

# 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*

# SCMEA

## **ISLIP STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL**



Pictured above, left to right, are Mr. Green, Fine & Performing Arts Director, Rosemary Turner, Bryan Ramirez, Kristina Bertolino, Carlie Leogrande, Caroline Killeen, Danielle Corbett, Michael Massaro and Lori Greenblatt.

The Islip Public Schools Office of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to announce the selection of eight 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 19th. The pieces featured on the concert are of a high level of difficulty, rising to a level equal to that of college and professional ensembles.


Selected this year from Islip High School are:

- Kristina Bertolino-Percussion (Band)***
- Danielle Corbett-Bb Clarinet (Band)***
- Carlie Leogrande-Bb Clarinet (Band)***
- Michael Massaro-Alto Sax (Band)***
- Bryan Ramirez-Baritone/Euphonium (Band)***
- Lori Greenblatt-Alto (Chorus)***
- Rosemary Turner-Soprano (Chorus)***
- Caroline Killeen-Cello (Orchestra)***

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


# February 2011

Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

		1	2	3 8th to 9th Grade Orientation 7:00 p.m.	4 SEPTA Sweetheart Dance 7:00	5 Art Show- case 6:30 Blue Note Café 7:30
6	7 PTSA Meeting 7:00	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15 Booster Club Meeting 7:30	16	17	18	19
20	21 →	22 <b>MID</b>	23 <b>WINTER</b>	24 <b>RECESS</b>	25 ←	26
27	28 Spirit Week					

# March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 College Application Workshop 7:00 p.m.	4 Sports Night 4:00	5
6	7 PTSA Meeting 7:00	9	10 ESL Family Night	11	12
13	14	15 Booster Club Meeting 7:30	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 The Wedding Singer (Musical) 7:00 p.m.	25 The Wedding Singer (Musical) 7:00 p.m.
27	28	29	30 Friends of the Arts Meeting 7:30	31	26 1:00 Sr. Citizen Reception 2:00 & 7:00 The Wedding Singer (Musical)

# 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 18, 2011** the counselors will start meeting with their **Freshmen** individually or in small groups to discuss course selection for the 2011-2012 school year. When 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 2011-2012 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.

## **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 October 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 counselors will meet with the spring Health classes sometime in March.

Starting **January 18, 2011** the counselors will meet 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.

## **Juniors**

Meetings with the **Juniors** took place during the week of **January 10, 2011**, in order to review the score report from the PSAT and discuss ways to use their personal score report as a guide to improve SAT performance. The counselors also administered a College Interest Inventory and discussed the College Search & Selection process. These meetings closely followed the College Life 101 presentations on **January 6, 2011** where the Juniors heard from Islip alumni about their college search and application process.

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Starting on **January 10, 2011** 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, March 3, 2011**, 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 (Room 130).

### SENIORS

**Seniors** 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 transcript and recommendations 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><b>TEST DATE</b></i>	<i><b>REGISTRATION DATE</b></i>	<i><b>LATE REGISTRATION (additional fee)</b></i>
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#### SAT & SAT II (www.collegeboard.com)

MAR 12 (SAT ONLY)	FEB 11	FEB 20
MAY 7	APR 8	APR 17
JUN 4	MAY 6	MAY 15

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

FEB 12	JAN 7	JAN 21
APR 9	MAR 4	MAR 18
JUN 11	MAY 6	MAY 20

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

**Recommended Program for College Bound Students**  
2011-2012

<b>NINTH GRADE</b>	<b>TENTH GRADE</b>	<b>ELEVENTH GRADE</b>	<b>TWELFTH GRADE</b>
English 9 H/R/L	English 10 H/R/L	English 11 H/R/L AP Composition	English 12 H/R AP Literature
Global St. 9 H/R/L	Global St 10 H/R/L AP European Hist	US Hist R/L AP US Hist	Economics H/R Public Policy Analysis
Integrated Geometry H Integrated Algebra	Integrated Trigonometry H/R Integrated Geometry Topics in Alg & Trig	Diff Calculus Pre Calculus Trigonometry H/R Topics in Geo & Trig	AP Statistics AP Calculus Pre Calculus College Topics
Liv Env H/R	Earth Science R Chemistry H/R AP Environmental	Chemistry H/R Physics R	Physics R AP Physics AP Biology AP Chemistry
Foreign Lang. 2 R	Foreign Lang. 3R	Foreign Lang. 4H/R	Foreign Lang. 5 AP/R
Studio Art Choir, Band, Orch DDP Theatre Wksp	Health Elective	Elective	Elective
Writing for the Future	Elective	Elective	Elective
P.E.	P.E.	P.E.	P.E.

# Photography

Mrs. Laraia's Digital Photography class has been photographing up a storm. The class went

on a walking field trip up Main Street to Saint Mark's Church. The students captured the quintessential essence of the village and church, which then culminated into a montage of photographs, some of which will be featured on the Saint Mark's website. The students are currently studying Diffused Lighting through the use of Light-Box Photography. These photographs will be used to create eye-catching magazine advertisements. These advertisements will then be sent to their respective companies for possible use. Wouldn't it be amazing to see our students' work published!



# Class of 2011

Our committee is organizing the **11th 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. This year's theme is "**Passport to Prom**", which will be a representation of places from all over the world.

**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 Public Schools/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. 277-7320

**EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW!!!**

*The eight families who won our Fall Big Raffle are: The Mundy's, The Camera's, The Worth's,  
The Leggio's, The Coogan's, The Jones, The Goess, and The Smikle's Family*

COMING SOON

**MY FAVORITE THINGS—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011, 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. Doors open @ 7:00 pm to allow you to choose your table and dessert. 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 "THE WEDDING SINGER", a musical comedy. We hope everyone  
will make the time in March to see this show. Our Islip students are so talented—you will feel like you have  
been transported to Broadway in NYC! It's a great opportunity to expose your children to musical theatre!*



**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

# Recognition

## **ISLIP ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED AS A CERTIFIED MASTER ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR**



Bob Panariello, Athletic Director at Islip High School, has been recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator.

To earn this distinction, Mr. Panariello has demonstrated exemplary knowledge, contributions, and ongoing professional development in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. According to Cheryl Van Paris, Professional Development Manager for NIAAA, the voluntary certification process includes a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience, NIAAA

Leadership Courses and professional contributions. It culminates with a practical written project.

Mr. Panariello has been a member of the Islip School District faculty since 2002 and holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Health Sciences from Ithaca College, a Master's degree in Liberal Studies from Stony Brook University, and an Educational Administration Diploma from Long Island University.

Congratulations Mr. Panariello!!!

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Congratulations to Marissa Gologorsky for recognition of her work for the hospitalized children at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. Marissa, pictured with Dr. Rossman, Principal and her teacher Ms. Colucciello, organized a toy drive and donated these gifts to the Department of Pediatrics at Good Samaritan Hospital. Marissa has helped to make it possible for many of the pediatric patients to relax and receive a special toy while they are in the hospital. It can be especially difficult to be in the hospital when you are very young and toys and games help to comfort many pediatric patients during their hospitalization. These children appreciate a special donation like this and it helps to make their hospital stay easier.

Congratulations again Marissa for setting an example about what kids can do to make the world a better place!

# 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. Alex Gaviria and Paige Costantino were recognized at the Hyatt Regency on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The criteria for achievement for this award are: exceptional physical performance, scholastic ability, and outstanding character and leadership qualities.

Alex's physical education teacher ranks him one of the All-Time Best. Alex is a three year Varsity Athlete in Football, Basketball and Lacrosse who has maintained a 93 average. A New York State Scholar Athlete, he is a member of the National Honor Society and Junior Chamber of Commerce. Alex plans on studying Architecture and playing football in college and is undecided where he will continue his education in the fall.

Paige is a true leader in Physical Education class as she leads by example. Paige's positive attitude in class is contagious. Paige has maintained a 93 average while participating on the Varsity Soccer, Winter Track and La-

crosse teams for the past three years. She is a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, Athletes Helping Athletes and is a New York State Scholar Athlete. Paige will look to major in Physical Education or Sports Management and continue her lacrosse career at Slippery Rock University in the fall.

Alex and Paige have both maintained a 98 average in Physical Education.

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## Soccer News



The Girl's Varsity Soccer Team once again accomplished several amazing feats this past fall season. The Lady Bucs finished in second place in the toughest league in Suffolk County with a winning record of 6-4-2 in league five having previously won ten consecutive league titles (A Suffolk County record). Islip was the only team to defeat Deer Park who finished first in the league with an 11-1-0 record. Having won its first two playoff games by a score of 3-0, the Islip Lady Bucs returned to the county championship game, its sixth appearance in nine years. Although the Lady Bucs were finally defeated in a championship game, their dedication, spirit and compassion did not go unnoticed. Islip once again received more accolades and individual honors than any other Suffolk team. Sophomore Shannon McKenna was selected to the All-League Team, Sophomore Alex Peluso and Tori D'Acunto were selected to the All-Conference Team along with senior Tara Bernocco. Sophomore Amanda Buck along with senior captains Paige Costantino and Katie Hyland were selected to the All-County Team. Captain Katie Hyland was also named the Small Schools Player of the Year for the second consecutive year. Recently, both Paige Costantino and Katie Hyland were also selected to the All-State Team respectively. Katie Hyland, who has committed and accepted a very nice scholarship to James Madison University, was also named to the Newsday All-Long Island Team for the second consecutive year as well as selected to the NSCAA-Adidas All Region Team and was an All-American nominee. Coach Reilly in his nine year tenure with the team has accumulated eight League titles and five County Championships with six appearances along with an overall record of 117 wins with 27 losses and 9 ties. Coach Reilly has also taken over the reigns for Suffolk County as both the coordinator and coach of the Suffolk Girls Exceptional Senior Game Teams. Seniors Tara Bernocco and Chelsea Rosenthal were selected to the Suffolk County Exceptional Senior Team. Suffolk competed against Nassau's finest in late November. Both teams from Suffolk defeated both Nassau teams by a score of 1-0 and 3-0 in a great event attended by friends, family, fans, the local community, not to mention the numerous colleges in attendance scouting the games looking for that special student athlete.

# Ground Hog Job Shadow Day

## Ground Hog Job Shadow Day

On Wednesday, February 2, many Islip High School 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in Ground Hog Job Shadow Day, which is organized by the Islip High School Business Department in cooperation with the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island. Prior to the day, students completed placement applications and chose career fields that interest them. Students will shadow professionals in various careers at Bartlett, McDonough, Bastone & Monaghan Law Firm, Bi-County Collision, Caroline's Flower Shoppe, Chase Bank, East Islip Animal Hospital, Harvey Allen Hair Salon, Islip Middle School, Overton Funeral Home, North Shore LIJ Southside Hospital, Penn Van Meter Architects, Suffolk County Police Department, and the Town of Islip. At the Islip Middle School, students will spend the day with English, Math, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Spanish and Technology teachers. At North Shore LIJ Southside Hospital, students will shadow professionals in the Cardiology, Dietary, Laboratory, Medical, Neuroscience, Nursing, Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapies, Radiology, and Respiratory Therapy Departments. At the Town of Islip, students will spend the day in the Engineering, Environmental Control, Planning and Development, and Public Works Departments, as well as with Supervisor Nolan, the Fire Marshall, the Animal Shelter, and Islip Macarthur Airport. After their experience, students will complete reflective activities and write thank you letters to their mentors. It will certainly be a wonderful experience for all students and professionals who participate.



### ***Islip Special Education PTA***

#### ***Every Child – One Voice***

Please help me to welcome Elaine Lerner to our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** following the CRES PTA meeting in the CRES auditorium. Elaine Lerner is an experienced facilitator of workshops for parents of children with behavioral management issues, as well as ADD and ADHD. All parents will learn techniques to understand their children, and give them a better chance for success at school, at home and in social settings. Her presentation is interactive, educational and motivational.

She shares knowledge gained from 25 years of diverse experience as a clinical social worker, having served on CSE review teams, 504 committees, at mediation meetings, impartial hearings and Individual Educational Planning (IEP) meetings as a member of a psycho-educational evaluation team.

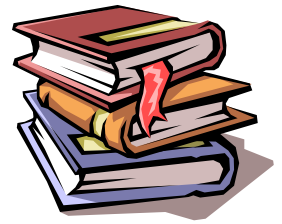
A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers that helped to make this year's Sweetheart Dance a success. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!

We will be running our Modells fundraiser from March 11th- April 8th. You will get 15% off and 5% back to our school. Also, new this year is a Modells coupon that will be sent out via email to all our membership. The email subject will say "SEPTA - Modells Coupon." Remember, you can use this coupon at any Modells and it can be used multiple times throughout the time period.

Thank you all for your support!! From the gals at SEPTA!



# PTSA



*Every child. one voice®*

Dear Parents:

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's National PTA Reflections contest! There was a great response this year, with a total of 29 entries in the categories of Literature, Dance Choreography and Visual Arts. The judges had a difficult time making their decisions as there were so many excellent entries. The following students' entries were selected to go on the Suffolk Region Level: Literature: Sophia Kadir, Casey Richards, and Brady Tannehill; Visual Arts: Adrianna Bridgeman; and Dance Choreography: Danielle Marano. Our students did outstanding at the Suffolk Region PTA level: Danielle Marano and Sophia Kadir received Awards of Merit and Brady Tannehill and Adrianna Bridgeman received Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to all of our students on an outstanding job!

For those who aren't already aware, the PTSA's biggest fundraising effort is the Senior Fashion Show, which will be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from this event go towards our scholarship fund. Depending on the amount raised, the High School PTSA will give out approximately 5 - \$1000 scholarships. The upcoming Fashion Show Committee meetings are February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 4<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed in a variety of areas, including setup and donations of raffle baskets and refreshments. Please contact me ([mefranchi@yahoo.com](mailto:mefranchi@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in getting involved.

If you have not already become a member, membership letters and envelopes are available in the Main Office. Dues are \$10 per parent and \$5 for students. Please have your student return the envelopes to the PTSA membership box in the main office.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in any way you can on our many committees. We would love to hear any new ideas you may have that will enhance the learning experience for all of our students. Please feel free to drop a note in the PTSA mailbox or send an email to [mefranchi@yahoo.com](mailto:mefranchi@yahoo.com) so we can explore these suggestions with you.

Michele Franchi  
President, HS PTSA

*Islip High School Announces Spring Musical*



*The Islip Public Schools Office of Fine and Performing Arts is pleased to announce performances of the musical comedy "The Wedding Singer." Loosely based on the Adam Sandler hit movie, the musical features a hard driving rock score that pays tribute to (and often spoofs) great rock artists of the 1980's. Come and find out how Robbie meets the girl of his dreams and hopefully moves out of his grandma's basement.*

*Performances will be held:*

*Thursday, March 24—7:00 p.m.*

*Friday, March 25—7:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 26—2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*

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

*Tickets can be ordered online. Visit [islipufsd.org](http://islipufsd.org) for more details.*

**THE ISLIP BOOSTER CLUB**

*Invites you to its ANNUAL GALA FUNRAISER at the  
TIMBER POINT COUNTRY CLUB on MARCH 11th at 7:00 p.m.*

*Come join us for a fun night of raffles, great food and beverages and dancing  
to the live sounds of our local band TRADE WINDS.*

*All the money that is raised goes to our SPORTS PROGRAMS, ATHLETIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS and other school needs. The COST is \$55 per person  
and TICKETS go on sale JANUARY 24th. Please visit our WEB SITE at  
[www.islipboosterclub.org](http://www.islipboosterclub.org) or call Brian Foley (631-487-5459) or  
George Chappas (516-635-9197) for more information.*

# Islip High School Science Olympiad Team



**Dr. John Quackenbush**  
Advisor

**Ken Phalen**  
Coach

The 2010 Science Olympiad season has begun and the Islip High School Science Olympiad Team participated at an annual Invitational Science Olympiad competition in Athens, PA in January against some of the best in the region. Amongst the competitors were past state and national champs from both PA and NY along with a team from as far away as Ohio. The team earned several medals in various events as follows:

Alda Yuan- Chemistry Lab, Ecology  
Kaitlyn Stewart- Ecology  
Eric Dinh- Chemistry Lab  
Mike McAlpin- Remote Sensing  
Justin Lambiase- Remote Sensing

Next up will be the LI Eastern Regional Science Olympiad Competition on February 6<sup>th</sup>, with a total of 50 teams from across all of Suffolk County, to qualify to move on to the State finals at West Point.

