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Welcome to Middle School!
By Nicholas Williams

Hello, sixth graders! Welcome to the East Islip Middle School. You're really going to love it here. Take me, for example. I'm in the 7th grade and life can be hard in the classroom, like when classmates are too talkative (I've experienced that and believe me, it is NOT fun.)

Anyway, you'll find many things different than elementary school, like midterms and final exams. Last year, 7th and 8th graders may remember that I made a list of some survival tips.

I hope you all have a great year. See you soon

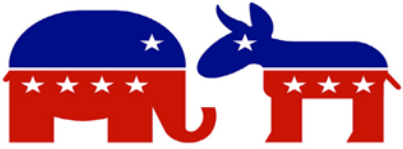


Midterm Elections
By Sebastian Higgins

Midterm elections were held on November 6th this month. It was the highest participation for a midterm election since 1966. About 49% of registered voters came out to the polls.

The Democrats have taken the House and the Republicans keep control of the Senate. The Democrats winning the House means that they can now protect special counsel Robert Mueller's probe from political interference. Robert Mueller is currently investigating whether the Russians interfered with the 2016 Presidential election. The shift in power could also open opportunities to reduce drug prices and fix infrastructure.

Democrats will be focusing on key issues including health care and immigration, as well as rights for minorities. The Republicans will have control of the senate for at least two more years. This means they can still appoint new judges that could turn courts in a conservative direction. They will also push on cracking down on the affordable care act.



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Pumpkin Decorating Contest
By Lee Daubaras

ITS OVER!! The pumpkin decorating contest winners have been decided.

As you may know, on Thursday, October 18th, Student Government hosted a pumpkin decorating contest, organized by Mrs. Nolan.

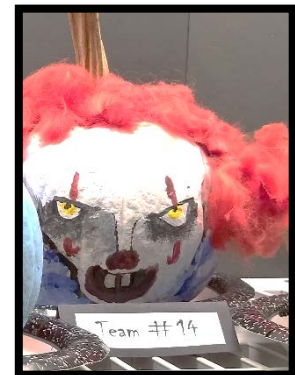
The decorated pumpkins were able to be viewed in the display case outside of the auditorium. The staff helped out by voting for their favorites. It was a tough competition with 42 teams. Good job to everyone who participated! The pumpkins were amazing. See below for the winners.

Happy Fall!

The Winners:

Scariest Pumpkin:

Team 14 - Casey With & Ava Belz



Most Creative Pumpkin:

Team 20- Ian Schneider & Julia Fink



All Around Best Pumpkin:

Team 1- Ava Ianuzzi, Valerie Tomayo & Kendyl Corcoran



More photos on pages 3-4.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest 10/18/18
Photos by Jack Verdolino



Pumpkin Decorating Contest 10/18/18
Photos by Mrs. Avella



Marvel's Spider-Man PS4 Review By Richard Wisotsky

This video game has a great storyline based on more than one character. It starts out with you as Spider-Man and gets right into the game, not wasting any time on Spider-Man's story. You feel like you're actually Spider-Man. You can choose between completing all the levels or just roaming free and swinging around the city. You can also play new downloadable content which means its levels are exclusive content that you can't get without buying it.

The game has great comic book villains including Mister Negative, Scorpion, Rhino, Vulture, Doctor Octopus, and Electro. Not only can you play as Spider-Man but you can play as Peter Parker. You can also do side missions as Spiderman's friend Mary Jane or Miles Morales.

When you are playing as Spider-Man you have gadgets to help you defeat criminals. The game fighting controls have evolved from the other **Spider-Man** games. In all, I give the game 10 out of 10 because the game's controls are very smooth and it has a great story. The cost is \$59.99 for the game and \$299.99 for a PS4 console. I recommend you get this game if you have the money and the time.



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

All Challengers approaching!!! By Adam Menendez

What's up guys! It's Adam here. I'm new to the school newspaper so you don't know me. I'm here to tell you about the video game **Super Smash Bros Ultimate** coming out in December. It's a crossover game with the most popular Nintendo characters that got invited to the Smash Bros tournament. You pick your character and team up or fight against your friends or a non-player character (NPC).

Ultimate is just another generation of **Smash Bros** games. There are already 5 before it! Nintendo wasn't kidding when they named this game "Ultimate". Every character that was ever in Smash is going to be here. The roster is approaching 70 characters. There's Mario, Pikachu, Link (he's my main), Sonic, Kirby and Pac-Man to name a few.

There are also some new characters jumping in the mix, like Daisy, Inkling, Richter, and King K Rool. There are quite a few stage options too. Personally, I hope that they put Goku, Incineroar, and Dixie Kong in the game.

Well that's all I've got for you, try and get the game when it comes out.



Image from <https://www.nintendo.co.uk>

My Hero Academia Review By Emily Stannish

Who loves anime?

My Hero Academia is an anime about a middle school student named Izuku Midoriya. He wants to become a hero more than anything but he hasn't got an ounce of power in him. He started working with teacher All Might who is a superhero. He gets bullied by Katsuki Bakugo who has fire powers. He has a crush on Ochaco Uraraka who has gravity manipulation. If you want to know more, read the manga or watch the anime.



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



The first book discussion this year was held on
November 8, 2018 with Ms. Ware.
They read **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art By Caroline Pickney

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is a museum located in New York City. It is the largest museum in the United States. The museum had about 7.6 million visitors in 2016. It is also the third most visited museum in the world! There are about 5,000 years of art from every part of the world, including more than 2 million works of art.

The museum has many tours and blogs. One of the tours is the Exhibition tour. It consists of 116 beautiful pieces showing the achievements of artists from more than fifty cultures across North America.

Here is a review from someone who's been to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "Was such a great experience! Absolutely loved every minute. Spent 3 hours and still would be able to another day". This seems like people really like the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



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

Hurricane Michael By Kaylee Norton and Melissa Stewart



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Hurricane Michael was a category 3 major hurricane. It hit cities in Florida including Mexico Beach and Panama City on October 9, 2018.

The storm was scary because it moved very fast at a rate of 16 miles per hour. The Gulf of Mexico Waters were too warm. People only had 3 to 4 days to prepare. The total number of people who died during Hurricane Michael was 36.

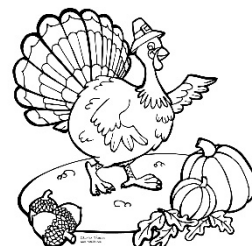


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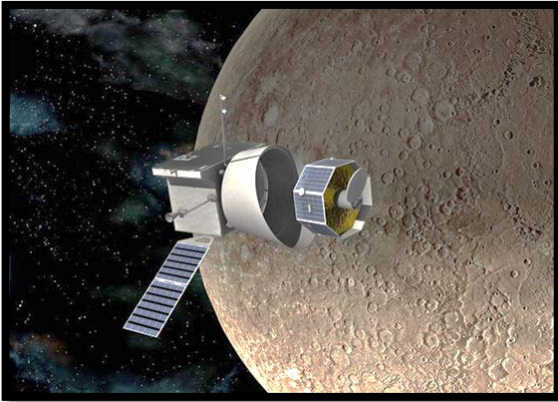
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***BepiColombo* heads for Mercury**

By Frankie Irace



Artist's impression of *BepiColombo* at Mercury.

Image from <https://www.space.com/35671-bepicolombo-facts.html>

Last month, on October 20th, a joint-effort spacecraft called *BepiColombo* built by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), finally launched on a multi-year mission towards the planet Mercury.

Mercury is the most mysterious of the inner rocky planets. Only two spacecraft have visited the planet, and these were both American spacecraft: *Mariner 10* in 1974 and *MESSENGER* much more recently in 2014. Both of these spacecraft are now dead and Mercury has not been imaged or studied up close since 2015.

It has been a long wait, with the mission first being approved in 2009, and unfortunately, it will take even longer to get to Mercury. It is very difficult to get to Mercury due its close location to the Sun, so spacecraft have to use gravity-assistance maneuvers, where they use the gravity of one planet to shoot it out to another. This is how both *Mariner 10* and *MESSENGER* reached Mercury because they used Venus' gravity to get them there, and *BepiColombo* will be no different. It will make one flyby of Earth, two of Venus, and six of Mercury, before *BepiColombo* will finally enter into Mercury's orbit in late 2025.

The mission is actually made up of two different satellites, which are the *Mercury Planetary Orbiter* from the ESA, and the *Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter* from JAXA. The joint mission will study Mercury's atmosphere, surface, and magnetic field, and we will hopefully be able to learn a little bit more about this elusive world.

Kepler Mission

By Caroline Pickney

In the last ten years, the amount of planets found has gone from 100 to way over 2,000 with about 2,000 planets likely to be confirmed.

Most of these discoveries of planets are from NASA'S Kepler mission. The Kepler mission is a spacecraft that keeps a 1-meter telescope that lights up a 95 megapixel digital camera the size of about a baking sheet.

Kepler was launched in March of 2009. The camera is so sensitive that it could detect a fly buzzing around from an orbit above earth. The camera can see stars shake and vibrate, it can also see planets as small as the moon! Now, the spacecraft has run out of its hydrazine fuel and has officially stopped being used. NASA'S new TESS mission has launched in April and has taken over the other spacecraft's mission. TESS stands for Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite.

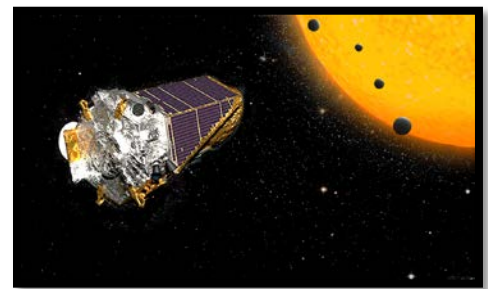
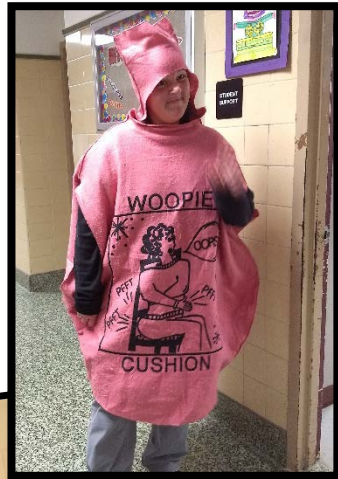


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Wednesday Fun Day October 31, 2018





inFAMOUS: Second Son

By Lee Daubaras



Although it is from 2014, this game surprises even new players with beautiful design, graphics, and a quick and easy story line along with add-on content for hardcore players. **inFAMOUS: Second Son** is quick, considering I completed it in 12 hours, but without a doubt this is one of the HARDEST games I have ever played. Considering difficulty, stay away from this game if you are not familiar with open world action that brings you everywhere.

The story line is simple. You play as a conduit, meaning a person with other worldly powers and abilities. Many government people are afraid of your kind. You find out you are a conduit from another person, who is escaping from people like the Department of Unified Protection (D.U.P.). Augustine, a war veteran, found her powers and decided to save her people, but they were only going to be trapped in a facility where they could not use their powers. You, a teenager, whose tribe has been infected by concrete powers, travel to Seattle to reverse them and expose Augustine for what she has done.

Along the way you meet 2 other conduits: an assassin and a gamer, who both have the same problem with people and the D.U.P. You take some of their abilities in order to have more power when fighting the government. Some powers include and are not limited to, speed run, wings, laser sword, vent dashing, smoke shooting, and paralyze. Your Reggie, who is a police officer, attempts to stop you but is ultimately on your team for greater good.

As you travel the wide open Seattle, you find many iconic landmarks and dangerous places to stay away from. For instance, you must scale the Space Needle to stop the D.U.P. from jamming your GPS signal. Travel is made harder when having to fly your way across broken bridges to get from district to district. Sadly, I found myself seeing the same places over and over because of how small, yet nicely done the map done is.

As you go, karma is a big decision throughout. You can choose to redeem or corrupt people and kill or save them. Being good leads you toward being the true hero of conduits. Being evil leads you toward being infamous. As you make your way through the story, you will see changes in dialogue and questing. Even people will change the way they see you. Scared, afraid, proud -- it's all toward one goal for them.

I rate **inFAMOUS: Second Son** 8 out of 10 due to small map issues, lots of bugs, and an overall shortage of story. However, other good things like how smooth it plays, easy controls, and small fps glitches all add up. So if you're looking for a cheap game, it's available for the PS4 for \$20. It jam packs a lot of gameplay, 12 hours of story, 15 hours for side quests and a full 40 hours to fully complete this game.



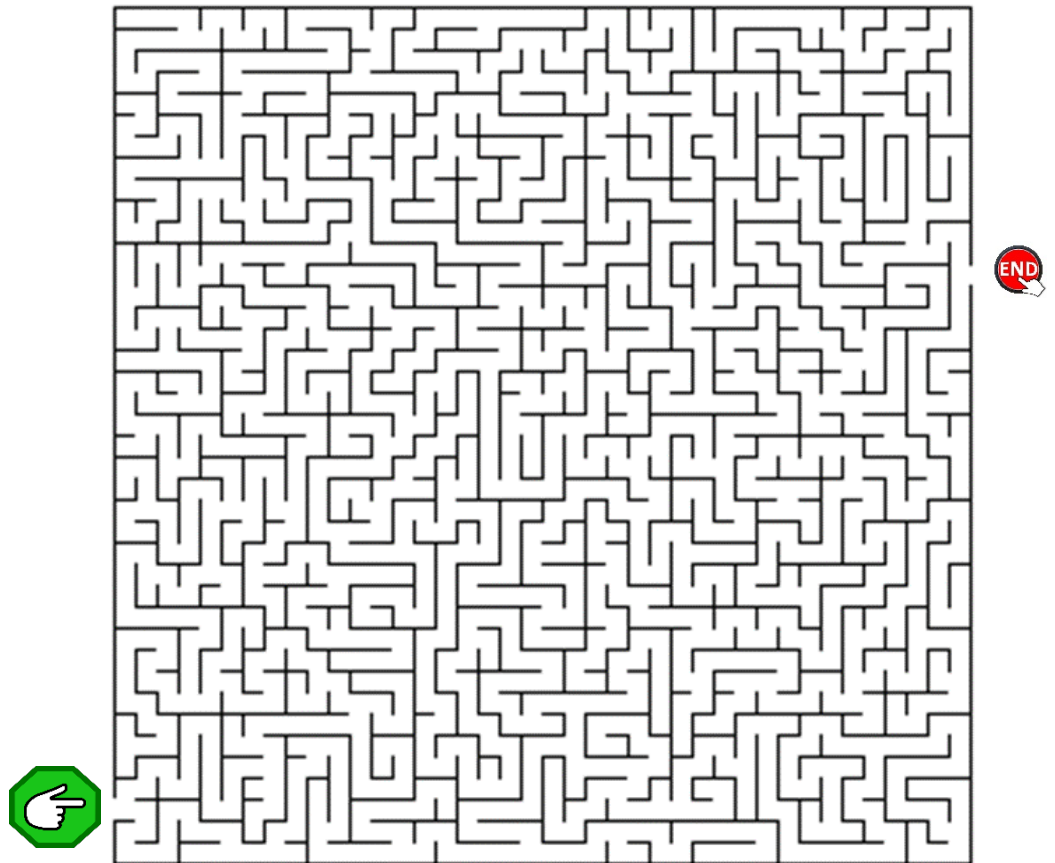
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Upcoming MS Events

- Nov 19
MS PTA Mtg 7p.m.
- Nov 21
MS/HS Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal after 3 p.m.
- Nov 21
MS Parent/Teacher Conferences 6-8 p.m.
- Dec 12
MS Winter Concert I @ HS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- Dec 17
MS Winter Concert II @ HS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- Dec 18
MS Winter Concert II @ HS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- Dec 24 – Jan 1
Winter Recess
- Jan 4
MS Spelling Bee
Periods 1-3
- Jan 7
MS PTA Mtg 7 p.m.
- Jan 22–25
MS Acceptance Week
- Jan 30
MS Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction 7:30 a.m.



Thanksgiving Maze By Puzzle Guy



Thanksgiving Word Scramble By Robert Graziano *Answers on page 7*

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Nick's Fall Word Search

By Nicholas Williams



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