

REDMEN REPORTER

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**Gingerbread house decorating contest
By Melissa Stewart and Kaylee
Norton**

On Wednesday November 28, 2018, Student Government held a gingerbread house decorating contest in the cafeteria. Mrs. Nolan is the student government advisor. There were 39 teams.

There were 3 Categories: Most Festive, Most Creative and Best All Around. Staff members voted for their favorite houses. Winners are listed below. The winners received gift cards.

Team 39, Most Festive: Amesha Bashar, Anna Carino, Stephanie Ruiz, Jayouna Wilkins

Team 29, Most Creative: Vanessa Rossa, Erin Fredrickson, Cassie Dodenhoff, Kayla Glick

Team 21, Best All Around: Skylar Reilly, Sophie Jensen, Gabby Procaccini, and Alyssa Giaccone



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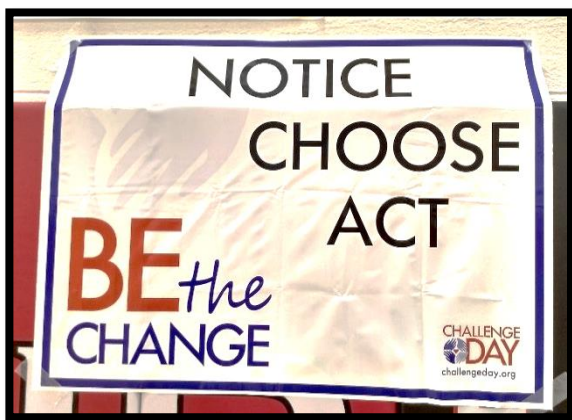
Challenge Day 2018

By Sebastian Higgins

Challenge Day at the middle school was held on December 6-7, 2018 in the gymnasium. Members from the Challenge Day organization, Trish and Kevin, came to our school with a mission to make students more aware of their behavior. Their goal was to help all the participants in the event bond and learn more about each other.

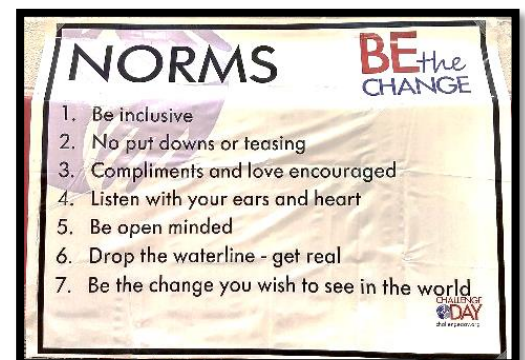
Based on last year's Challenge Day, many students went in believing the event was going to be about all about crying and pizza. Well yes, there was a very good amount of both of those but there was so much more. It was an experience that really hit home with everyone there, both students and teachers alike.

Some topics that were discussed included self-harm, drug use, bullying, and mistreatment of people who have different beliefs, different skin color, and different sexualities. All of these things are hard for some to talk about. A lot of the time, the harder topics are what students and faculty members need to communicate about.



This event opened the eyes of most of those who attended. It helped many of us see how we must recognize these issues as a school and community and help resolve these problems before things become too out of hand. How can anyone help someone else if you don't know what is going on in their life? The Challenge Day event makes sure the environment is confidential and as pressure free as possible. This really helped everyone, including me, speak up about the problems in our life. We learned how to dig deep and really express what we are feeling. We were asked to go below the small percent visible above the waterline and reveal deeper feelings that are often hidden beneath.

Students and teachers all deal with many struggles and challenges we can't control. But what we can control is what happens in this building where we spend seven or more hours every weekday. I genuinely want this event to have a long-lasting effect on those who participated. Hopefully, it has instilled some more awareness within us so our school can improve and better deal with constant problems that are left unfixed every day.



How to develop and improve your own unique style

By Caroline Pickney

I developed my own personal style over time by experiencing different types of clothing styles and trying different looks. I currently like the style of clothing that I wear every day. Some people may not love how they dress every day but you can do different things to feel more confident, comfortable and proud about the way you look and dress. Here are 5 tips to improve your style and look:



- ❖ Try out different styles, even ones you think you may not like. You never know!
- ❖ Try different stores that you think you might not like. There are many different stores to find different styles.
- ❖ You have to be comfortable and happy with how you look. Don't let other people judge you for how you dress, because you have to be confident and happy with yourself first.
- ❖ Try out some jewelry if you want. It can sometimes make an outfit go from a 7 to a 10, but always remember that less is more.
- ❖ The last tip is that always remember that everybody has their own unique style, and you don't need to look like everybody else around you. If everyone looked the same, that would be boring. It's better to be unique, fun and just have your own style. Some people might have styles that are similar to you and that's okay!

Spelling Bee 2019 Winners:

1st place: Robert Hilbert (8th grade)

2nd place: Lee Daubaras (6th grade)

3rd place: Daniella Chillemi (8th grade)

(Pictured from left to right)



Spelling Bee winners shown below with facilitators
Mr. Deedy, Mrs. Mingione and Ms. Huether



Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse Film Review by Tyler Niles

Overview:

Sony's newest and most daring attempt at the character of Spider-Man follows six different Spider-People from six alternate universes. The film, released December 14, 2018, mainly focuses on the character of Miles Morales, a young new hero who will don the mask.

Miles has some relationship problems with his father, Jefferson Davis, who expects much out of his son. Miles looks up to his Uncle Aaron and the well-known New York City hero, Spider-Man. After a horrible accident where Spider-Man is killed by the crime boss known as Kingpin, Miles is devastated and soon realizes he has powers almost identical to Spider-Man's.

Kingpin has been working on a machine called the collider for months and used it to bring together five alternate universes. Miles meets a Peter Parker from an alternate universe who has been Spider-Man already for twenty two years. This Peter Parker is also highly addicted to fast food. Peter begins to train Miles how to use his powers when they meet four other Spider-People named Spider-Woman, Spider-Man Noir, Spider-Ham and Peni Parker.

After the team trains together for a few hours, they realize Kingpin is trying to reactivate the collider. Peter realizes that this might be a great way to send himself, and the other four misplaced heroes back to where they came from. The team was able to get back to each of their own universes and Miles was able to defeat Kingpin after a long battle.

Review:

Sony has finally figured out why people go to these super hero films. We go see these for the heart, not the action. Sure the action can help a film, and at times, the action is done extremely well. This film definitely captured the true message of Spider-Man, but did not give us the origin story of



Image from <https://heroichollywood.com>

Peter Parker all over again. We finally were able to witness a new Spider-Man story, but it still held on to the great things Spider-Man is.

The animation in this film was also done very well. It almost seemed as if you were watching a comic book come to life. This was definitely the greatest animation style choice for this particular Spider-Man story. The action sequences were also fantastic. Especially the one at the end which was Spider-Man versus Kingpin.

I enjoyed just about every second of this film. If you have ever been a fan of the character of Spider-Man, I recommend you see this film immediately. If this is the way Sony is going with their new Spider-Man universe, I am definitely on board for a sequel.

Rating: 4.8/5-AMAZING!

Avengers: Endgame 2019

Avengers: Endgame Trailer Breakdown By Richard Wisotsky

Hello East Islip Middle School. Today, I will be talking about **Avengers: Endgame** trailer 2019. (SPOILER ALERT) This takes place after **Avengers Infinity War**, where Thanos used all six infinity stones to wipe out 50 percent of the universe.

The trailer shows all of the Avengers point of view and how they feel about the situation. It is not a long trailer and it lets you guess and theorize about what will happen. It hints that they might time travel to save the earth. It's not 100 percent sure if Thanos will be the enemy in this movie because he is not shown a lot in the trailer.

It shows that all of the Avengers have changed but won't move on from the situation because they can't live with themselves if they ignore what happened. The trailer is a big cliffhanger and really leaves you thinking. This trailer was surprisingly good compared to the **Captain Marvel** trailer. There is no mention of Captain Marvel in the trailer even though she was mentioned in **Infinity War**.

In my opinion, I give the trailer 5 out of 5 stars. Anyway, this is all I have. If you haven't watched the trailer, I recommend you watch it.



Image from <https://mcucosmic.com/>

Avengers: Endgame By Adam Menendez

So... **Avengers: Endgame**. I don't know about you, but I'm more hyped than I've ever been in my life. The conclusion to the Avengers movies and an excuse for me to stay up until four in the morning watching trailer breakdowns and theories. But enough of me talking.

The movie will be released on April 26, 2019. The cast includes Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson, Benedict Cumberbatch, Chris Pratt, and many, many, more. One of my favorite theories is that Ant Man, Iron Man, and Captain Marvel travel back in time. I've also heard a theory that Captain America dies and Iron Man's daughter takes over as the leader of the next generation of Avengers.

Well that's all I have for you, and remember... always breathe oxygen.

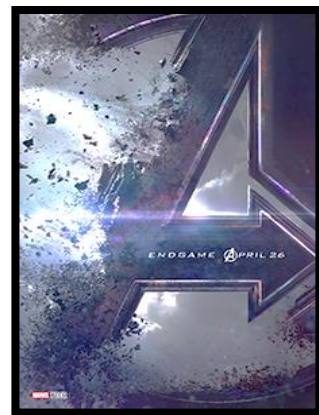


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**Pajama Day!
December 21, 2018**



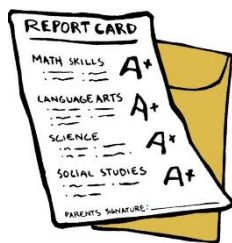
Renaissance Update from Mrs. Finnegan

In December, the Renaissance Club recognized 534 students who achieved Renaissance status for the first marking quarter. In December, we recognized the achievements of 534 students with a small reward. All students received a coupon packet containing: a free cookie from Panera Bread, a free dessert from Applebee's, free French fries from Out of the Park Burgers, and a free bowling game from East Islip Lanes. Along with the coupon packet, 6th graders received an ID holder while 7th and 8th graders were given a Renaissance pen.

Grand Prize Winner received a \$40 gift certificate to Bubba's Burrito Bar: Samuel Henderson

First prize winners received gift cards to Pizza Parm, H₂O and Verace:

Brody Cross
Isabella Eason
Joseph Geraghty
Adriana Iacono
Ralph Mierzejewski
Katelyn Nelson
Krina Patel



Renaissance Raffle winners

Gift Certificate to Mary's Pizza

Juliana Banville
Ashley Bartick
Kaitlyn Bloch
James Buonincontri
Jonathan Carberry
Alexander Edwards
Ryan Kelpie
Ashley Klub
Richie La Spina
Ruelin Man-Martinez
Samantha Penny
Jessica Piccinini
Vanessa Rossa
Catherine Sasso
Gabriella Schwalm
Sarah Vasquez



You should join newspaper club By Mojo Skits

Last month I did a game review. Now I'll do a real life review.

Oh yeah, real life spoilers ahead ;).

Beginning from the top, Newspaper Club is amazing, with a small group of people growing and depleting each day due to CERTAIN other groups, ahem. We have a great amount of helping hands, just in case you're new here!

Second, **Redmen Reporter** issues are viewed from all over the school, and online. If you're a social person looking for a comfortable place, this might be it. A lot of people want their view on something to be heard. With lots of things to choose from and genres to write about, anybody can type, write or draw!

Lastly, there are many jobs you can do in Newspaper Club. You can create original art for the newspaper, write an article or express yourself. You'll find yourself coming to every meeting!

Also, subscribe to Mojo Skits (that's my channel on YouTube).

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Upcoming MS Events

Jan 22–25
MS Acceptance Week

Jan 25
2nd Marking Period &
Semester 1 Ends MS/HS

Feb 1
MS/HS Report Cards
Posted on Parent Portal
after 3pm

Feb 8
MS Musical
MS Auditorium 7 pm

Feb 9
MS Musical
MS Auditorium 2 pm

Feb 10
MS Musical-SNOW DATE
MS Auditorium 2 pm

Feb 11
MS PTA Mtg 7 pm

Feb 18-22
MID-WINTER RECESS
(SCHOOLS CLOSED)

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Student Government Officers Update from Mrs. Nolan

Congratulations to all of the students who ran for a position in Student Government! This year's officers and representatives are as follows:

President: Jack Verdolino
Vice-President: Kevin Huang
Treasurer: Ian Schneider
Secretary: Jorgiani Martinez

6th Grade representatives:
Stephanie Finley and Jadelyn Harrynarine

Congratulations to all!



Thank you to Mrs. Myer and her art students for the beautiful snowflakes in our lobby!

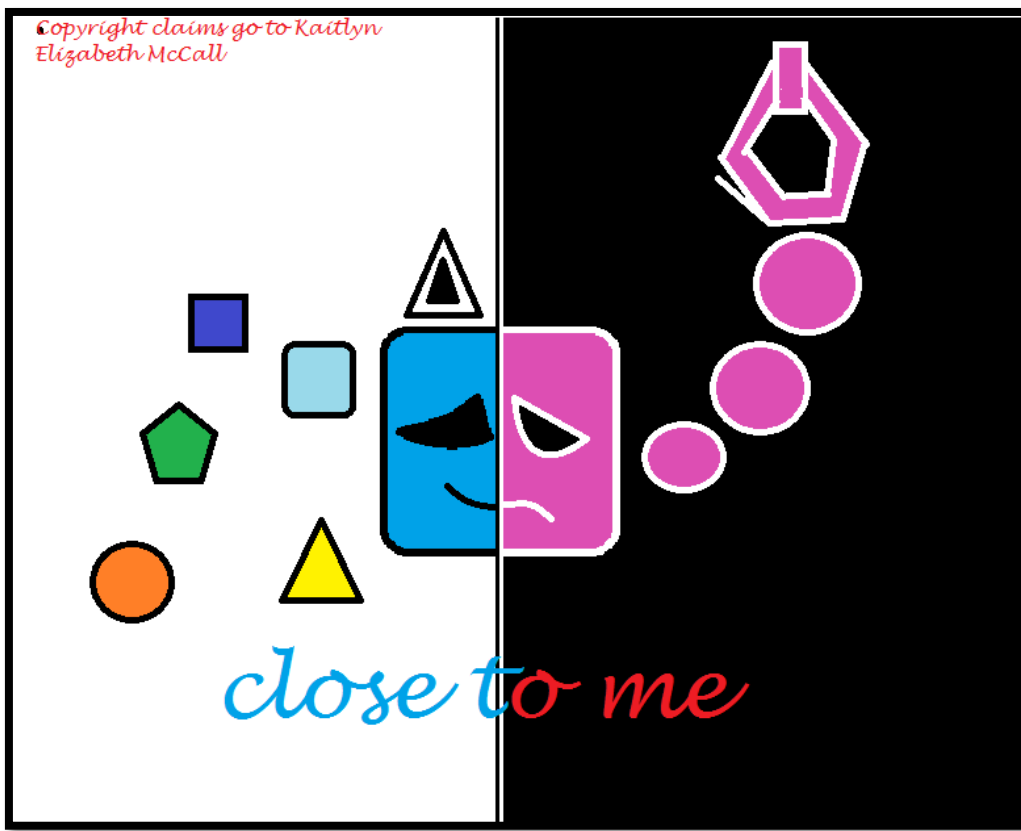
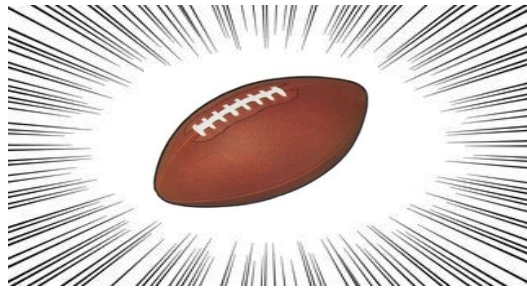
Superbowl 2019

By Adam Menendez

It's time for me to stop being such a nerd. So the Superbowl... it's being hosted at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta on Sunday, February 3, 2019. It will be broadcast on CBS and also streamed live at www.cbssports.com.

Playoff games on January 20th included the Saints vs the Rams and the Chiefs vs the Patriots. The winners of those two games are now going to Super Bowl LIII. It will be the Los Angeles Rams against the New England Patriots.

I don't care too much who wins because all of the teams I like are not in this game. I just hope the Patriots don't win again! Maroon 5 is scheduled to perform at the half time show.



Original Artwork, Katie McCall

Holiday Cheer! December 20, 2018

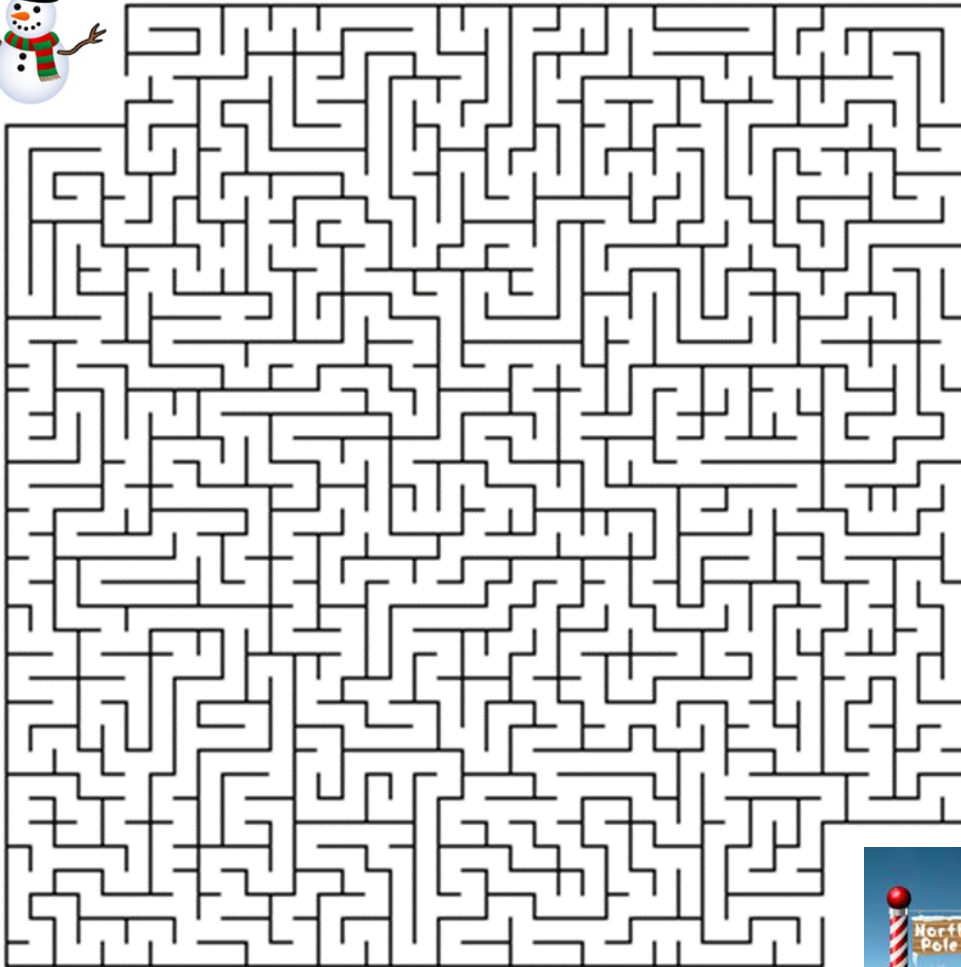
Music students visited elementary school to perform holiday music. Afterwards, they had pizza for lunch.

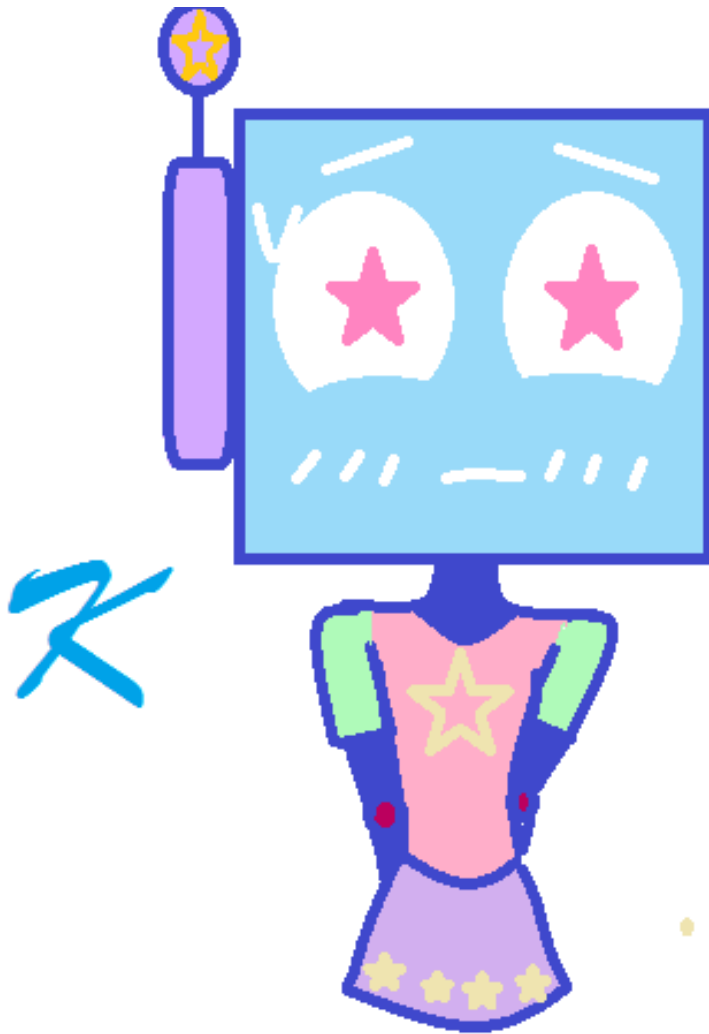


Winter Maze

By Nicholas Williams

Help the snowman get to the North Pole.





Original Artwork, Katie McCall

**EIMS Newspaper Club
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Officers 2018-19:**

President: Sebastian Higgins
 Vice-President: Robert Graziano
 Co-Secretary: Ruelin Man-Martinez
 Co-Secretary: Caroline Pickney

Staff List

- Shamyiah Boucicaut
- Chris Canabal
- Lee Daubaras
- Robert Graziano
- Sebastian Higgins
- RuelinMan-Martinez
- Katie McCall
- Adam Menendez
- Tyler Niles
- Kaylee Norton
- Caroline Pickney
- Emily Stannish
- Melissa Stewart
- Luke Tese
- Jack Verdolino
- Nicholas Williams
- Richard Wisotsky



ADVISOR: Mrs. Avella

EIMS Administration

- Principal: Mr. Brennen
- Asst. Principal: Mr. Thorley
- Asst. Principal: Mr. Stanton



Spotlight School Store



East Islip Middle School 2018-19

Spiritwear for Sale with EI logo on the item (plus tax)

T-shirt, short sleeved (black, red, or white)		\$12
T-shirt, short sleeved, V-neck (red)		\$13
T-shirt, long sleeved (black or red)		\$15
Pennant T-shirt, long sleeved (grey)		\$30
Hooded sweatshirt (black, red or grey)		\$28
Hooded sweatshirt (black with contrasting hood, red inside)		\$30
Hooded sweatshirt, zip-up (black)		\$28
Crew neck sweatshirt (red)		\$20
Sweatpants, black (no pocket), "REDMEN" on leg		\$28
Sweatpants, black (w/pocket)		\$28
Jacket with hood (black or red)		\$45
Reversible tank (red and black)	\$10	
EI baseball hat (black or red)	\$20	
East Islip backpack, red	\$25	
EI string backpack (black or red)	\$12	
East Islip socks, white	\$3	



Payment → Cash or checks are accepted.*
 Please make checks payable to:
East Islip School District
 and write Spotlight School Store in the memo.

***Sales Tax will be added.**

East Islip Middle School

Presents



Music by

Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book by

Linda Woolverton

Friday, February 8th at 7 P.M. & Saturday, February 9th at 2 P.M.

(Snow Date: February 10th at 2 P.M.)

EIMS Auditorium

General Admission \$10.00

Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, January 28th, 2019.
They can be purchased during lunch periods at the school store.
They are also available from Ms. Tripi in Room 221.