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## **EIMS Newspaper Club Visits High School By Frankie Irace**

On Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, the East Islip Middle School Newspaper Club joined forces with the journalism class at the High School to talk about journalism and fake news. The event took place in the forum and included a guest speaker, pizza, cookies, and advice on how to write a proper article.

Students were given a presentation by a guest speaker from Stony Brook University, professor Dr. Jonathan Anzalone. He spoke to the inspiring journalists about how to identify, spot, and differentiate fake news from real news. Afterwards,

the young journalists received a lesson from Mrs. Kench, HS journalism teacher on how to include information in an article. They learned about the inverted pyramid format and started pooling ideas for articles that were going to be separately written for both the high school and middle school newspapers.

After that, it was almost time for the middle school students to return with Mrs. Avella, but there was one more surprise that day. The combined group visited the video production studio and got a brief lesson in media production. Emily Stannish, 7<sup>th</sup> grader, participated in this workshop. She said "It was really fun! The high school students are very nice. The speaker gave an awesome presentation."

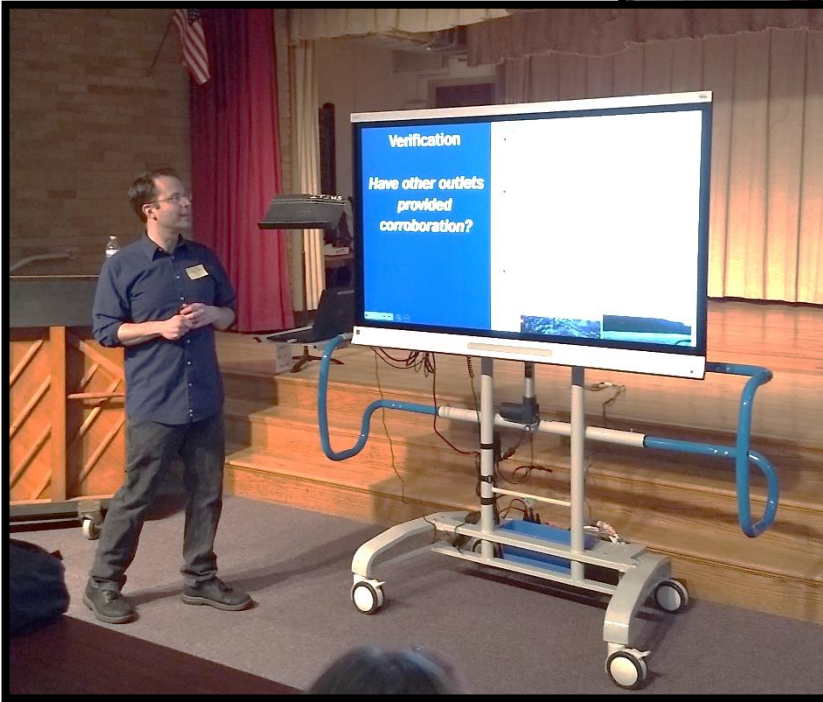


*Photo by Mrs. Avella (more photos on page 2).*

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Photos by Mrs. Avella





## **Beauty and the Beast, Jr.** **By Melissa Stewart and Kaylee Norton**

This year's musical was Beauty and the Beast Jr. It was held on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Both shows were sold out. Mrs. Tripi was the director. The assistant director was Mrs. Panetta. Lastly, the set designer was Mrs. Doyle.

Kaylee Norton said "For about four months we have been working on Beauty and the Beast Jr. and our hard paid off. It was an amazing show and everyone was so nice."

Katie McCall said "It's been an honor being part of this production. I'm going to miss being around these people."

*Photos by Mrs. Avella  
(more photos on page 4)*



**Beauty and the Beast, Jr.**  
*Photos by Mrs. Avella*



## Macedonia (FYROM) Finally Changes Its Name After Years Of Dispute

By Frankie Irace



Above is the flag of North Macedonia.

In Southeastern Europe, in a region called the Balkans, lies a country whose name is very controversial to even say (or at least, that is how it used to be). This country, formerly known colloquially as **Macedonia**, or more officially as the **Republic of Macedonia**, and internationally referred to as the **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** (FYROM), has finally changed its name to North Macedonia after a longstanding dispute with Greece.

Macedonia has long been the name of a region in the Balkans, and this area covers the land of North Macedonia as well as Northern Greece and areas of surrounding countries. The country has been a source of debate for the last one hundred years.

In the First Balkan War (1912-13), the Ottoman Empire was pushed out of Macedonia and the region landed in the hands of Greece, Bulgaria, and Serbia. Macedonia was promised to Bulgaria, but Serbia and Greece decided to partition up the land between themselves instead. Bulgaria thus started the Second Balkan War (1913) to attack

Greece and Serbia, but they quickly lost and the status of Macedonia now lay with Greece and Serbia, much to Bulgaria's anger. During World War I, Bulgaria (along with Austria-Hungary and Germany) invaded Serbia and annexed (or added) much of Macedonia to their country. However, after World War I, Serbia united with other areas in the Balkans to create to create a new country that will later come to be known as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

At this point, much of Macedonia was under the Vardar Banovina subdivision (kind of like a state or province) within the country. After World War II, Yugoslavia was re-established as a socialist nation and the borders of the modern day nation of North Macedonia (known as the **People's Republic of Macedonia**) were formed.

In the early 1990s, Yugoslavia finally broke up through the long and bloody Yugoslav Wars that ravaged some of the other Yugoslav republics such as Croatia and Bosnia. North Macedonia's independence was the only one from Yugoslavia that was completely peaceful. However, trouble began almost immediately. Greece became upset by North Macedonia using the name "Macedonia" because Greece felt as if the country was trying to claim their history and possibly even their Macedonian territory (a northern region of Greece is called Macedonia).

Another thing that upset Greece was the use of a historically Greek symbol, the Vergina Sun, on the flag of the new country. This would be changed in 1995.

North Macedonia was finally allowed to join the United Nations in 1993 under the provisional (or temporary) name of the "**Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**," as North Macedonia was a former republic of Yugoslavia. However, whenever the country was going to get around to changing its name, Greece was insistent on the idea that any name featuring the word "Macedonia" be rejected. They later relented and allowed for names featuring Macedonia (such as North Macedonia or Upper Macedonia) to be used in order to distinguish the nation. But the dispute took a long time to be solved. During this period of over 25 years, Greece (a member of the European Union and NATO, two international organizations) had blocked North Macedonia's entry into some organizations, which was not helping their development.

In June of 2018, the Prespa agreement between the two nations was reached and went into effect February 12, 2019. Overall, this move has been largely beneficial towards both nations. Greece can now be satisfied about the name, and the people of North Macedonia can still hold their heritage through their name (which was one of the major things preventing them from changing it). They are now eligible to join organizations like the EU and NATO, something that will help them both developmentally and economically.

## The Marvel Cinematic Universe Films Ranked By Tyler Niles

It has been ten years and twenty films since the start of the \$17 billion company, the Marvel Cinematic Universe, MCU for short. Since the kickoff to this spectacular universe with Iron Man in 2008, audiences have experienced many memories, both good and bad, within the MCU. Not every film was a masterpiece. Below is my personal list ranking all twenty films in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

- 20.) **The Incredible Hulk**
- 19.) **Thor: The Dark World**
- 18.) **Thor**
- 17.) **Iron Man 2**
- 16.) **Captain America: The First Avenger**
- 15.) **Avengers: Age of Ultron**
- 14.) **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2**
- 13.) **Ant-Man**
- 12.) **Ant-Man and the Wasp**
- 11.) **Spider-Man: Homecoming**
- 10.) **Guardians of the Galaxy**
- 9.) **Doctor Strange**
- 8.) **Avengers: Infinity War**
- 7.) **Black Panther**
- 6.) **Thor: Ragnarok**
- 5.) **Iron Man 3**
- 4.) **Captain America: Civil War**
- 3.) **Iron Man**
- 2.) **Captain America: The Winter Soldier**
- 1.) **The Avengers**

I hope that this list is helpful to you in the future. Be sure to check out the upcoming **Avengers: Endgame** and **Captain Marvel!**

## Apex Legends By Blake Springfield

A new battle royale game might just be taking over **Fortnite**. It's a game called **Apex Legends** where you get to choose your character and they all have different abilities.

In the game, there are 60 people all fighting against each other. All the characters have different categories including Support, Recon, Defense and Attack characters. You play in squads of 3 and only squads of 3. If you have no friends to play with, you join with Randoms.

There are different skins and cosmetics for each character. There is Lifeline who has a healing drone and can call in a supply drop for the team. There are rare and powerful items. Wraith can go invisible for a short period of time and create a portal for the team to teleport in. Bangalore can throw down smoke grenades so the enemies can't see and she can call in an artillery strike to kill enemies.

If you like **Fortnite** but maybe you are tired of it, this is the game for you.



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

## Reviewing the First 3 Spider-Man Films By Richard Wisotsky

In this article, I'll be discussing Sam Rami's **Spider-Man** trilogy, so let's get into it.

The first movie, **Spider-Man** (2002) stars Tobey Maguire as Spider-Man. It tells Peter Parker's back story on how he became Spider-Man and is very comic relatable. It shows how he gets bit by a radioactive spider. He then has to learn how to adapt to his new powers, even showcasing a scene where he beats up his school bully, Flash Thompson. There is a classic superhero montage on how he makes his own suit. Spider-Man goes to a wrestling match and becomes arrogant which ends up getting his Uncle Ben killed by a robber. Peter realizes he must use his powers for good and not for himself.

The next character we get introduced to is Green Goblin. During this whole movie, it shows the tension building up between the two characters. The final fight scene shows Green Goblin vs Spider-Man. Green Goblin has the upper hand until Spider-Man finally gets a good hit on him and starts to win. Then just as you think Spider-Man won, Green Goblin sends his glider toward Spider-Man to kill him. At the last second, Spider-Man moves out of the way which ends up killing Green Goblin. In my opinion, I give this movie an 8 out of 10 because there were some parts that were a little cheesy.

**Spider-Man 2** (2004) is a perfect Spider-Man movie. This movie's timeline shows Peter having to take on responsibilities as both Spider-Man and Peter Parker. Peter takes on a job but then gets fired because of his alter ego, Spider-Man. Peter takes on a lot of responsibilities which creates too much stress and then he loses his powers. It's pretty good screenwriting if you ask me.

Peter Parker is attending college where he meets



Image from <https://mnogolok.info>

Dr. Octavius. The doctor is working on a machine which will make his body stronger through the use of 4 robotic arms. Peter Parker wants to help with the project and he dedicates his time to it. Doc Oc's creation makes him go crazy which makes him bad. Doc Oc creates a bomb which blows up the whole city. Peter takes his mind off all the stress to get his powers back just in time to stop the doctor. Dr. Octavius risks his life to stop the bomb and Spider-Man wins. I give this movie a 10 out of 10 because it is a realistic superhero movie which deals with responsibilities in the superhero life.

**Spider-Man 3** (2007) was a bomb at the box office. It wasn't good because the story didn't really connect with audiences. The story is based on an older Peter Parker who picks up an alien without him even knowing and then wears it. His suit then turns black which leads to him making bad decisions. Spider-Man goes after his uncle's killer, Sandman and ends up winning against him. Peter then realizes the alien is evil and takes it off, which then gets on Eddie Brock who becomes Venom.

The final fight scene has Venom and Sandman as the villains. Spider-Man destroys Venom by burning him. Peter forgives Sandman for the death of Peter's uncle and lets him get away for some reason. I give this sequel a 4 out of 10 because this movie has lazy writing.

It's too bad that the trilogy ends on a bad movie.

## Times Square

### By Caroline Pickney

Times Square is a major intersection and tourist destination in midtown Manhattan. Times Square was first named Longacre Square before the New York Times moved its newspaper headquarters to this location.

Times Square is known for being chaotic and brightly lit. Astronauts can see Times Square all the way from space with all of the bright lights there are.

Times Square is also known for all of the advertisements on the brightly lit signs. It costs \$37 million to build a sign. It costs between \$1.1 million and \$4 million a year to buy an LED sign. On New Year's Eve, almost 1 million people come to Times Square to celebrate. In 2011, Times Square became smoke-free.

For more information, visit

<https://www.timessquarenyc.org/>



## Upcoming MS Events

Apr 1

MS PTA Mtg 7 pm

Apr 2-3

New York State Grades 3-8 ELA Assessments

Apr 12

3rd Marking Period Ends MS/HS

Apr 18

HS/MS Report Cards on Parent Portal after 3 pm

Apr 18

MS/HS Report Cards Posted on Parent Portal after 3pm

Apr 19 – 26

SPRING RECESS (SCHOOLS CLOSED)

May 1-2

New York State Grades 3-8 Math Assessments

## Answers to the Spring Word Scramble on p. 15

Butterfly

Bird

Flower

Rain

Umbrella

Easter

Eggs

Bunny

*Answer phrase: Spring*



## GAME REVIEW!!

By Katie McCall

Our Topic Today:



Image from <https://store.steampowered.com>

On May 31, 2018, game developing group Berzerk Studio released the game **Just Shapes and Beats** on Steam.

With level music made by many dubstep musicians, including the music groups Monstercat and Destroid, the bullet hell game is tied together with eye-appeasing designs, banger music, a wholesome storyline and somewhat difficult levels.

There are two ways to play: Story Mode and Challenge Mode.

In Story Mode you play through a series of levels trying to unlock the three tree pieces to restore the three-triangle tree of life, kick some demon-cat's butt and save the world. The fun thing about the story: the characters. They have nice designs with some cute little animations, and there is almost no info about them. It's all in the imagination on how YOU see the characters. That illuminati dude? He could be an epic Fortnite gamer! The limit on these characters is your imagination.

In Challenge mode, you go online with a total of 3 other players to complete 2 levels and a boss battle. Here you are exposed to more levels than story mode, you could get Beat Pointst hat could be used to get characters that show up on the title screen, make Steam friends, unlock other levels, rage quit, and have fun!

Overall Just Shapes and Beats is a fun game and I rate it (CLAP CLAP)...

9/10

**East Islip Idol**  
**By Melissa Stewart**

On Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, the East Islip Idol competition was held. It was presented at the middle school auditorium. It was run by the Tri-M music honor society. The advisors are Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Fischer.

The results are:

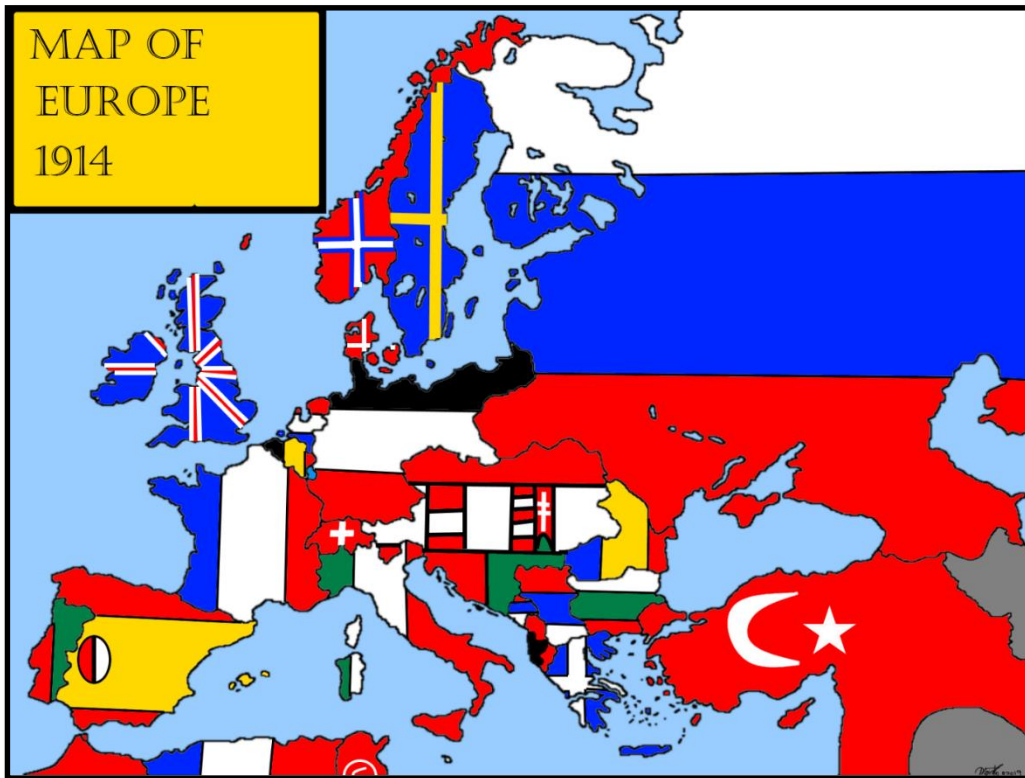
Winner: Keira Tantillo

1<sup>st</sup> runner up: Florence Gonzalez

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up: Bella Pepe

3<sup>rd</sup> runner up: Julianna D'Addario

Congratulations to all of the EI Idol contestants!



**Original Artwork by Ruelin Man-Martinez**  
(check it out online to see the colors)

## **Mojo Skits: A skit channel (if it isn't obvious)**

### **By Mojo Skits**

So, if you're wondering if I'm advertising myself, well yeah, of course - who wouldn't? I am bad at advertising to be completely honest, but I have to do this.

I own Mojo Skits, a skit channel with 9 other people, my actors, crew, and everything else in between. At the time of me typing this, I'm at 72 subscribers. I'm trying to get to know the people who watch me more, so I've been looking for suggestions, ideas, new logos or anything that might appeal to anybody.

In June of last year, I founded a gaming channel known as Good Mojo Gamer, and like many people, restarted it over again, but I didn't stop there. I restarted it over and over and over, until it was Mojo Gamer, then I found somebody else with the same name at 61 subscribers. I had 20 - competition? No, not at all. I found another Youtuber, 3rd grade C-Games with 50 subscribers.

My competition was very anti-climactic, we ended up just becoming friends, and then I worked together with some other people, like my twitch streamer buddy, Max13039. Then, well, I restarted, again.

My channel became Mojo Skits, I left my old videos up, then deleted more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of them. Well then I wanted to make skits, fired up Minecraft, and threw together a short skit with 3 people. It was a "hit", so I made more and more!

A few copyright strikes later, here I am. I would appreciate it if you checked me out online, and maybe even subscribe and give me suggestions. I am in period 5 lunch at section A, table 10 or 11.

My Links: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCir9mNbIKRtVPdxZqNRIQxg>

OR

Look up mojo skits on your phone, tablet, or computer!



**Mismatch Day 3/6/19**  
**Photos by Mrs. Finger**  
**and Mrs. Rocco**



## Hawaiian Day 3/21/19



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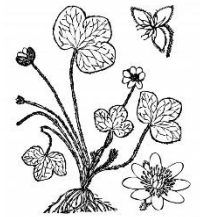
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# Nick's Spring Word Search

## By Nicholas Williams

G X H P O M U M T F U F Q W E  
N L Q Y M C K B N J V J C N G  
I N A L U Z L R H C K A I W Q  
N M Z A Z G G S H W U H S A Y  
E A B B V R S C V D S W I Y L  
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B I S O U S E F N U G D G L G  
T R I A H D G R S B F V R I F  
X R W K A M G B S Z Z Y J W E



APRIL  
GARDENING  
MAY  
WEEDS

EASTER  
GRASS  
OUTDOORS

FLOWERS  
MARCH  
SUNSHINE

# Spring Word Scramble

By Robert Graziano

## Directions

Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to  
other cells with the same number to  
discover the final phrase.



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3

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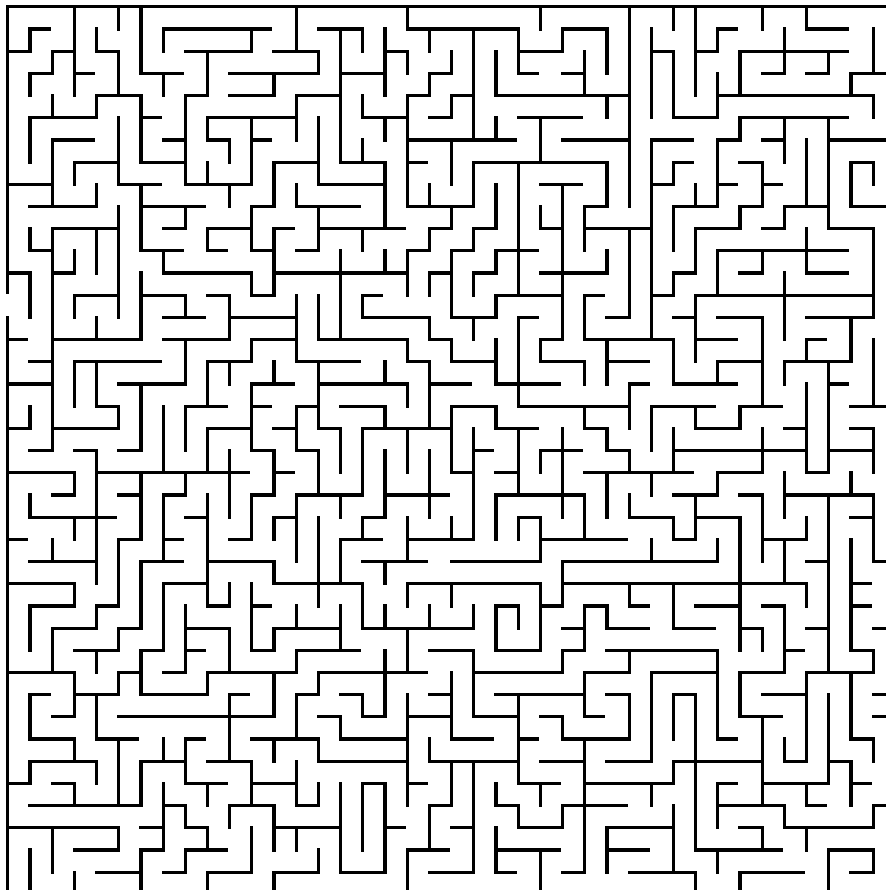
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## Untitled Maze 1 By Anthony Rifici

*finish*



**Start**



# Spotlight School Store



East Islip Middle School 2018-19

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T-shirt, short sleeve (black, red, or white)	\$12
T-shirt, long sleeve (black or red)	\$15
Pennant T-shirt, long sleeve (grey)	\$30
Hooded sweatshirt (red or grey)	\$28
Pennant ¼ zip fleece w/lighthouse logo (black)	\$35
Hooded sweatshirt (black with contrasting hood, red inside)	\$30
Hooded sweatshirt, zip-up (black)	\$28
Hooded sweatshirt (black), 2 laces (red/white)	\$35
Sweatpants, black (with or w/o pocket), "REDMEN" on leg	\$28
Charles River Jacket with hood (black)	\$45
EI string backpack (black or red)	\$12
EI baseball hat (black or red)	\$22
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<b><i>(Fundraiser for Community Family Support)</i></b>	



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