warm, it releases algae that it needs to keep it healthy and colorful. It loses its color and may eventually die due to disease. This is called bleaching, and this has increases dramatically.

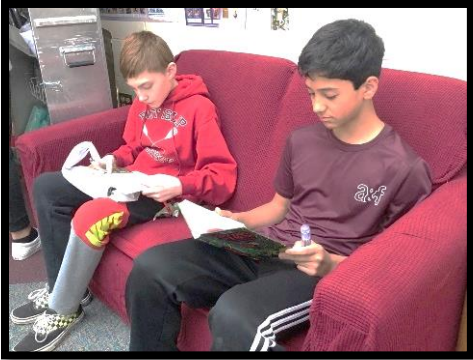
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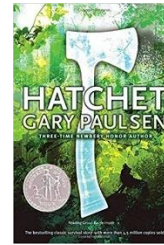
Scholastic Book Fair December 2019  
Photos by Mrs. Ware



## Book Discussion Club

### By Sally Attard

In the library with Mrs. Ware, the Book Discussion club recently read the book, “Hatchet”, by Gary Paulsen. What we did for this book discussion was, like always, bring in food and talk about the book chosen for the discussion. We discussed things we picked out of the book - what we enjoyed and didn’t enjoy about the book.



First, we gave a rating, which got an average of about five or six out of ten. Then, with weeks of planning, we created a little scavenger hunt-like course that made us go through what the protagonist Brian had to go through in the woods of Canada. We brought in items corresponding to the book, including foods mentioned in the book. We rejected bringing in a hatchet!

Normally, the Book Discussion Club meets on Wednesdays, unless it is canceled and rescheduled to be on a Thursday. During the weekly meetings, Mrs. Ware showcases some books for us to read in addition to the discussion book. We dedicate an entire meeting to the book discussion and figure out who is bringing the different types of food.

“Hatchet”, by Gary Paulsen, is about a boy named Brian, surviving a plane crash and living in the woods. Brian has family problems - his mother and father are divorced. This impacts how Brian tries to survive in the woods of Canada, like a refugee.

In terms of difficulty, the books chosen by Mrs. Ware are for fifth graders, with a wide vocabulary. There is usually a large selection of different genres and themes. This book had themes of family, resilience and self-confidence.

In my opinion, I thought the book was boring and stereotypical, the plane crash and all. I kept finding myself bored and uninterested in the book, not from a difficult reading level. You do need to see past all stereotypes in order to enjoy a book like this one. I did like the sensory details, giving me chills, like a good book normally would. I give this book a rating of 5 out of 10.

Image from <https://www.amazon.com>



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**Halloween Pics 10/31/19**  
*Photos by Quentin Kuhn*



**Nick's Tricky Maze**  
**By Nicholas Williams**

