

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



The school year is halfway over, students have completed midterms and report cards are posted on Infinite Campus. Please log in and check your child's report card and attendance. It is accessible 24 hours a day for your convenience. If you need further information on how to access this information, please call Michele Finlay at 650-8232. She will be happy to help you.

Students have registered for courses for next year. Discuss with your child course offerings. It is our expectation that students will sign up for rigorous courses that interest them. Students in grades nine through eleven are expected to take a full course load which includes a nine period day allowing one period for lunch. Seniors must take a minimum of 5 1/2 credits plus lunch. Students who challenge themselves do better and find school more interesting. Later in the spring you will receive a mailing containing the courses your child has selected for next year.

During the months of March and April, it is vital that our students establish a routine that will assist and guide them through the scholastic rigor that they will experience towards the end of the year. Please discuss your child's progress with him or her. If your child is failing or not doing as well as you expect, please call your child's teacher at 650-8300 or guidance at 650-8350 to discuss the situation. We are here to assist you and welcome communication.

While our emphasis is always upon the academic aspects of each day, we also have many other opportunities to offer our students in the areas of athletics and extracurricular activities. These athletic and extracurricular activities at the high school provide educational experiences that have tremendous value and enrich the high school experience.

You, the parents, are a critical part of our process of preparing your child for the future. Please assist us by sitting down with your child and discussing the importance of making the right decisions in school that will lead to future success in college and life in general. As always, I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events that we hold at the high school.

PLEASE JOIN US

# ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Be sure to visit the website for Islip Public Schools for all information and school closings.  
<http://www.islipufsd.org>

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**“How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!”**  
*George Elliston*

# ISLIP BOOSTER CLUB

As a non-profit organization, the Islip Booster Club raises money through fundraising events to help support Islip athletics and more. Two of our major events are the I-Bucs Summer Camp and our upcoming **Purple and Gold Reception** at the **Timber Point Country Club on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** With the funds that we raise, we fulfill team requests for equipment and services that bolster the success of our Varsity, Junior Varsity and Middle School programs. In addition, we provide scholarships to deserving senior athletes at the annual awards night; assist the school district in the beautification of the football field (signage), the high school gym (new banners) and the baseball field (new dugouts). For the last two seasons we have participated in the Islip Chamber of Commerce holiday parade giving out free candy and hot chocolate to children and families. The Islip Booster Club is committed to serving the needs of the students and the Islip community. Parents and community members can help by attending this year's **Purple and Gold event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It's a fun night out featuring great food and beverages as well as a live band. For more information contact Laura in the Athletic Department at 650-8370.

*As always we appreciate your help and support!*

LET'S GO BUCS!!!

## Suffolk Zone Fitness Award



Two Islip High School students were honored at a dinner sponsored by the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Joe Sabbatino and Alexandra D'Acunto were recognized at the Hyatt Regency on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The criteria for achievement for this award are: exceptional physical performance, scholastic ability, and outstanding character and leadership qualities. These students contribute to the overall positive outcomes of their physical education classes as well as the school.

Joe's physical education teachers simply describe him as one of the all time best. His enthusiasm for each class makes him a true leader among his peers. He is always willing to help anyone in his class regardless of their ability. Joe plans on continuing his education at either C. W. Post or SUNY Cortland next fall.

Alexandra has a 100.32 grade point average and is in the top five of her senior class. Alexandra is a three sport athlete. Her physical education teachers describe her as a silent leader and a perfect role model for the other students. Her positive attitude is contagious and she is always willing to help others in class as well as her teachers. Alexandra looks to continue her education at Duke, Tufts or RIT in the fall.

Joe and Alexandra have both maintained a 99 average in physical education.

# February 2012

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		7:30 Booster Club		7:00 College Application Workshop		
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		Happy Valentine's Day				
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	Spirit Week					

# March 2012

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# Counselors' Corner

For the most updated Guidance news check out the Guidance page at

[www.islipufsd.org](http://www.islipufsd.org)

Click on Our Schools, then Islip HS, then Guidance Services

## **FRESHMEN FIRST NEWS**

On January 23, 2012, the counselors began meeting with their **Freshmen** individually or in small groups to discuss course selection for the 2012-13 school year. As they meet with their counselor, their **TENTATIVE** choices will be entered into the system. Please discuss with your child your expectations and what you consider to be appropriate choices. The Course Catalog for the 2012-2013 school year is available on the Counseling Department pages, in the Course Catalog tab. If you have any questions regarding the **process**, please contact your child's counselor. If you have questions regarding **academic placement**, please contact your child's teacher.

In March the counselors will be introducing the Freshmen to the NAVIANCE program and administering a career inventory. This will help students to explore the relationship between their interests, school and possible career areas. The results of the inventory can be viewed at home with access to the NAVIANCE program.

## **Sophomores**

Counselors have been meeting with their own students individually during the fall semester to continue to develop a personal relationship. Topics discussed included but were not limited to their academic progress, interests and plans for the future.

Counselors met with the fall Health classes in December to review the NAVIANCE program and also administer the Do What You Are inventory. This will help students explore the relationship between their interests, school and possible career areas. The results of the inventory can be viewed at home with access to the NAVIANCE system. The counselors will meet with the spring Health classes sometime in March.

Starting on **1/23/12** the counselors began meeting with their **Sophomores** to discuss tentative course requests for the next school year. Please discuss with your child what courses you consider appropriate for him or her. If you have any questions regarding the **process**, please contact your child's counselor. If you have questions regarding **academic placement**, please contact your child's teacher.

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## Juniors

Meetings with the **Juniors** took place on 1/5/12 to review the score report from the PSAT and discuss ways to use their personal score report as a guide to improve SAT performance. These meetings closely followed the College Life 101 presentations in each class where the Juniors heard from Islip alumni about their college search and application process.

Starting on **1/9/12** counselors began meeting with their **Juniors** to discuss tentative course requests for the next school year. Please discuss with your child what courses you consider appropriate for him or her. If you have any questions regarding the **process**, please contact your child's counselor. If you have questions regarding **academic placement**, please contact your child's teacher.

On **Thursday, February 16, 2012** there will be a workshop for parents on "The College Application Process" hosted by the Counseling Department. The program will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Group Instruction Room (Rm. 130.)

## SENIORS

**Seniors** - Mid-year grades will go out to the colleges, immediately after Report Cards are posted. If you have submitted a College Application on-line do not forget to let your counselor know. Schools don't usually notify us that you have applied on-line, so you must do it in order for us to send your mid-year grades to the colleges.

If you have not submitted any applications yet, please see your counselor **ASAP** to develop a plan for your post-high school life.

The Counseling Department would like to remind students who are planning to take SATs, SAT IIs or ACTs this spring, of the upcoming deadlines for registration. Please contact your counselor to discuss what tests are appropriate for you.

### SAT/ACT Registration

<i>TEST DATE</i>	<i>REGISTRATION DATE</i>	<i>LATE REGISTRATION (additional fee)</i>
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#### SAT & SAT II (www.collegeboard.com)

MAY 5	APRIL 6	APRIL 15
JUNE 2	MAY 8	MAY 17

#### ACT (www.actstudent.org)

APRIL 14	MARCH 9	MARCH 23
JUNE 9	MAY 4	MAY 18

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact your child's Counselor at 650-8350.

# NEWS FROM...



Sugar and Spice and not very nice.

What is the synthetic drug Spice? It is an “herbal incense” that is known as either Spice or K2. The incense mimics the hallucinogenic effects that occur when smoking traditional marijuana. Spice is sold in Suffolk County head shops, gas stations and smoke shops. It is important that parents of the Islip community know that this drug is available at our local gas stations and convenience stores in our neighborhood. You must be 19 to purchase Spice. Its product packaging states that it is not used for human consumption. It costs around \$20.00 for 1 gram and \$45.00 for 3 grams. This fake marijuana has caused increased calls to local poison control centers.

The adverse health effects associated with use include seizures, hallucinations, paranoid behavior, agitation, anxiety, and nausea, vomiting, racing heartbeat and elevated blood pressure.

The DEA considers Spice “A Drug of Concern”. It is important for parents to discuss this synthetic drug and its dangerous effects with your child. It is important to seize any opportunity to talk with your child about this drug. The discussion can be during mealtime, while in the car, or during family time.

The Federal, State and local governmental agencies have, or are in the process of, banning this product to market.

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## Recognition



*The Islip Varsity Cheerleading team competed at Harborfields on January 21, 2012, where they placed 4th; qualifying them for the Long Island Cheerleading Coaches Association (LICCA) finals. The finals will take place on Sunday, February 5th at Suffolk Community College.*

*Congratulations and Good Luck to all the girls!*

# Class of 2012

Our committee is organizing the **12th Annual Post Prom Breakfast** for Islip's High School Seniors. This event is designed to provide a safe, local and enjoyable substance-free after prom experience for our young adults. At the breakfast, your senior will be provided with a theme oriented, beautifully decorated cafeteria; as well as a lavish array of breakfast foods and a variety of entertainments – including a DJ, games and continuous raffle giveaways. In light of this year's Prom being held at Atlantis Marine World, our selected theme is "**20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**".

**The Post Prom Breakfast is free for seniors and their dates. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this fabulous event regardless of whether they attended the prom.** This is a perfect opportunity for seniors to reunite as a class and continue their exciting and fun-filled prom experience.

**We are respectfully requesting a \$25 donation from each senior family to help cover expenses.**

Please make your **check payable to "Islip High School"** and in the memo section put "**Post Prom**" and mail it to:

Islip Schools Administration Building  
215 Main Street  
Islip NY 11751  
Attention: Post Prom

**Your generous donation** goes toward the many expenses incurred in creating and organizing this fantastic evening.

## **Parents:**

We want this to be the best Post Prom Breakfast ever! Please get involved in any way you can. We **need donated prizes/raffles** for our seniors; we **need help decorating the school**; and most important of all, we need **you** to share our enthusiasm for this occasion and to **encourage your child's attendance**. In an increasingly dangerous world, we are offering our seniors a secure haven of fun and entertainment.

Please consider joining us in our efforts! If you have any questions, feel free to call Alison Koch, Post Prom Committee Chairperson, at (631) 224-3783 or email [allyk@optonline.net](mailto:allyk@optonline.net)



# ISLIP FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

Statement of Purpose: We encourage the students of Islip to participate in Art, Dance, Music, Theatre and the Visual Arts,  
and recognize their efforts through Awards, Scholarships and Enrichment Activities.

President, Barbara A. Engels, 102 Whitman Avenue, Islip, New York 11751 Tel. 922-2189

## HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS:

The families who recently went home with our lovely baskets are: The Spelman's, The Kar's, The Kurka's,  
The Centrone's, The Olsen's, The DeMatteo's, The Cavalcante's, The Mundy's, The Bushelon's,  
The Lepano's, The Tramposch's, The Boyd's, The Neil's, The Murray's, The Eubank's,  
The Rezza's and The Pinnola's

WE THANK EVERYONE IN THE ISLIP COMMUNITY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

## COMING SOON



**MY FAVORITE THINGS—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012, 6:30 PM**



Showcasing the finest pieces of art created by our students K-12. Located in the High School Auditorium  
Lobby (north doors). Admission is FREE

## **THE BLUE NOTE CAFÉ - 7:30 PM**

Celebrating the musical talents of Swing and the Islip High School Jazz Band. Located in the High School  
Cafeteria (north doors). EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens and students. Includes continuous beverage and des-  
sert bar and first class entertainment! Doors open @ 7:00 pm to allow you to choose your table and be  
seated before the show begins! There will be raffle baskets throughout the evening in the lobby. Winners  
will be drawn at the end of the evening (you don't have to be present to win)!

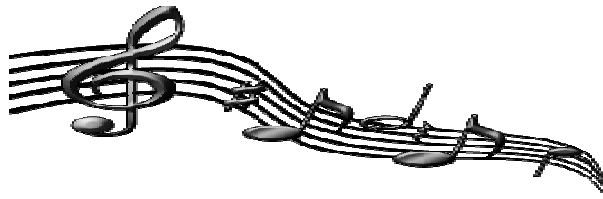
This year our High School Musical is "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS", opening Thursday, March 29th!

## OTHER NEWS

Applications for High School Scholarships and Awards will be available soon at the High School and on our  
website: [islipfpa.net](http://islipfpa.net)

The annual trip to The Christmas Spectacular at Radio City is planned for a Saturday in November. We will  
have complete information and our ticket order flyer available at the end of the winter. Flyers will go home  
for grades K-8 and the information will again be found on the website:

[islipfpa.net](http://islipfpa.net)—A GREAT RESOURCE FOR UP TO THE MINUTE MUSIC AND ART INFORMATION!



# SCMEA

## ISLIP STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL

The Islip Public Schools Office of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to announce the selection of 12 students to perform in the Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA) All-County Festival.

The student musicians were selected for All-County based upon their performance at last year's NY State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival. Outstanding performers are then recommended by their school music teacher for All-County. The students are selected from hundreds of applicants from districts across Suffolk to participate.

Students prepare for the festival with their school music teachers, and then participate in a series of rehearsals that culminate in a concert on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The pieces featured in the concert are of a high level of difficulty, rising to a level equal to that of college and professional ensembles.



Pictured above, left to right, are Rosie Turner, David Fogel, Alec Ruby, Ethan Fields, Michael Massaro, Kristen Warnokowski, Kristen Freriks, Jordan Powell, Michael Oscher, Austen Couvertier and Isabelle Lamarre. Absent from the picture: Marshal Nink.

### **Selected this year from Islip High School are:**

- Austen Couvertier-Double Bass (Orchestra)*
- Isabelle Lamarre-Violin (Orchestra)*
- Ethan Fields-French Horn (Band)*
- David Fogel-Alto Sax (Band)*
- Kristen Freriks-Clarinet (Band)*
- Michael Massaro-Alto Sax (Band)*
- Marshal Nink-French Horn (Band)*
- Michael Oscher-Clarinet (Band)*
- Jordan Powell-French Horn (Band)*
- Alec Ruby-Trumpet (Band)*
- Kristen Warnokowski-Trumpet (Band)*
- Rosie Turner-Soprano (Chorus)*

*Congratulations to these students and their teachers: Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Campanella and Mr. Harris*

## *Islip High School Announces Spring Musical*

*The Islip Public Schools Office of Fine and Performing Arts is pleased to announce the performance of "Little Shop of Horrors". Little Shop of Horrors is the story of Seymour, a down-and-out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" (named for Seymour's co-worker and love interest) grows into an ill-tempered R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite. With music from the team that created "The Little Mermaid", "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin", this affectionate spoof of 1950's sci-fi movies has become a household name. Charming, tuneful and hilarious, "Little Shop" never fails to entertain.*

*Islip's cast (pictured below, left to right) includes Ted Ednie as Mr. Mushnik, Katie Barry as Audrey, Shaina Stroh as Audrey II, Nick Fanizzi as Seymour and Mike McAlpin as Dr. Orin Scrivello, DDS.*



*Performances will be held at the Islip High School Auditorium:*

*Thursday, March 29—7:00 p.m.*

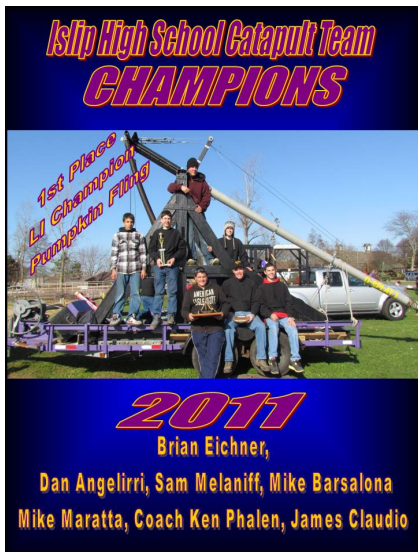
*Friday, March 30—7:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 31—2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

*Tickets \$5.00 General Admission/\$2.00 Senior Citizens*

*Tickets will go on sale in March!*

# Pumpkin' Fling Honors



Members of the Islip High School Catapult team took first place at this year's 9th Annual Long Island Championship Pumpkin Fling. The Fling is an annual event sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and blends science, engineering, and technology, as teams compete to catapult pumpkins the farthest distance across the farm. The competition is an opportunity for science and engineering tech students to design, build and operate a sophisticated mechanical device. Teams come from all over Long Island to compete.

For an impressive sixth year in a row, the Islip High School Catapult Team captured the Pumpkin Flinger title for their division, held this year on November 12th at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, New York. In addition to winning the first-place trophy, the team was also awarded the perpetual trophy, which is considered the "Stanley Cup" of pumpkin flinging. They did an excellent job and should be proud of their accomplishments.

The catapult, fondly named "Jack O' Splatter" was designed and constructed by members of Islip's Catapult Teams. This year's Islip High School Catapult team led by coach Ken Phalen, consists of Dan Angileri, Mike Barsalona, James Claudio, Brian Eichner, Mike Maratta and Sam Melaniff. The team looks forward to continuing their quest for "pumpkin gold" next October and even hopes to attend the World Champion Pumpkin Chunkin Tournament in Delaware in 2012 to celebrate their 10th year.



## *Islip Special Education PTA* *Every Child – One Voice*

*Come join us this Friday, February 3rd, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. for our Annual Sweetheart Dance in the High School Cafeteria. We have over 50 baskets to raffle off for the children. We even have a few baskets for the adults including a "One year family membership to the YMCA"! There will be a D.J., face painting, arts and crafts. The money raised will go directly back to the schools in the form of scholarships and student programs.*

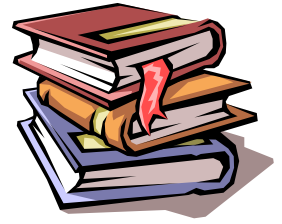
*Please keep an eye out for our SEPTA Models Fundraiser coming this March with coupon savings for your sporting goods.*

*Thank you for all of your support!*

*Kathy Williams*  
*SEPTA President*



# PTSA



*Every child. One voice®*

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our membership drive is still in full swing. Thank you to all who have supported us by purchasing a membership. We are working this year towards increasing our membership and obtaining 100% teacher participation. At our next meeting, we will be picking the winners of our membership raffles. It is never too late to join. If you would like to become a member, please use the form at the bottom.

In November, we put together five Thanksgiving baskets filled with a feast of food for families in our school. In December, we put together five more baskets filled with a holiday feast of food. This helped to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need. Spirit wear orders have been delivered and we are waiting for backordered merchandise to arrive. To raise additional funds, we put together 21 Holiday raffle baskets. We sold tickets during the school day and on the evening of the holiday concerts. A big thank you to everyone who donated and supported all of our endeavors. It is greatly appreciated.

The new PTA website, [www.islippta.com](http://www.islippta.com), is up and running. We are now working on our own page which will have important information about upcoming events.

This month we will be in the process of working on the Senior Fashion Show. Please watch and listen for upcoming information. We look forward to additional help and support to make this a great event for our seniors.

Please join us at our monthly meetings. Check the calendar for dates and times. We would like to thank you for all of your support.

Lisa Barraco  
President, HS PTSA



## ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEMBERSHIP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT \$10.00     FACULTY/STAFF \$10.00     STUDENT: 5.00