EI Spotlight

EAST ISLIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER



Student Spotlight

-Mrs. Frees

Jackson Mancuso is a seventh-grade student who is involved in many clubs and activities this year. Among the clubs he participates in are Robotics, Builders, Buddies, Technology, and Newspaper clubs. His favorite club is the Buddies club because "It is fun to hang out with friends, play games, and do activities together."

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTION DAY/ SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE DAY
11/3/26

MARKING PERIOD 1 ENDS
11/6/26

VETERAN'S DAY (NO SCHOOL)
11/12/26

THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
11/25-11/27



Remembering Together: 25 Years After 9/11

-Lily Dworkin

I expected the assembly to be quiet and solemn, with names of victims, flowers, and a podium. Instead, I was speechless when I saw first responders, town representatives, and the board of education there. My friends felt excited, surprised, honored, and shocked.

My first thought was, "Wow," because the assembly was much bigger than I expected. Even though no current student lived through 9/11, assemblies like this help us remember. The speakers relived painful memories but still came to share their stories.

Every adult who lived through that day has a story, and sharing those stories brought people together.

The standout speaker was a best friend of Welles Remy Crowther, the man in the red bandana, and spoke about the Welles Crowther Charitable Trust. The band, orchestra, and chorus also performed. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize the assembly. It showed us both the terrible things that happened and the hope that followed.

It was meaningful that the speeches reached students who were not there that day, and I hope everyone left feeling inspired.

Message from the Principal

"I'm proud of your class efforts in tackling difficult subjects and supporting one another. This month, let's stay focused, meet our goals, and show respect in all settings; class, online, and beyond. Keep pushing, you can do it!"
-Mrs. Scully



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EIMS News



-Arya Brabazon

Start With Hello Week took place on Tuesday, September 22nd to Friday, September 25th at EIMS. Start With Hello Week is meant to encourage students to say hello to new people, make new friends, and spread kindness around our school. On Tuesday, September 22nd, Students wore green and a nametag. The nametags were to help students introduce themselves to each other, especially 6th graders who some of whom met each other for the first time. On Wednesday, we wore shirts with positive messages. Students were encouraged to give compliments and spread kindness. EIMS wore gold on the 24th to support childhood cancer awareness. Stickers were also handed out in your homeroom class to show even more support. Lastly, on Friday, we wore the East Islip colors (red, white, and black) to show our community and school spirit.

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-Arya Brabazon

Teacher Feature

From the Classroom to the Firehouse: An interview with Mr. Marra

-Zoe Jackowski

I recently go the opportunity to sit down with and interview Mr. Marra (East Islip middle School Science teacher) to find out what it is like to be a firefighter.

Q1: What made you want to become a firefighter?
"It's a family tradition."

Q2: How long have you been a firefighter?
" For 36 years in West Sayville"

Q3: Can you tell us a personal story of an experience you have had?
"The best moment is when my two sons got sworn in but on the negative side it would be anytime a neighbor loses a home."

Q4: How do you and your fellow firefighters navigate and stay connected during the chaos and noise of a fire?
"We use radios and we do a lot of training together."

Q5: Where were you and what were you doing when you first heard about the attack on the world trade center?
"I was teaching a kindergarten class"



"It has been an honor to serve my community as a volunteer fireman"

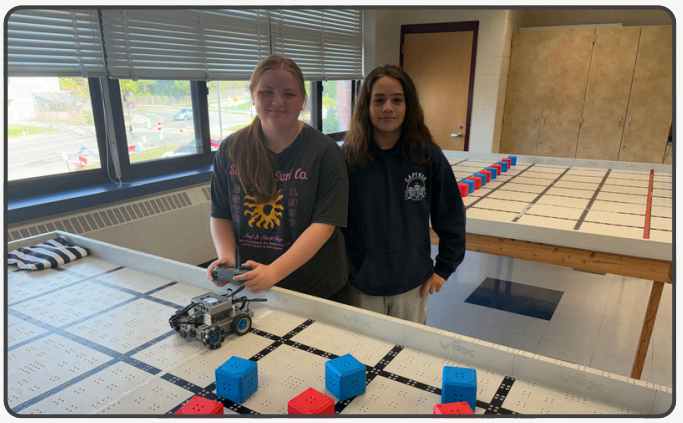
—Mr. Marra

Q6: In what ways did emergency response training, equipment, or protocols evolve following 9/11?
"The communication, awareness and technology"

Q7: How has the fire service community worked to support the ongoing physical and mental health needs of 9/11 responders?
"By providing counseling services and memorial remembering"

Q8: How do you and your fellow firefighters honor the memories of members who lost their lives on 9/11?
"With items like T-shirts and memorials. The names of volunteer and city firefighters can be found on fire trucks."

Q9: What wisdom would you pass on to young men and women entering the fire service today?
"That it is an honor to serve your community"



Club & Activity Corner

MS Robotics Club is Gearing Up!

What does it take to design a robot? Students in the East Islip Middle School robotics club are finding out by building and testing their own creations.

Led by club advisor Mr. Connell, the club meets Tuesdays after school in MS room 227. Members use VEX IQ equipment and supplies to design and create robots. They also build competition robots and compete against one another on the club's game fields.

The club adds to the learning happening in 8th grade technology class, giving students another chance to explore robotics through hands-on projects. For Ava Ievoli, an 8th grade student, the club is a way to try new ideas and learn more about the machines.

"I wanted to join the robotics club to be more creative and learn more about the robots we work with in class," said Ava.

With teamwork, creativity, and robot-building, East Islip students are putting their technology learning into action.

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-Ava Ievoli

Get Involved!

Interested in joining a club or starting something new? Check out the full list of clubs on our school's website or speak to Mrs. Walsh in the main office.

Student Advice



Studying 101

-Katherine Li

Ever sat down at your desk the day before a big test and had no idea what to do? Or only studying your study guide and the test was way harder than expected? Worry not, here are some tips and tricks I use to help me study.

Understand the Format

This often goes unnoticed but plays a big part in how you do on a test. This depends on the subject and the teacher. If it's a subject that relies heavily on memorization like history or English, you're better off sticking to the straight facts. If it's a more practical subject like science or math, review past mistakes and do questions. If you notice patterns in test questions like you're constantly between two answers on one question, be sure to understand why this happens and what to note for the future.

Study Resources

Studying can be hard without the right resources. Watching YouTube videos for the general gist of information, can be really helpful for subjects like science and history. Handouts and study guides can help with remembering and understanding, but don't rely on them if your test doesn't focus on them. For math, I like to use IXL, past questions, or Google to find problems of the same unit. This works for a subject like math which relies heavily on understanding, so be sure to practice the questions. In English, there isn't much to actually "study" unless specified. So reread the story, look up unfamiliar words, and make sure you understand. In history, use McGraw Hill to reread textbook information or watch YouTube on unfamiliar topics. Science can be tricky, so redo handouts, watch videos, or use past Regents questions, since the newer science curriculum often focuses on comprehension.

If you struggle with memorization, try mnemonics like PEMDAS, Please, Excuse, My, Dear, Aunt, Sally, or repeat a sentence until it's in your head. If your teacher likes to lecture on topics, try keeping a notebook or collection of loose-leaf paper with what they say, or if you have a good memory, try recalling it day to day. Over time, this active recall can help you on the test.

Mindset

Everyone is different, getting a bad grade won't be the end of the world. After all, school is just a guide for the future, so you don't even need good grades if it's what you desire. Though, it's always good to have average grades to keep up. Some people need days to study and some need 30 minutes to get the same grade. This doesn't define you so don't beat yourself up over a bad grade or else you might get sucked into a self-destructive cycle. Instead, try to figure out what went wrong when you get a bad grade. It could've been effort, memorization, or just understanding. If you don't understand a subject you're learning, set aside 30 minutes after school to study or attend extra help. Finding motivation to study can be hard too. I like to put a video of the topic I am studying in the background until I eventually get around to study. You can also do a reward system, like a small break for every half hour you study. Managing your schedule is important too if you get home late, try studying in the morning, if you have a busy day coming up and can't study, try studying in advance or at lunch.

My tips and tricks may not work for everyone but try them if you're struggling, after all, it doesn't hurt. I wish you good luck and good grades for this school year!

Science and Technology

Why You Should NOT Use AI

-Sal Tringali

In recent years, AI (Artificial Intelligence) has emerged, and it has really evolved since the days of it making relatively bad videos of people eating spaghetti. (That's a real thing, by the way, search it up.) Whether the evolution of AI is a good thing or not is up for debate, but I don't think it is and here's why.

Firstly, people use it for the wrong reasons. AI was originally intended to be a tool to assist you in things such as programming, art, and even schoolwork, things that humans traditionally do. However, people use it to just do the entire job for them and then take the credit. Though it was originally not very good at doing these things, nowadays it's becoming more and more inconspicuous whether or not something was generated using AI or made by a human, and because of that, people have a hard time deciphering whether or not something is AI, which leads to confusion when people call human-made things AI generated.

Another thing is that it's harmful to the environment. Land has to be cleared out to build these data centers, which means trees get cut down which contributes to global warming and deforestation, and a lot of the time the data centers use clean drinking water to cool the servers. This doesn't sound like a big deal until you take into account the fact that 1% of Earth's water is fresh water, and around half of that is locked in ice. That means that 0.5% of Earth's water is actually drinkable by humans. And although AI isn't the only thing that contributes to these things, (stuff such as electronics and even bottled water are also unhealthy for the environment) it is still a big contributor.

A third thing that AI affects is the job force. Though it creates new jobs, it also replaces other jobs. Some people have completely replaced their human labor with that of AI. One example of this is with Roblox, where people have started completely having AI do all of the work for them. (For example, Murder Mystery 2 was revealed to have 40% of its codebase generated using AI.) Another job it replaces is truckers, which is being replaced with AI-powered trucks that drive themselves, (Even the back of the truck where there would be a fridge and a bed is now where the AI's servers are.) It has gotten to the point where there is an entire 24 hour TV channel on Roku that is entirely just consisting of shows entirely generated by artificial intelligence! However, as mentioned before, it creates some jobs such as AI researchers and trainers. There are also positions available to oversee the aforementioned AI powered trucks so that there is a human driver ready to take over if things go south. AI is even starting to be used to make military decisions for the U.S., so we'll have to wait and see what the future holds!



AI? Is it Worth the Hype

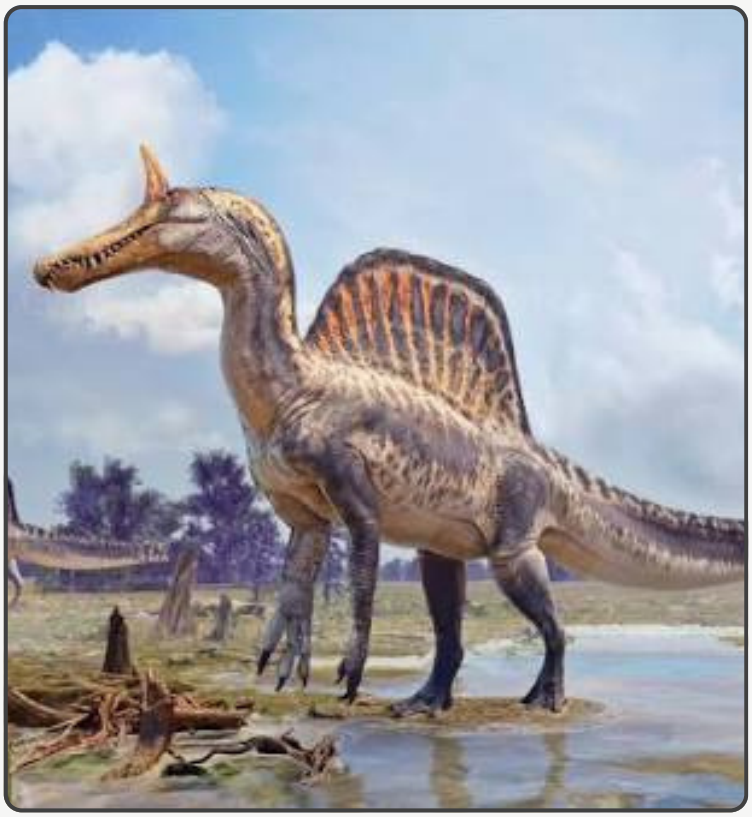
-Madison Lam

AI helps you with your homework. It helps you shop and buy last minute gifts for your grandparents. All good things that AI is doing, right? But, what's behind the mask, or in this case, screen.

According to an article published by NYU students in 2025, it states some pros and cons of AI advancements. It says AI has advanced problem solving skills, {meaning it can solve most riddles and questions} efficient information retrieval { it can find any piece of information for you if you're having a hard time.}, personalized learning {AI can actually teach you or educate you like your teacher would}, and innovative creativity. {That means AI can be a source for human creativity} Those are some exciting things for an inhumane piece of technology to have. But here are the cons.1] Loss of authenticity. This means people rely on AI too heavily, and this is distracting the human thought process. Just think! I could've had Google Gemini write this whole article for me! 2] privacy. The AI thought process requires access to personal data. That can be dangerous! Where is that info going? 3] Job displacement. People are losing their jobs because AI is replacing them. Imagine if all your teachers got fired because now AI taught everything to you. Not only is that creepy, it also takes away the personal factor of school. It would make most people lose a lot of money, and it may even lead to a Depression.

Aside from that article, many people are saying AI is using up fresh, clean drinking water so they can keep the computers cool. That's water that's never coming back! Now, even though AI seems like an amazing tool, and come on, it really works, but there's a lot behind the mask that a lot of people don't know there is a part of. But by using it to search for where they sell Needohs, or where to buy them cheapest, you're contributing to everything I just said! Do you want help? It's as simple as trying to not use it as often. Instead of using AI, just spend the extra minute looking. If you haven't already guessed, I don't like AI enough for any of that to happen. What's your opinion?

Science and Technology



New Spinosaurus Species Discovered

-Trent Perry

After almost 115 years with only one known spinosaur species, scientists have announced the discovery of a new one: *Spinosaurus mirabilis*.

Led by Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago, paleontologists found the fossils in the Farak Formation in Niger, Africa. The team dug in the area in 2000, 2019, and 2022. Their discovery was announced in 2026.

The find is especially exciting because the original *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus* fossil was destroyed during World War II. It was lost when the British Royal Air Force bombed Munich on April 24, 1944.

The two species lived at different times during the Late Cretaceous period. *Spinosaurus mirabilis* lived about 95 million years ago, while *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus* lived between 113.2 and 100.5 million years ago. “Astonishing” is exactly what the name means.

The word *mirabilis* comes from Latin and means “astonishing.” The new species had a distinctive crest on its nose and between its eyes, giving it a look unlike other spinosaurs.

Scientists found part of a thighbone, called a femur, and a shinbone, called a tibia, along with more than five teeth, pieces of backbone and tail vertebrae, and part of a skull. Vertebrae are the small bones that make up the spine. The fossils are now stored and cataloged in a museum collection.

Another dinosaur, *Oxalaia quilombensis*, looked similar to *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*. Both had head crests, two-bumped sails on their backs, flipper-like tails, and long claws. They also ate fish.

The discovery of *Spinosaurus mirabilis* gives scientists more clues about spinosaurs and how these fish-eating predators lived. With another species to study, researchers can better understand this fascinating group of prehistoric hunters.

Apollo 15th 55th Anniversary

-Trent Perry

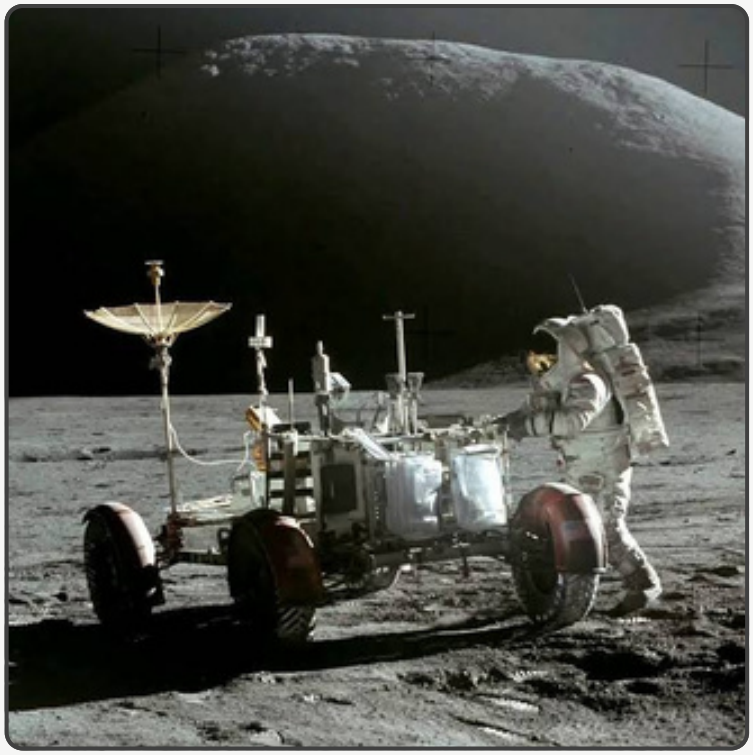
The lunar module, nicknamed "Falcon," touched down on the Moon on July 30, 1971. It carried four spacesuits, even though only two astronauts—Scott and Irwin—were aboard the module. Worden stayed in orbit in the command module, nicknamed "Endeavour." The two moonwalkers spent 19 hours, 7 minutes, and 53 seconds exploring the lunar surface outside the Falcon.

During the journey home, Worden made history by performing the first spacewalk in deep space to retrieve film cassettes from the spacecraft. As the crew returned to Earth in the Endeavour, one of the three parachutes failed to open completely. Fortunately, the astronauts landed safely anyway and were recovered by the USS Okinawa on August 7, 1971, in the North Pacific Ocean.

Apollo 15 produced some of the most memorable moments in space exploration. Scott famously dropped a hammer and a falcon feather on the Moon to prove Galileo Galilei's theory of gravity—showing that objects fall at the same rate regardless of weight when there's no air resistance. The mission also placed a satellite in lunar orbit. The crew returned with important Moon samples, including the Genesis Rock, Great Scott, and Seatbelt basalt. Apollo 15 was groundbreaking because it was the first mission with a major focus on scientific discovery.

Although there are no special events planned to commemorate Apollo 15's 55th anniversary, the Kennedy Space Center and the Space Coast area are displaying information about this historic mission.

For more information about Apollo 15, go to:
Apollo 15 - NASA & Apollo 15 | The Planetary Society



Video Games



Jurrasic World Evolution 3

-Trent Perry

Your dinosaur park is about to get a serious upgrade. *Jurassic World Evolution 3* launched on October 21, 2025, for $59.99 on Xbox Series X|S, PlayStation 5, PC/Steam, Steam Deck, and NVIDIA GeForce Now—and the game just keeps getting bigger with new content dropping all summer long.

The **Rebirth DLC** arrived on June 16 for $24.99, bringing four brand-new creatures inspired by the movie *Jurassic World Rebirth*. Two are real prehistoric dinosaurs: *Titanosaurus* and *Aquilops*. The other two? Mutant hybrids called *Distortus Rex* and *Mutadon*. The pack also includes three fresh new maps and a whole new campaign to sink your teeth into.

Just two months later, the **Crocodilia Coast DLC** hit on August 11 for $14.99. This one packs five prehistoric creatures, including the massive *Deinosuchus*—basically a prehistoric crocodile the size of a school bus. You also get *Desmatosuchus*, *Postosuchus*, *Elasmosaurus*, and *Shonisaurus*. What makes this DLC special is that it adds creatures from way back in the Triassic period, giving your park even more variety.

But wait—there's more! On the same day as Crocodilia Coast, Frontier Developments (the studio behind the game) dropped a **free update**. This one added a brand-new building called the "walkway"—think of it as a bridge your park guests can actually walk across, with a cool first-person view option so you can see your park through their eyes. The update also brought *Carcharodontosaurus*, a dinosaur fans have been asking for forever.

If you want to decorate your park, the **Hologram DLC** for $14.99 lets you add animated dinosaur statues around your grounds. And that's not all—an upcoming **Prehistoric East DLC** will bring five more dinosaurs to the game.

"With so much new content, there's always something fresh to discover," according to the game's growing collection of creatures and features.

Whether you're a *Jurassic* superfan or just getting started, *Jurassic World Evolution 3* has plenty of reasons to keep playing. Your dinos are waiting!

New big Minecraft update coming: should we be excited?

-Jackson Bagielto

So a new Minecraft update is dropping soon, and it's introducing a brand-new dimension called "The Sift." But should we actually be hyped about it? Let me break it down.

On one hand, the update could make the game way harder, which might be cool or annoying depending on who you ask. The new dimension might come with awesome resources—or they could turn out to be totally useless. There are new mobs coming too, but honestly, they might just be boring copies of stuff we've already seen. That said, there are rumors about new ores that could be even stronger than Netherite, which sounds pretty incredible.

Here's the thing though: we don't really know what's actually going to be in the final update. Mojang could change everything before release, so we might end up disappointed or totally blown away. Nothing's certain yet.

But based on what we've seen so far? I think this update is definitely worth the wait. It looks promising, and I'm genuinely excited to check it out when it launches.

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> **-Author**



Entertainment News



Farewell Sam Neill

-Trent Perry

New Zealand actor Sam John Dermot Neill has died due to Pneumonia. Sam was born in Omagh, Ireland on September 14, 1947. What Sam is most famous for is his role as paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant in the Jurassic Park franchise, appearing in the Jurassic Park films Jurassic Park (1993), Jurassic Park III (2001), and Jurassic World: Dominion (2022), and had voice-acted for Jurassic World Evolution 1 (2018) and a Jurassic World Evolution 2 DLC (2022). Sam had won 3 primetime Emmy Awards, 2 Golden Globes, was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and in the 1991 Queen's Birthday Honors for his services as an actor. Sam is casted in the upcoming The Legend of Zelda live-action movie. Sam had a farm in New Zealand, and he had named his animals after celebrities so he would not eat them. He had 4 kids and played in over 150 films and over 100 feature films.

For more about his career, go to this link:

Sam Neill - IMDb

Who is Bad Bunny?

-Savannah Pabon

You might have seen Bad Bunny during the half time show or heard his music before. Bad bunny is a Puerto Rican artist that writes latin trap and reggaeton songs. He is currently the #1 male singer on spotify and has seven albums, one mixtape, twenty seven featured artists in other songs and one hundred and eight singles. (Oh my guacamole)

Bad bunny has met several famous celebrities such as Daddy Yankee, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Drake. In his half time show for 2026 he had Cardi B, Pedro Pascal, KAROL G and more popular celebrities feature in and between scenes.

Before Bad Bunny was a famous artist he was a bagger at a grocery store when all of a sudden a Puerto Rican producer named DJ Luian had approached Benito who was soon known to become world wide sensation, Bad Bunny. DJ luian had listened to one of Bad Bunny's early songs, Diles, and had signed him to Hear This Music. In 2017 Bad Bunny reached his top song with Mayores and had gained big recognition.

Bad Bunny continues to create top songs and rises to new and spectacular occasions. His songs will always be something to get up and dance to with friends, family, or just by yourself.

"His songs will always be something to get up and dance to with friends, family, or just by yourself."

-Savannah Pabon



Entertainment News

Music's Importance, Advantages and Emotions



-**Eleanor McRedmond**

Music. I assume we've all listened to music before, but my question is has music ever made you feel a certain way? Whether that means it makes you feel sad, happy, angry, calm, or some emotion you don't know how to describe. Music isn't just beats to a rhythm or notes being sung, it's actually much, much more.

Music is actually a great getaway for stress relief, when listening to music, it triggers the release of dopamine. Music can also reduce anxiety, it can boost confidence and motivation. But that's only when you're listening to upbeat music, what about the type of music that makes you want to scream and cry into your pillow? That has a different effect. When you're feeling sad and you turn on and blast sad music, sometimes your brain connects the music with personal experiences, making the music hit harder. According to studies, "Music seems to 'selectively activate' neurochemical systems and brain structures associated with positive mood, emotion regulation, attention and memory, in ways that promote beneficial changes." - Kim Innes, a professor of epidemiology at West Virginia University of Public Health. But actually, if a song makes you emotional or feel the need to cry, it can reveal something about your fundamental personality. Also, don't feel like you're weird for crying to music, crying when listening to music is actually very common. Studies show that 89.8% of people feel like crying when listening to music.

For me when I listen to sad music, I feel a sensation in my chest, and my throat. My throat tenses up, and I feel this sort of lump in my throat. I also feel the need to sort of in a way "catch my breath". And for me it is not necessarily the lyrics itself, it's more so the actual like notes and musical elements or components. A lot of the time for other people it is the lyrics, and the familiarity or shared experience with the song, your brain connects personal experiences with the lyrics.

Music can make people feel all sorts of different emotions, but what are some advantages of listening to music?

When you listen to music, research shows that it reduces stress, reduces blood pressure, reduces anxiety, it also can improve your sleep quality, mental alertness, memory, and mood. It gives your brain a workout. For children, listening to music is actually pretty important for brain development. The University of Georgia researchers say "Babies are born with billions of brain cells, called neurons. During the first years of life, those neurons form connections with other neurons. Over time, the connections our brains use regularly become stronger. Children who grow up listening to music develop strong music-related connections in the brain.". Music also gives you a sense of personality and can let you discover new things about yourself.

So, in conclusion, what I'm trying to say is; music is very important and impactful. And it doesn't just impact your mood, it can impact many things. But also, sometimes you should experiment and listen to other genres of music, but of course, listen to what you love.

Who is Sombr?

-Savannah Pabon

You might have heard the song Back to friends by Sombr on the radio. Sombr is an American singer/songwriter. His full name is Shane Micheal Boose. He first started writing, singing and producing songs in 2021 with his debut song being "Nothing Left to Say". He then went to write his second song "" and was signed off to Warner Studios. Then in 2023, his first album "In Another Life" was perfected. After the album he would write two singles "I don't know you anymore" and "Would've Been You". The next year in 2024 he released three more singles, "makes me want you", "Do I Ever Cross Your Mind", and "Back to Friends". He would then add some of his singles together with others and make his hit album, I Barely Know Her.

This is the album that skyrocketed his career. He now has 53,266,055 monthly listeners on Spotify and his numbers are only growing as he comes out with more songs and albums. So far sombr sombr has toured in Europe, Australia, and the United States. He also announced that in 2027 he will be re-touring Australia, Europe, and New Zealand. The name of Sombr's Tour is called 'You Are The Reason'. He is constantly posting on social media formats such as Instagram and Tik Tok.

If you ever want to listen to Sombr's music or just check out what he does, Go on Spotify to tune into his songs or go on Tik Tok and search up Dailysombr.



Games and Activities -Liliana Tringali

Back to School Wordsearch

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EIMS SPOTLIGHT

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Sports News



The 2026 NFL Season Begins

The NFL regular season roared to life on Wednesday, September 9, with a Super Bowl rematch that didn't disappoint. The Seattle Seahawks faced off against the New England Patriots at Lumen Field in Seattle, and the Seahawks won again—this time 13-10. It was a thrilling start to the season.

The action continued on Sunday, September 13, when three more big games took place. The New York Giants beat the Dallas Cowboys 28-20. The New York Jets beat the Tennessee Titans 23-10. The Buffalo Bills beat the Houston Texans 36-31.

All three games went to the winning teams, but here's where things get weird: *both the New York Giants and the New York Jets don't actually play in New York.* Instead, they share MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey—about 10 miles from the city. And the Buffalo Bills? They claim to be from Buffalo, but their new stadium, Highmark Stadium, just opened this year in Orchard Park, New York, not Buffalo.

It's a fun reminder that NFL team names don't always match where they actually play. So here's a question for you: Who is your favorite NFL team? Do they play in the town or state they say they are from?

NEW YORK YANKEE CAPTAIN AARON JUDGE

-Anthony Leogrande



Born: Judge was born on April 26, 1992, in Linden, California

Drafted: He was selected by the Yankees in the first round of the 2013 MLB Draft

Size: Standing at 6 feet 7 inches and weighing 282 pounds, he is one of the tallest players in MLB history

Record: He hit 62 home runs in 2022, breaking Roger Maris's 61 -year-old American League record

First At-Bat: He hit a home run in his very first Major League at-bat on August 13, 2016

Multi-Sport Star: He was an all-league wide receiver and a basketball center in high school before choosing baseball

Superstition: He keeps his bubble gum through consecutive hits but tosses it immediately if he makes an out



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The school band added lively music, turning the gym into a joyful chorus of cheers and beats. With every chant, the energy climbed higher. The volume of excitement almost blew the lid off the roof.

Mr. Padgr introduced the teams one by one. Each group earned enthusiastic applause as students stood, waved, and called out encouragement. Whether they competed on the court or field, supported teammates behind the scenes, or tried a new sport, every athlete had a place in the celebration. The cheers made one thing clear: East Islip was proud of its students and the dedication they brought to their teams.

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> **-Savannah Pabon**

Next came the club and activity shout-outs. Students celebrated the many ways their classmates contribute to school life, from creative projects and performances to service, leadership, and shared interests. Each mention brought a fresh burst of applause. The rally wasn't only about sports; it was a chance to recognize the talents, teamwork, and enthusiasm that make the school community vibrant.

A few lighthearted spirit games brought teachers and students into the spotlight together. The crowd laughed and cheered as participants showed off their school spirit. Friendly competition filled the gym, but the biggest victories were the smiles and good-natured encouragement shared across the bleachers.

As the rally continued, students clapped in rhythm and joined the cheerleaders in call-and-response chants. Teachers and administrators joined the applause, too. For a little while, the gym felt like one big team—everyone cheering, laughing, and celebrating side by side.

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Athlete Spotlight

-Suzie Smith

Lily Dworkin is a sixth grader who is involved in many Extracurricular activities and sports.

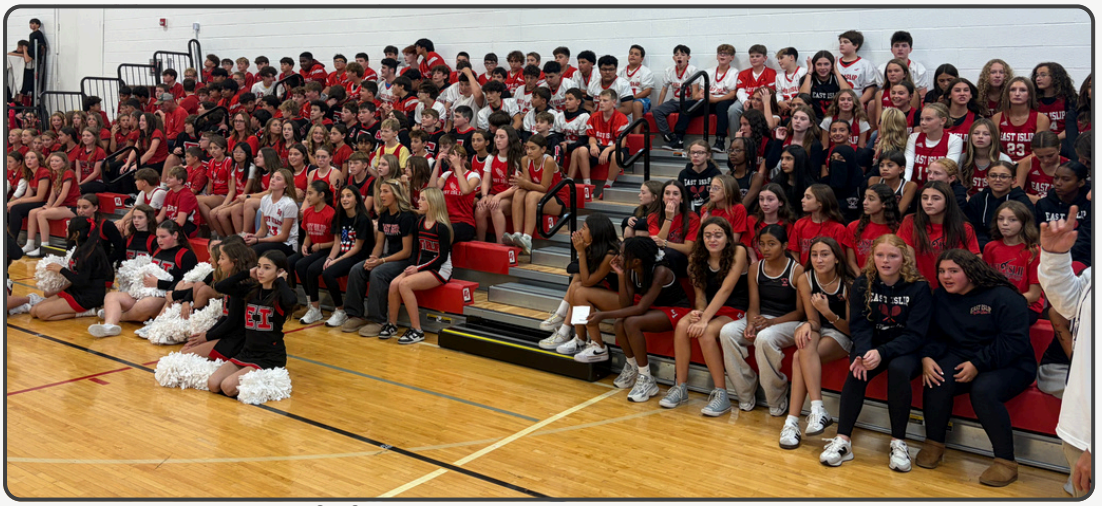
Among the clubs she participates in is Student Government, Yearbook, Newspaper and Kickline. Her Sportlight sport though is Kickline which she participates in with her peers. She says she joined the club because "I wanted to be able to participate in kickline because it was dancing! And then once when i find out my friends were joining it made it 10 times better!"

SPORTS FUN FACT

The NFL's first Thanksgiving Day game was played in 1934 between the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears! The Lions started the tradition to attract more fans, and Thanksgiving football has been a beloved American tradition ever since







School Spirit at the 2026 EIMS Pep Rally

-Mrs. Frees

In the afternoon of the 2026 pep rally, the East Islip Middle School gymnasium seemed to sparkle with school spirit. Bright banners stretched across the walls, and team colors filled the seats. Teachers, administrators, and students made their way into the gym, greeting one another as the buzz of anticipation grew louder.

Then MC Mr. Padgr stepped forward to start the event.

"East Islip, are you ready?" he called.

The response came back in a mighty roar. The pep rally was underway.

The celebration brought the whole school community together to recognize student athletes, clubs, and activities. Students from all the teams, clubs, and activities were present, cheering for friends and enjoying the chance to celebrate together. Some waved homemade signs, while others clapped along to the music. Everywhere, people were smiling and sharing the excitement.

The cheerleaders led the crowd in spirited chants, their voices rising above the stomp of sneakers and the steady rhythm of clapping hands.

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Message from the Coach

"Take care of your equipment and the equipment will take care of you!"

-Coach Croteau

