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### Food Drive By Emily LaMorte

During May of 2017, the Newspaper Club and Student Government worked together to run a food drive to help Long Island Cares. LI Cares is an organization that brings together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry on Long Island. They annually distribute 7 million pounds of resources to Nassau and Suffolk counties alone. About 316,000 Long Islanders are hungry, and over 89,000 of them are children. Their vision is a "Hunger Free Long Island."

In February of 1980, *Long Island Cares* opened The Harry Chapin Food Bank. The Food bank receives and warehouses millions of pounds of donated and purchased food to residents of Nassau and Suffolk County. This is done through many member agencies: food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes, day treatment facilities, senior nutrition sites and day care centers. This organization helps many people in need and thanks to every student and staff member who donated this year, they may help even more!

For more info, visit:  
<https://www.licares.org>



## March Mathness By Marie Tohill

During March of 2017, EIMS students participated in an online competition of math strength and endurance. The tournament was held on IXL math – a website focused on the improvement of students’ math skills ( <https://www.ixl.com/math> ). Every student was allowed to participate but the competition was optional.

Students competed against their peers, the computer, and themselves when trying to beat their own previous personal score. Prizes were awarded to individual students and classes. The winners were chosen based on their “Honor Roll Report,” which shows the top-performing students in each grade in terms of proficiency and mastery of problems solved on their grade level. Some classes received an award based on an overview of each classroom’s performance and usage.

Thanks goes out to the EIMS PTA for providing gift cards and frozen ice treats for the winners. Student Government also provided school store gift certificates to some winners. Our building winner was Sahara Wilks who received a \$50 iTunes gift card.

Overall, students enjoyed participating in the math tournament, working towards the improvement of their own math skills and hoping to get a reward out of it too. Congrats to all!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Renganeschi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhiannon Donahue
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruelin Man-Martinez

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

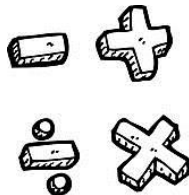
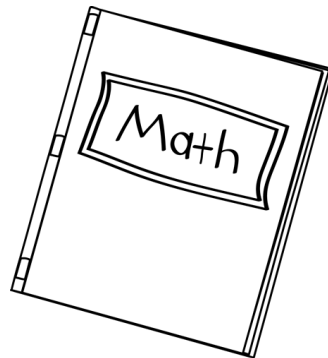
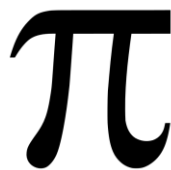
- 1<sup>st</sup> Miranda Stockton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Petersen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Selina Ayoub

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katelyn Schwarz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Renganeschi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Tese

### Class Winners

- Mr. Reynolds – Period 5
- Ms. Kurau – Period 7
- Mrs. Straub – Period 1



### **“March Mathness” Champion**

**Building Winner  
Sahara Wilks  
7<sup>th</sup> grader**



Clip art from <http://www.clipartpanda.com>

# GAME CHAT (FINAL ARTICLE!)

With Frank Cuoco and Connor Bolster

## TODAYS TOPIC: Castle Crashers Remastered



**(Frank):** Welcome back everyone. This is our last article so let's go out with a BANG! So, Castle Crashers was a hit game on the Xbox 360 but was ported and Remastered to the Xbox One and it's a blast!

**(Connor):** The main goal of the game is to choose a character. (The character I usually pick is Hatty Hatington). After you do that, you explore many different levels and go save the princesses and fight many bosses. This can be tough to do unless you have friends to play with.

**(Frank):** There are many different types of characters, weapons and pets. The characters can have different magic (ex. fire, lighting, ice and poison). The weapons can offer many buffs and debuffs which can make or break your game. The pets also give you stat changes but they are all buffs, not debuffs. This can really help you when fighting bosses or finding items.

**(Connor):** Hey Frank, you forgot to talk about the gameplay! The gameplay is a side scroller with enemies that can only hit you if you're in their lane or if they have an a.o.e. (area of effect) to hit you. You can block by pulling out your shield. Oh yeah, you can use items called potions which will fully heal in some cases.

**(Frank):** Hmm what didn't we cover yet..... Oh the various loot that you can find and collect! There are many kinds of gold from a single coin up to a gold statue. There are many fruits and meats that you can collect and eat for health regeneration, and with certain pets you can find hidden items like weapons, food and gold.

**(Connor):** So that's all for now.....

**(Both):** See you next time!!

Images from : <http://www.idatxbox.com>

## Tech News: Is VR just a fad?

By Justin Martinez



One of the newest trends in tech right now is Virtual Reality. Will it actually stick around as a part of gaming for the foreseeable future or is it just a passing trend? Some arguments against VR is that it's too expensive, there aren't enough games for it or that the games just aren't worth buying. Currently there are a few VR headsets to choose from on the market, such as the HTC Vive, Oculus Rift and Playstation VR. Prices range from \$799 for the HTC Vive to \$499 for the Oculus Rift.

For most people VR is just not worth that amount of money because there aren't enough big games coming out for any VR platforms. That is all starting to change now with bigger titles such as Resident Evil 7 and Minecraft. There are also smaller games such as Rick and Morty Simulator: Virtual Rick-ality, Job Simulator and Batman: Arkham VR.

You can also watch movies in VR through apps such as Netflix or the built in video apps. Watching movies in VR is certainly a different and more immersive experience that can't be had anywhere else. There are some drawbacks though. Many people have complained of nausea during action scenes, but you can take breaks and eventually most people build up a tolerance against the motion sickness. Currently it seems that VR is taking a while to catch on with people and it's unclear as to whether or not it will become a lasting part of the tech industry.

Image from: <http://www.dailystar.co.uk/tech/gaming>

## Advice for finals

Kelcie Alba

Finals are approaching! For people who are taking their finals for the first time, such as the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, advice is very important. Here are a few tips to make sure you do your best.

- Study! Yes, everyone tells you to do this, but even just looking over material you don't remember can help you improve. If you want to do more, make a studying schedule and study during certain periods of the day, preferably after meals.
- Eat all 3 meals! Having energy to take your tests is important, so you don't feel drained after. Make sure to stay hydrated, too. Also, avoid caffeine!
- Get plenty of sleep! As someone who tends to stay up late, I try not to pull an all-nighter on the day of a final.
- Quiz yourself! A website I like to use is Quizlet. Make flashcards on vocabulary, and then take a quiz to see how well you do.
- Relax. Don't pressure yourself over finals unless you don't pay attention to any of your classes. Keeping a peaceful attitude about the tests will help you.

Good luck on finals, everyone!



## **Fifth grade visitation** **By Joelle Tomossone**

As part of National Junior Honor Society, I had the privilege of giving tours to the upcoming sixth graders on May 17, 2017. Giving these tours gave the eighth graders a sense of responsibility.



Fifth grade tours inform upcoming sixth graders about life in the middle school. The eighth graders explained where certain rooms were located such as the cafeteria and gyms.

Several fifth-grade students had questions about how the bell schedule works and how to open their locker. We reassured them that they would have plenty of time to get to their classes. We also explained to them that the teachers at the middle school are extremely caring and will understand that you're adjusting to a new school if you're late the first few days.



**KEEP  
CALM  
BECAUSE  
6th GRADE  
ROCKS**

*Image from:*  
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/256071928785810383/>

## **Don't be bored this summer!**

### **Here are some ideas:**

- Color using free online coloring pages
- Identify the night sounds you hear
- Have a wheelbarrow race
- Play charades
- Thumb wrestle
- Watch birds
- Go bowling
- Learn to jump rope
- Take pictures of outside nature
- Create a board game night
- Learn a magic trick
- Feed the ducks

For the complete list, visit:

<http://www.thejennyevolution.com/free-summer-activities-kids/>



## Spring Sports Wrap-up



**Boys Lacrosse, Coach Delia and Coach Veit:** The boys lacrosse team played well as a TEAM throughout the season. Congratulations on putting the team first. All the best moving forward.

**Girls Lacrosse, Coach Huether:** After a couple of tough years, the girls lacrosse team managed to end the season with a solid record of 7 wins and only 3 losses. The girls worked very hard through a cold and rainy spring to improve their skills. They played extremely well for a team in which the majority of the girls had never played lacrosse before. Coach Huether wishes the 8th graders the best of luck playing in high school and looks forward to seeing the 7th graders again next year.



**Boys Track, Coach Longbardi:** The Middle School boys track team had an amazing season. The team captains were David McDermott, Ryan Glennon, Peter Carino, Jacob Arens and Zach Schwartz. We had solid performances throughout our season by Jayshawn Wilkins, Dan Esmas, Anthony Buccino, Joe Giannini, Vincent Moriani, Carlos Olaya, Joe Magro, Kevin Smith, Thomas Henderson and Ryan Auffant. I was impressed with this team's work ethic and it showed during our meets.

**Girls Track, Coach Schlott:** The girls track team had a very strong season, wrapping up the season with an all-time high in personal records. I could not be more proud of how hard the girls worked. The effort they put in was evident in how well they performed at the last track meet. Almost all of the girls earned personal records. For many of the girl this was their first time on a track and field team.



**Baseball, Coach Robertson:** The East Islip Middle School baseball team finished with a 4-4-1 record. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication during the 2017 season.

**Softball, Coach Montuori:** The girls softball team finished the season with a record of 4 wins and 5 losses. The team always played hard and they improved after a game. It was fun to coach the girls and I am looking forward to coaching them next year.

Images from <http://imgarcade.com>



**Puzzles p. 7-8**  
**By Markus Higgins**



**Word Search: Summer**



BEACH

FIREWORKS

FOURTHOFJULY

FRIENDS

HEAT

ICECREAM

NOSCHOOL

POOL

SLEEP

SPORTS

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VACATION

# Number Blocks

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.

The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.

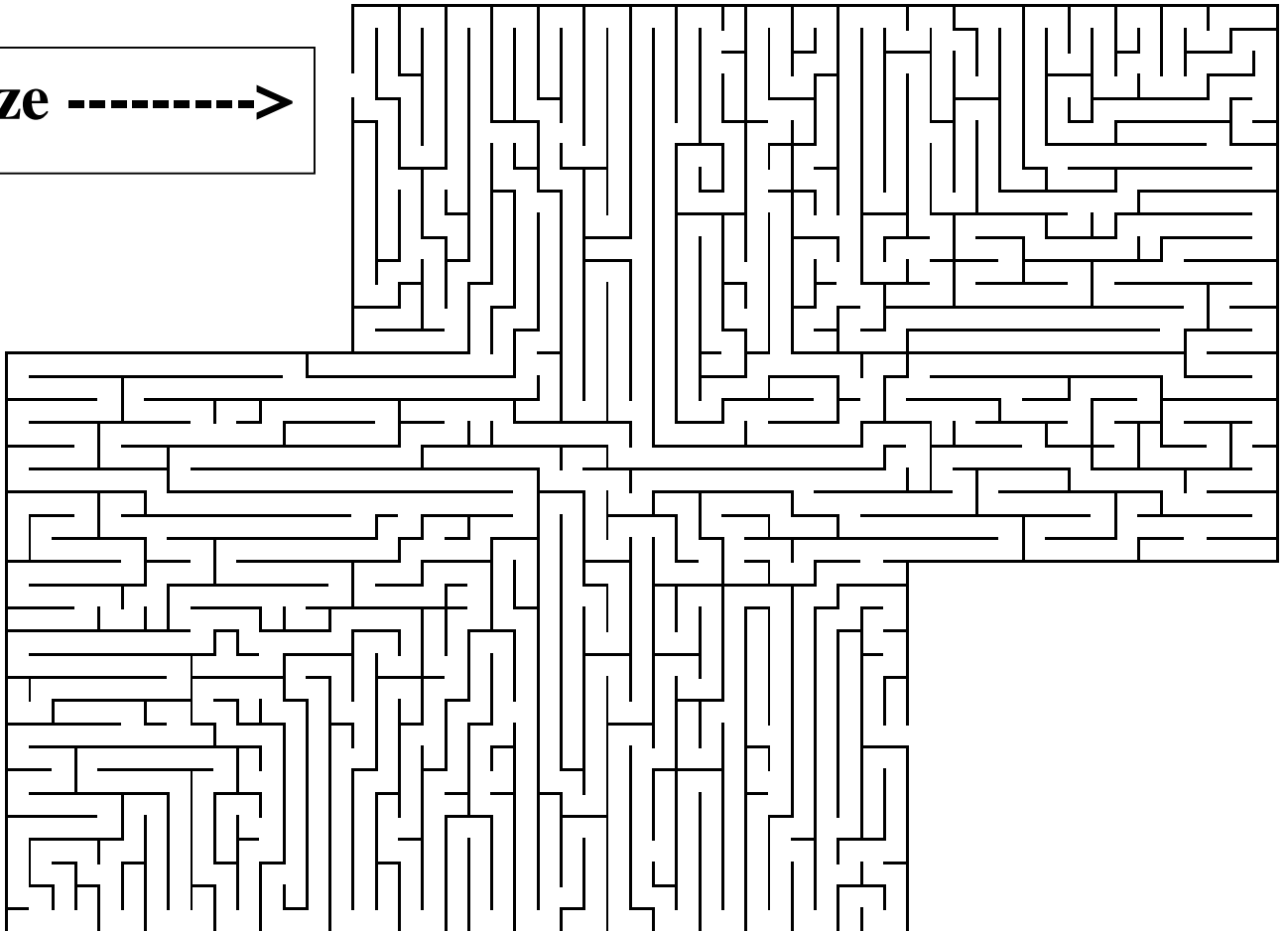
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The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

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12	12	9	9

Solution on p. 10

**Maze** ----->





# Word Search : Astronomy

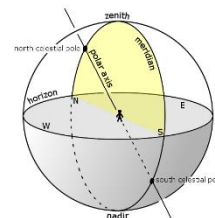
By Joseph Graziano

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**Thanks to the  
 newspaper staff for  
 all of your hard  
 work this year.  
 Enjoy the summer!**

*~Mrs. Avella*

Solution to Number Blocks  
 on p. 8

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**Cryptogram**  
**By Markus Higgins**  
 Solve the phrase.

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