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ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Happy Holidays! December is here and the holiday rush is on. Our band, chorus, and orchestra are preparing for their holiday concerts. Festive music can be heard through out the building as our groups rehearse. A review of the December calendar will allow you to plan for visiting us at the high school to enjoy some of the holiday festivities provided by our music groups. I am truly blessed to work with your children at the high school. They reflect in a very positive way on their parents and the Islip community. As 2010 approaches, let us resolve to follow the examples set by our high school students and to be good citizens, moral individuals and caring members of the Islip community.

If you have not logged into Infinite Campus, our student management system, please do so. The high school has "gone green" and report cards are posted to the Infinite Campus portal and only mailed home by

parent request. If you have not seen your child's report card, please log on to Infinite Campus. Call Mrs. Michele Finlay at 859-2251 for assistance.

When students return to school in January, the end of the second marking period will be around the corner. It is important that students continue to do their best, seek assistance if needed and participate in school activities. The high school experience is enriched by participating in school activities outside the school day.

On Tuesday, January 5th, students will select courses for next year. The Course Catalogue is available on the district website and your child was given a printed copy of the catalogue in December. Please review the catalogue with your child and discuss the courses your child is interested in taking for the 2010-2011 school year. We encourage all students to take a full course load. If you have any questions with the scheduling process, please call guidance, the assistant principals or myself. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

All of us at the high school wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a Healthy Happy New Year!



Be sure to visit Islip Public School's website for all information and school closings.

<http://www.islipufsd.org>

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**"The future belongs
to those who believe
in the beauty of their
dreams."**

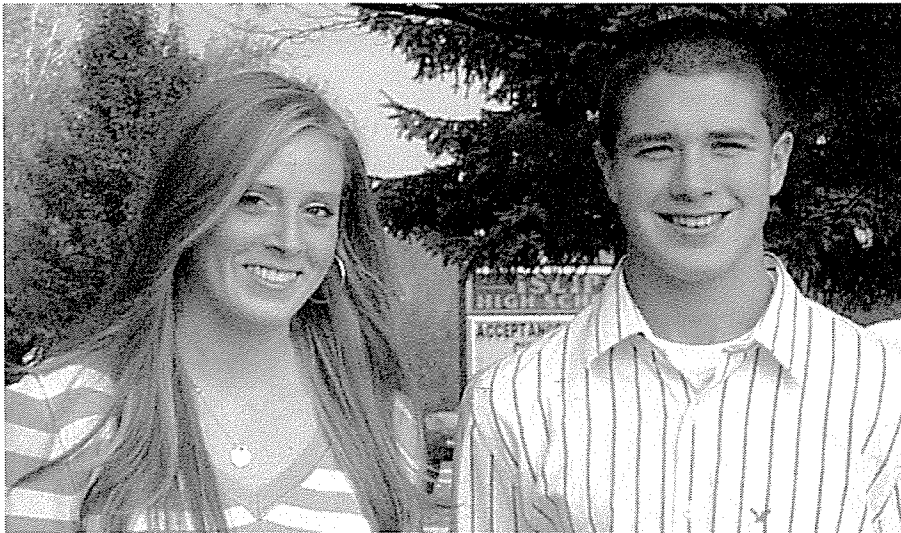
Eleanor Roosevelt

KIC Induction



On Wednesday, October 14th, nine members of the High School KIC Club were inducted into the Town of Islip Keep Islip Clean Junior Commissioner Program by Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan. Also present at the ceremony were Superintendent Susan Schnebel and KIC advisor at the high school Wayne Mennecke. These students have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and community service during their time in the KIC Club. Much of the high school's recycling efforts and Pond Day celebrations for Earth Day have been successful due to the efforts of these students. Congratulations to Samantha Schulman, Kerri-Anne Bross, Ana Romero, Stephen Bates, Michael Phalen, Kaitlyn Stewart, Brady Tannehill, Patrick Straus and Cara Gullotta.

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. Dan Eichner and Kara Rafferty were recognized at the East Wind on December 2nd. The criteria for achievement for this award are: exceptional physical performance, scholastic ability and leadership qualities.

Dan is a true leader in physical education class as he leads by example. Dan is a three year varsity athlete in soccer, wrestling and lacrosse who has maintained a 100.22 average that ranks him fourth in his class. He was a scholar athlete every season and is a

member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society. Dan plans on studying mechanical engineering and will continue his education at either RPI or the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall.

Kara's physical education teacher ranks her as one of the All-Time Bests. Kara's positive attitude in class is contagious. Kara has maintained a 93 average while participating on the varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams for the past three years. She has attended the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference, is a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, Athletes Helping Athletes and is an Academic All-American. Kara will continue her lacrosse career and is undecided which college she will attend in the fall.

Dan and Kara have both maintained a 99 average in physical education.

December 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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January 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6	7 College Prep 101	8 College Life 101	9
10	11 7:00 PTSA	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King— School Closed	19 7:30 Booster Club	20	21	22	23
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GUIDANCE CORNER

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

www.islipufsd.org

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

FRESHMEN FIRST

The counselors have scheduled parent meetings for those **Freshmen** students who are having difficulties in their academic subjects. If you feel that your child is not doing well and would like to arrange a Parent/Teacher conference, please call the Counseling office at 859-2231 to request a meeting.

Starting on **1/19/10** the counselors will begin meeting with their **Freshmen** individually to discuss course selection for the 2010-2011 school year. After they meet with their counselor, they will bring home a Course Selection Form with their **TENTATIVE** choices. Please discuss with them your expectations and what you consider to be appropriate choices. 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 subject teacher.

Counselors will be meeting with the **Freshmen** in small groups during the rest of the year to introduce them to the NAVIANCE program and to explore the relationship between their interests, school and possible career areas.

SOPHOMORES

Starting on **1/19/10** the counselors will begin 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.

Counselors will be meeting with the **Sophomores** in small groups beginning in March to review the PSAT score report. They will also introduce the students to the NAVIANCE program which will help students explore the relationship between their interests, school and possible career areas.

JUNIORS

Meetings with the **Juniors** will take place during December 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.

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Starting on 1/11/10 the counselors will meet 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 subject teacher.

On **Thursday, February 11, 2010**, there will be a workshop for parents on "The College Application Process". The program will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Group Instruction Room (Rm. 130). On the same day, the **Juniors** will view a presentation during the school day on "Making Your College Search Count."

SENIORS

Seniors, if you have submitted a College Application on-line, do not forget to let your counselor know. Colleges do not usually notify us that you have applied on-line. You must let us know this information so that we can be sure to send your transcript and recommendations to the appropriate colleges.

The Counseling Office 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.

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

MAR 13 (SAT ONLY)	FEB 4	FEB 18
MAY 1	MAR 25	APR 8
JUN 5	APR 29	MAY 13

ACT (www.actstudent.org)

APR 10	MAR 5	MAR 19
JUN 12	MAY 7	MAY 21

*The entire Counseling Department would
like to wish you and your family
Happy Holidays
and a
Healthy, Happy New Year!*



REGENTS, FINALS & MIDTERMS START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25TH

With that in mind here are the Top Ten Test Taking Tips!

1. Read each question **VERY** carefully. Underline what the question is asking you to do. For example: LIST Names, Find the height, WHEN did it happen.
2. **THINK** about what you are supposed to do. Do you have to add and then multiply? Do you have to provide facts to back up your statements?
3. If the question has multiple choices, look at **ALL** your choices carefully.
4. Eliminate answers you **KNOW** are wrong.
5. Take your best **GUESS** when you are not sure.
6. Try **EVERY** choice in a blank to see what makes the most sense or jogs your memory.
7. Make an effort to stay **FOCUSED**. Try not to keep looking around to see if others are done or look worried. Answer a few questions and take a mini break. Take a deep breath and stretch your neck and shoulders.
8. **SKIP** difficult questions and go back to them later after you have answered everything you do know.
9. Be sure you **MARK** the correct space for the answer when using an answer sheet. Use a blank sheet of paper to keep you lined up with the right question number.
10. Make sure to answer **ALL** questions you are supposed to answer. Do you have to answer 2 out of 3, 4 out of 5 or **ALL** questions in a section?

**Remember; Get a GOOD night's sleep
and have breakfast (your brain needs fuel) before your tests.**

GOOD LUCK!

*The Fine & Performing Arts Department has a
new website! Visit <http://islipfpa.net> for
department information.*

Pumpkin' Fling Honors



The Islip High School Catapult Team took first place yet again at this year's Seventh Annual Long Island Championship Pumpkin Fling on Sunday, November 1, 2009. The Pumpkin Fling is an annual event sponsored by the Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and held at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, NY. It is an opportunity for science and engineering students to design, build and operate a sophisticated mechanical device.

The Buccaneers manned their brand new homemade catapult, the Jack-O-Splatter 3, and took top honors in their division. This is the fourth year in a row Islip has dominated the field, winning in 2008, 2007 and 2006. This year's team consists of seniors. Pictured here (left to right) Joseph Palazzo-parent volunteer, Michael Phalen, Ken Phalen-coach, Daniel Eichner, Dylan Palazzo, Anthony DeMasi-alumni volunteer, Christian Dolan and Tim Dolan-parent volunteer.

Business Students Attend "College Accounting Challenge"



On November 17, 2009, business students and members of both the Distributive Education Club of America and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Club attended a College Accounting Challenge at C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Mrs. Clock and Mrs. Riche accompanied their students to the challenge. Students observed business students from the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Hofstra University, Adelphi University and New York Institute of Technology compete against each other in the field of financial accounting. Islip students also received an admissions presentation from C.W. Post, a walking tour of the campus and lunch with students from other high schools and colleges. The day provided Islip students with a chance to see what it is like to join and compete in a business club in college and also gave them the experience of a day of college life. Students who are enrolled in College Accounting and/or College Business Law have the opportunity to enroll in the Accelerated College Entry Program through C.W. Post. This program gives high school students the opportunity to earn 3 transferrable college credits (per course) while taking the course in a high school setting. If you have any questions on these courses currently offered at Islip High School, please contact Mrs. Clock at 859-2230.

Sharing Holiday Cheer

The Junior Chamber of Commerce Club and the Distributive Education Club of America helped kick off the holiday season by volunteering at the Christmas Tree Lighting Friday night, December 4th in front of Islip Town Hall. Volunteers handed out hot chocolate and cookies to people in the community. Mrs. Clock is proud of all the student volunteers that contribute to our community. Happy Holidays To All!

"ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HIT THE STREETS"

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, student members of the **Islip Junior Chamber of Commerce Club** and the **Distributive Education Club of America (DECA)** volunteered to help the Islip Fire Department Hook and Ladder Co. 1 at their first annual Fall Street Festival. Students were also on hand to assist Mrs. Clock with selling Islip Spirit Wear from the School Store. Over 30 high school students helped with the day's events. The students worked hard to promote "Islip Pride" by marketing and selling Islip Spirit Wear to the community. Students had hands-on experience with commerce and marketing. Mrs. Clock would like to thank all the students who were able to volunteer their time. The School Store is located in the High School and is open every school day, staffed by high school interns. Come in to purchase Islip Spirit Wear. We have youth sizes and adult sizes and sell hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, many varieties and colors of long sleeve shirts, hats and caps, tie-dye shirts and more! If you need more information, you can contact Mrs. Clock at rclock@islipufsd.org or call 859-2230. Thank you for supporting all of our high school students!



Pictured above are volunteers Ashley Williams, Aaron Trotter, Demiana Camacho, Matt Lyons and Sonia Niazi.

Pictured above are Junior Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Duarte, Treasurer Jarret Greml, Secretary Kyle Wade, and Co-President John Ilardi. Standing is Billy Davis, Baris Oztimurlenk, Brett Montana, and David Beutnagel.

*Visit the Islip High School Store to
purchase
Islip Spirit Wear!*



Pictured here are some of the students who helped collect and package the food and clothing. Left to right are Andrea Duarte, President of Jr. Chamber of Commerce; Patrick Geraghty, President of DECA; Johnathan Forgione, Secretary of DECA; John Ilardi, Vice President of DECA, and club members Michael and Nicholas LaRocco, Eric Ohman, and in front Khaleeah Cherry.

BUSINESS CLUBS DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

The members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce club ran a food drive from October 24th through November 6th. Andrea Duarte, student President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Club, helped kick off the food drive with morning announcements. The Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) members created signs to post around the High School. Members donated and collected non-perishable food and toiletries that were donated to St. Mary's Church food pantry, located in East Islip. The generous donations from students and staff were greatly appreciated. They will help many local families in need. Mike Redmond, from the High School Security Team, helped the club arrange the drop off of the food and toiletries to St. Mary's. He also assisted in the delivery of the donations. Thank you for your help Mr. Mike!



Helping Out Across the Globe

When Mrs. Clock received an e-mail from her friend, Mrs. Liliana Sherman of Bay Shore advising her that she needed help for the people in her hometown in Colombia, Mrs. Clock shared this information with the members of the Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Club. Students learned about a tragedy that occurred near Ibagué, Colombia. The town suffered devastating damage when the Combeima River rose and washed away many of the homes and roads. Mrs. Clock shared this information with the members and they immediately set up an action plan to help out. Learning that the average temperature in this town is 80 degrees, many of the members donated summer clothes including shorts, shirts, jeans, sandals, flip flops and other light clothing for the people in this small town. The clothes were given to Dr. and Mrs. Mike Sherman of Bay Shore, who are paying for the postage to mail boxes of clothing back to Mrs. Sherman's hometown. Mrs. Clock is so proud of these students who donated clothing in sizes from infant to adult.



Pictured loading clothes in Mrs. Sherman's car are Steve Pivano, Faith Laudano, Johny Castano and Tyler Murphy.

Family & Consumer Science

October was a very busy month for the Family and Consumer Science Department (in case you don't know, Home Economics is now known as Family and Consumer Science). You may have smelled the sweet aroma of apple pie or the spooky sounds of Halloween music.

Ms. Roth and Mrs. Sauer's foods classes cooked apple delicacies for the annual Apple Festival "Taste of Apple" culinary contest. It took place on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Islip Grange in Sayville. A second place ribbon was awarded to Taylor Alesi, Samantha Best and Lindsay Maresca for an apple streusel muffin and a third place ribbon was awarded to Harley Chendemi, Donnie Laskay, Melanie Rampiaray and Alexandra Michaels for pumpkin apple muffins. Although not all students won a ribbon, everyone involved had fun preparing and eating the tasty treats. The ribbons are proudly displayed in Room 119. Congratulations to our winners!

Mrs. Sauer and Ms. Roth's foods classes prepared an array of scary and edible treats for Halloween. The students cooked all week and listened to scary music as they ate their Halloween tricks and treats. The tricks and treats included maggot soup, black cat cake, witches fingers, spider web cake, pumpkin brownie, severed foot (meatloaf with almonds for toenails) and ghosts in the graveyard.

Mrs. Sauer's Parenting class has been busy learning about the roles and responsibilities of being a parent. Other topics that have been discussed are parenting styles, effective parenting and child development. The students are currently learning about the risks and challenges associated with teenage pregnancy.

Ms. Roth's fashion classes have been busy sewing up a storm. The advanced students ordered patterns from McCall's and are making various projects such as stuffed wacky creatures, dog coats, aprons and sleep shirts. The beginning students made tote bags as a first project, learned hand sewing stitches on a sampler, and are presently working on sock monkeys made from a pair of red-heeled socks. Those students who do not wish to take their monkeys home will donate them to Toys for Hope.

The Family and Consumer Science Department is a busy place with a myriad of projects going on. We address food preparation, decision making, responsible sexuality, parenting, child development, fashion and clothing, dietary choices, and money management. The goal is to prepare students with survival skills for taking responsibility in a changing world.



Islip Special Education PTA *Every Child – One Voice* Calendar for 2009-2010 school year

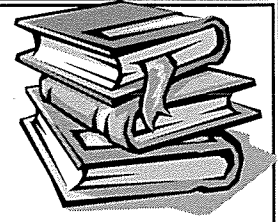
November/December	Meeting for Executive Board only to update bylaws and organize Sweetheart Dance. "Winter Concert Basket Raffles have been cancelled ."
January	No meeting. Donations needed for Sweetheart Dance!
February 5 th	Sweetheart Dance from 7-9 pm in the HS cafeteria for grades K through 5. *Modell's fundraiser will begin at the end of the month.*
March 9 th	Meeting at 7:30 pm in CRES auditorium. Form a nominating committee.
April 8 th	All PTAs to meet at Wing @ 7:30 pm. Nominations for new executive committee.
May 11 th	SEPTA Elections at CRES! SPRING CONCERT BASKET RAFFLES for all schools. Donations needed!
June 2 nd	SEPTA Tea at 3:30 in the HS cafeteria.

Please call Eva Yankosky-Rumplick @581-8013 or Adria Kaplan @581-4434 with your donations!
All types of items needed for the Sweetheart Dance! Thank you!

For updates visit www.islipptacouncil.org
You can contact SEPTA at islipsepta@yahoo.com



PTSA



Every child. One voice®

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 child return the envelope to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office.

We had an overwhelming response to the National PTA Reflections Competition. This year's theme was "Beauty is...". We received 60 entries in the categories of Photography, Literature, Visual Arts, Film Production and Dance Choreography. The judges had a very difficult decision since there were so many excellent entries. The following entries were forwarded on to the Suffolk Region PTA level: Photography: Kaitlyn Rizzo, Alexandra Ianaconi, Jacqueline Bahnsen; Literature: Haven Alba, D'Anna Cervone, Nicholas Basile; Visual Arts: Brittany Chappas, Victoria Sanders, Steven Pham; Film Production: Brittany Berger; and Dance Choreography: Giavanna Ianaconi.

For Red Ribbon week, the PTA sponsored a table where the students signed a banner to pledge to stay drug free in exchange for a raffle ticket and a chance to win some great gift cards. There were also lots of giveaways.

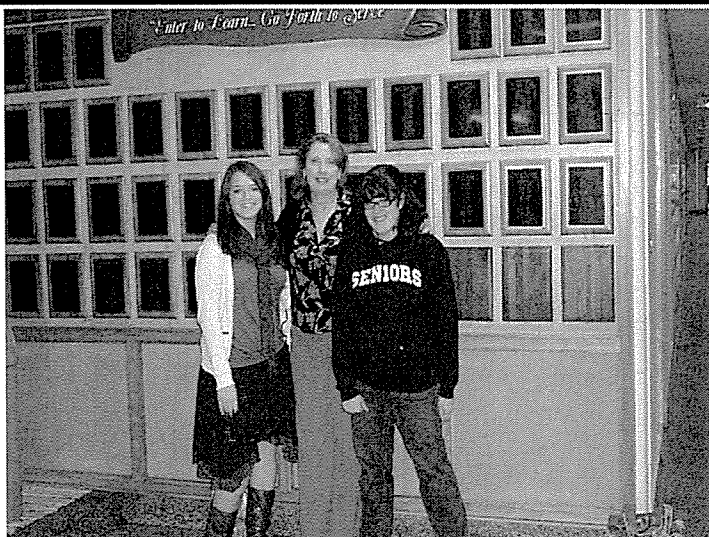
Our first Fashion Show committee meeting was held. We need help in a variety of areas, including setup and donations of raffle baskets and refreshments. Please contact Joy Griffin (ggrif22602@aol.com) if you are interested in getting involved.

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 so we can explore these suggestions with you.

Our upcoming meetings are January 11th and February 8th at 7:00 pm in the HS Faculty Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

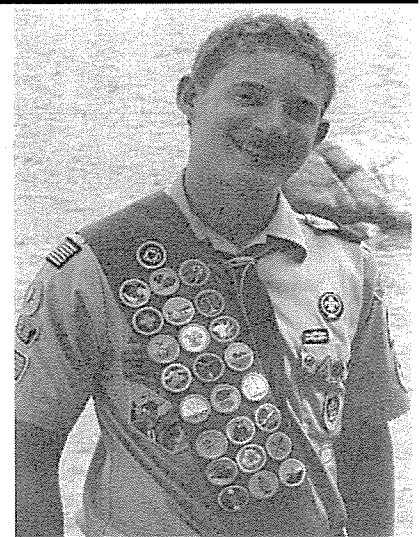
Watch our website, <http://www.islipptacouncil.org/ihs.html>, for up-to-date information on our activities.

Michele Franchi
President, HS PTSA



Additional AP Scholars are recognized. Pictured below left to right are Amy Monaghan, Ms. Garmendia (Director of School Counseling) and Kimberly Schwicke.

RECOGNITION



Islip High School would like to recognize and congratulate Scott Fogel for becoming an Eagle Scout.

ISLIP FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

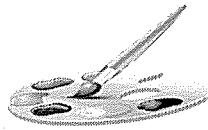


*The Art Showcase “My Favorite Things” comes together (for the first time) with
“The Blue Note Café”!*

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

*Saturday evening, January 30th – 7:30-10:00 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)
(snow date-February 6th)*

*“MY FAVORITE THINGS” will be located in the HS Auditorium Lobby (north doors).
This is a free event. Enjoy some of the best work created by some of Islip’s fine artists (grades
K-12) while live chamber music is performed in the background!*



*“THE BLUE NOTE CAFÉ” will be taking place in the HS Cafeteria (north doors). Enjoy
the cool music created by several of our fine musical groups – from Islip Middle School-
Show Choir and Jazz Band and from Islip High School- Jazz Band and Swing!
Admission for the “Blue Note” - \$8.00 (\$6.00 for Senior Citizens & Students)
Complimentary desserts with hot and cold refreshments!*

*For more information you may call Barbara Engels, President, Islip Friends of the Arts
at 277-7320*

