

# 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

Please join us for our annual Purple and Gold Fundraiser at Captain Bills on Friday, March 22, 2013. For more information, please visit our website at [www.islipboosterclub.org](http://www.islipboosterclub.org). Also, this years Senior Breakfast will be held on May 4, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shandon Court in East Islip. All senior athletes are encouraged to attend.

*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. Shannon McKenna and Kevin Rafferty were recognized at the Hyatt Regency on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The criteria for achievement for this award are: exceptional physical performance, scholastic ability, and outstanding character/leadership qualities in physical education, as well as in school wide based activities. These students contribute to the overall positive outcomes of their physical education classes, as well as the school.

Kevin is a true leader in physical education class as he leads by example. Kevin is a member of the SADD Club and the Freshmen Horizons Club. Kevin's most memorable physical education experience is participating in class with students he usually doesn't get to interact with and to try and be a leader in his class. Kevin plans on studying business or environmental science and will continue his education and play lacrosse at Stevens Institute in the fall.

Throughout her high school career, Shannon has maintained a "100" average while participating in Varsity soccer (All-State), Winter Track and Spring Track. She is a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and is a New York State Scholar Athlete. Her favorite physical education experience is participating with friends, especially in volleyball and badminton. Shannon is undecided in her college choice and will look to major in accounting and continue her soccer career in the fall.

Shannon and Kevin have both gone above and beyond in the area of physical education. Thank you to both of you for your impact at Islip High School.

# February 2013

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		7:30 Booster Club	7:00 PTSA				
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	President's Day School Closed	School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Open		
24	25	26	27	28			
			SPRIT WEEK				

# March 2013

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		7:30 Booster Club		High School Musical	High School Musical	High School Musical
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		SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	CLOSED			
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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 28, 2013** the counselors began meeting with their Freshmen individually or in small groups to discuss course selection for the 2013-14 school year. As they meet with their counselors, 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 2013-2014 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 **January 28, 2013**, 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

Starting on **January 28, 2013**, 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.

During February, the Counseling department will be presenting a workshop for the Juniors on "The College Application Process". The program will take place during school hours in the Group Instruction Room (Room 130.) A letter will be going to each student's home detailing the specific date and time that they are invited to the presentation. Parents are also welcome.

## 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; therefore, you must notify your counselor 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

**Students should be aware that the College Board is requiring that students upload a picture to the College Board site when they register for the test and that they MUST bring a picture ID to the test. If you do not have a school ID, you should make sure you get one before the test date.**

#### TEST DATE

#### REGISTRATION DATE

#### LATE REGISTRATION (additional fee)

#### SAT & SAT II ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

MAY 4  
JUNE 1

APRIL 5  
MAY 2

APRIL 19  
MAY 17

#### ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

APRIL 13  
JUNE 8

MARCH 8  
MAY 3

MARCH 22  
MAY 17

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

# Ambassador Program



Pictured above, left to right (top row): Chris Woodrick, Chris Earls, Lauren Cavalcante, Alexa Mueller, Ariana Rucci, (bottom row) Amanda Clareen, Stephanie Santiago, Rabbi Steven Moss, Janet Schlageter, RN, Samantha Woodrick and Rebekah Schoeneman.

On December 13, 2012, members of the GSA and STAR Clubs attended the Islip Town Anti-Bias Task Force, "Ambassador Program". The presentation included the very important subjects of bias, prejudice, discrimination and bullying. Rabbi Steven Moss spoke to the students and shared a film on the topic of hate crimes. A guest speaker from the Suffolk County Hate Crimes unit spoke to the students about hate crimes as well. Islip students were able to meet with other local high school students in small group discussions. The second part of the program in February will include presentations from various ethnic, racial and religious communities, as well as the LGBT community. At the conclusion of the second day each student will be sworn in as an Ambassador of Good Will.

## Foreign Language Honor Society

*The Foreign Language Honor Society would like to thank the Islip Community for being so generous in donating gifts for their toy drive this past December. The club collected over fifty toys for homeless children of all ages who receive assistance through the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.*

*Thank You Islip!!!*



Pictured above, left to right, Dr. Rossman, Principal, Bryan Ramirez, Montana Prechtl, Katherine Curran, Tiffany Larson, Haley Jordan, Michael Barraco and Mrs. Ito, Advisor/Teacher.

# Soccer News



The girl's varsity soccer, once again, brought back to Islip yet another County Championship Title. In 2011, the Lady Bucs won three road games as they entered the playoffs as the #5 seeded team defeating undefeated #1 seed Sayville in the semi final game and then winning the county title by defeating #2 seed Bayport Blue Point. History repeated itself once again as the Lady Bucs entered this year's playoffs as the #3 seed. The Lady Bucs however this time defeated #2 seed Bayport on the road before winning it's 7<sup>th</sup> County Championship in the past ten years defeating arch rival and #1 seed Sayville by a score of 2-1 in the County Championship. The Lady Bucs were then crowned Co-Long Island Champions, unfortunately falling to RVC/Southside on Penalty Kicks to determine who would progress to the final four. RVC would eventually win its 18<sup>th</sup> State Championship.

The Lady Bucs would like to thank both the educational and surrounding community for all of their support. Islip's 2012 run did not go unnoticed by the soccer community. Once again for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Lady Bucs received more awards than any other team in Suffolk County. *These recognitions include Shannon McKenna, who received the Suffolk County Coaches College Scholarship and NYS Team Scholar Award, and Morgan Santoro who was named NYS Player of the Year along with Brooke Skahan, Tara Mackey, and Cristina Rizzo named All-League ~ Alex Peluso named All Conference ~ Sarah McGarry, Shannon McKenna named All-County and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State ~ Amanda Buck, Morgan Santoro named All-County and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State ~ Amanda Buck and Kerri McDonald named County Championship Game MVP's ~ Amanda Buck and Morgan Santoro named to Newsday's All-Long Island Team, Morgan Santoro named NSCAA National Player of the Week, NSCAA All-Region and All-American nominee as well as being named NYS Class A Player of the Year. Stephanie Algeri, Amanda Buck, Jennifer Crossley, Nicole Capolongo, Alex Galan, Morgan Greene, Shannon McKenna, Alex Peluso, Cristina Rizzo, Shannon Smith named to the Academic All-League Team. Amanda Buck named NSCAA Scholar All-American. Coach Reilly named Suffolk County Class A Coach of the Year and Newsday's Suffolk County Coach of the Year.*

Additionally, the IVS Lady Bucs finished the season ranked #2 Team in NYS, #1 Class A Suffolk County Ranked Team by Newsday, #4 NSCAA Region II, as well as being ranked #19 NATIONALLY in the NSCAA National Rankings all season end. Although IVS has been ranked nationally in the past, this is the first time in school history that the Lady Bucs finished a season being ranked in the Top 25 National Rankings.

***Congratulations Lady Bucs!!!***





# Senior Signs Letter of Intent



Pictured above, left to right, Mr. Goodman, Coach, Mrs. Schnebel, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rossman, Principal, Mr. Panariello, Director of Athletics and Student Athlete, Shannon Duer.

Through years of hard work on the court and in the classroom, Islip High School senior Shannon Duer has received a full scholarship to play basketball at the New York Institute of Technology this coming fall. She plans to major in communications during her time at NYIT.

A member of the varsity basketball team since the eighth grade and captain of the team since her sophomore year of high school, Shannon has been named an All-League, All-County and All-State player, has led New York State in rebounds for the past two years, is the leading scorer in Islip High School history, and has more than 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career.

*We wish Shannon much continued success!  
Congratulations!!!*

# Bowling News



The 2012-2013 Islip Girls Varsity Bowling Team is strong! With three matches remaining, the team has a clean record of seven wins and no losses, with multiple matches where the girls shut out the opponent. The team is in contention for the first league title since 2005. As of January 3rd, Islip girls were the first team to clinch a spot in the County Tournament. Islip has competed in the Suffolk County Championship every year since the team began in 1999 and won in 2007 to compete at States. The 2012-2013 Team is the strongest Islip girls have been since 2007 and has reason to be serious competitors at the Suffolk County Championship this year.

The team consists of seniors: Lori Greenblatt, Olivia Leary, and Angelina Macaluso, juniors: Emily Halbert and Katelyn LaRocca, sophomores: Melanie Mayer and Alexis Rotbart and freshmen: Emilie Belcher and Heather Halbert. The League III top 15 average list contains eight of Islip's bowlers along with two in the top 15 of the county. Dominating the league, Islip girls are on their way to having an extremely successful season. They are very excited by their chances to win it all this year.

*Congratulations and good luck!!!*

# 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 8 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 9<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 Mr. Campanella, Music Teacher, Kristen Scalice, Kristen Freriks, Hannah Flynn, Kristen Warnokowski, Michael Oscher, William Killeen, Nick Fanizzi, Ethan Fields and Dr. Harris, Music Teacher.

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

- \*Ethan Fields-French Horn (Orchestra)*
- Hannah Flynn-French Horn (Orchestra)*
- William Killeen-Snare Drum (Orchestra)*
- Michael Oscher-Bb Clarinet (Orchestra)*
- Kristen Freriks-Bb Clarinet (Band)*
- Kristen Warnokowski-Trumpet/Cornet (Band)*
- Nick Fanizzi-Tenor (Chorus)*
- Kristen Scalice-Soprano (Chorus)*

*\*In addition to being selected for Orchestra, Ethan Fields was also chosen for Chorus.*

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



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

Mark your calendars! Our annual Sweetheart Dance is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Are you a high school student who needs community service? Volunteering at the Dance is a fun way to earn service hours!! Interested? E-mail us at [IslipSepta@gmail.com](mailto:IslipSepta@gmail.com). We are still collecting donations for raffle baskets, so if you know of a business in the community that would like to make a donation, please let us know.

Haven't joined SEPTA yet this year? You still have time! **YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP COULD HELP OUR UNIT WIN \$1,500!** The National PTA will be giving out monetary awards to the units in each state that have the biggest increase in membership from last year. We have already doubled our membership from last year, so we are definitely in the running for this....but we need your help! Visit our website at [www.islippta.com/septa](http://www.islippta.com/septa) for a membership form. Send in your membership!! Tell your friends!!

We are always looking for volunteers to help put together speakers, support groups and get involved in advocacy for our kids. If you are interested in helping with any of these, or have other ideas you want to see, e-mail us at [islipsepta@gmail.com](mailto:islipsepta@gmail.com) and let us know!!

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# *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

*WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE ISLIP COMMUNITY  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FUNDRAISERS!!!*

### COMING SOON

*Wednesday, February 6th (snow date February 13th)*  
*DISTRICT ART SHOW—6:30 PM*  
*High School Auditorium Lobby*

*Islip's art teachers have selected the best and most interesting student artwork  
to display all in one place!*



*Saturday, February 9th (snow date February 16th)*  
*THE ANNUAL BLUE NOTE CAFÉ - 7:30 PM*  
*Celebrating the musical talents of Swing and  
the Islip High School/Middle 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 dessert bar and first class entertainment!*

*Doors open @ 7:00 pm! There will be raffle baskets throughout the evening in the lobby.*



*This year our High School Musical is "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST", opening Thursday, March 14th!*

# Pumpkin' Fling Honors

Islip High School  
Catapult Team



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Ten years ago, a new team arose in the Islip High School and a new trend began, something that combined technology, engineering and science. It was created by some good old problem solving with a dash of muscle thrown in. Put all together it's a recipe for learning, making students think outside the box (and classroom), setting new goals and achieving new heights in the process. In this case, the sky is the limit, literally by sending pumpkins soaring.

What is this team? The Islip High School Catapult Team. Never heard of it? Well, in these last ten years the team has won, been crowned Grand Champion at the Long Island Championship Pumpkin Fling numerous times, set several records and has won the High School Division and the perpetual trophy that goes with it, eight out of the last ten years. This year the perpetual trophy, which is held by the winning team each year then returned for the next competition, will be retired to the Islip High School Catapult Teams Trophy case along with several other trophies won this year.

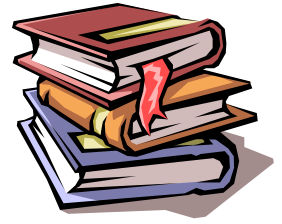
What is the trend? First there was the High School Team. Since then came a Middle School Team and an Elementary level team from Local Cub Scout Pack 370 out of Commack Road Elementary School.

Setting new goals? Well the team has set several records in the past and currently holds the Long Island Record at 906.2 feet. Being their 10th year, the new goal was to break 1,000 feet shooting a 3-5 pound pumpkin. On October 21st, the Team took their catapult, which is built upon a trailer (it is so big), and went off to their first competition in New Jersey. Always wanting to try something new, the team figured they would venture off Long Island for practice before the Long Island Championship. What they did was set a new team record, a new record at the New Jersey "Last Fling Pumpkin Sling" and whisked the Grand Champion Trophy back to New York with them by catapulting their pumpkin 1,014.9 feet. On the weekend of October 27, 2012 they were ready for any and all competition at Long Island Championship Pumpkin Fling hosted each year at Suffolk County Farm by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk. With just their first throw they landed a new Long Island Record, breaking their team record that they set the week before and unofficially breaking the World Record in their category with a throw of 1,045.9 feet. So the team took First Place in the High School Division and the overall Grand Champion as well as landing the Audience Favorite award. Following in that tradition, the Islip Middle School came in First Place in the Middle School Category and Cub Scout Pack 370 from Commack Road Elementary School came in third in their division as well as taking first in the accuracy competition.

What is the next goal? It is to make the World Record official and take first place at the "World Championship Punkin Chunkin" Competition in Delaware next year. This year's High School team consisted of Dan Angileri, Mike Barsalona, James Claudio, Brian Eichner, Mike Maratta, Ryan Maziarz, Sam Melaniff, Joe Salerno, Steven Walis and coached by parent volunteer Ken Phalen.



# PTSA



*Every child. One voice®*

Happy New Year! Let's welcome this New Year with smiles on our faces and hopes in our hearts for the best. Happy wishes for the 2013 New Year. Please join us for our monthly meetings which are listed on our website. Reminder calls are made through the schools Connect Ed system. This is a great way to get connected, get informed and get involved.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the families who supported our holiday food drive. Thank you so much for your donations. This year we were, once again, able to put together five baskets filled with all of the trimmings for a holiday feast for families in our school. Thank you for helping to make a family's holiday brighter.

In December, we had our annual holiday raffle basket fundraiser. We put together about 24 holiday baskets. We sold raffle tickets during the school day and during the holiday concerts. We raised approximately \$1,200.00. Thank you to the families who donated towards the baskets and thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The Senior Fashion Show committee will be starting to brainstorm ideas for this year's upcoming fashion show. All are welcome to join and work on the committee. We will be working towards putting together an outstanding event for our graduating seniors. Information about upcoming meetings will be posted soon. You will also be contacted via Connect Ed.

*We are starting to look for donations for the Fashion Show raffle baskets. If you received any gifts for the holidays that you are unable to use or have any empty baskets that you do not need and would like to donate towards our raffle baskets, please send in the items to the Main Office labeled PTSA.*

Membership is still ongoing and forms can be found on the Islip's PTA website.

*If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.  
Please visit our website at [www.islippta.com](http://www.islippta.com) for upcoming information.*

# Work Experience Program

## LEARNING ABOUT ISLIP VOLUNTEERS



*Did you know that the average weight of a firefighter's gear is 80 to 100 pounds?* The Islip High School Work Experience Program recently visited the Islip Fire Department to learn about the jobs of volunteer firefighters and EMTs. After a brisk walk through town with Mrs. Clock, the students toured the firehouse, learned about the different types of equipment used to fight fires, and watched the EMTs respond to a real ambulance call. The students learned about the qualifications and dedication needed to become a volunteer. We were happy to learn that six of the current probationary members are all Islip High School graduates and ironically, former students of Mrs. Clock. Of course, the best part was going on the fire truck and trying on all the equipment the firefighters wear! Thank you Firefighter Gary for the tour!

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR RECYCLABLES GO?

Well...now we do! *Did you know that 300,000 households are serviced by the Town of Islip recycling program?* Mrs. Clock's Work Experience Program visited the Town of Islip Recycling Center in Holbrook recently. The students were there on paper pick up day and got to see the recycling process from beginning to end. They also walked through the process of glass and plastic recycling, visited the segregating area, and learned about the household waste drop-off area. They learned that in the Town of Islip you can drop off your old batteries, TVs, electronics, household cleaners, propane tanks, and other debris right at the center, which is located on Lincoln Avenue in Holbrook. Students learned about the different items you can make from recycled paper and will soon participate in a lesson from Ms. Wynn at the Town of Islip on how to make their own paper from recycled magazines and circulars.

