

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 859-2251. 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 859-2230 or guidance at 859-2231 or 859-2232 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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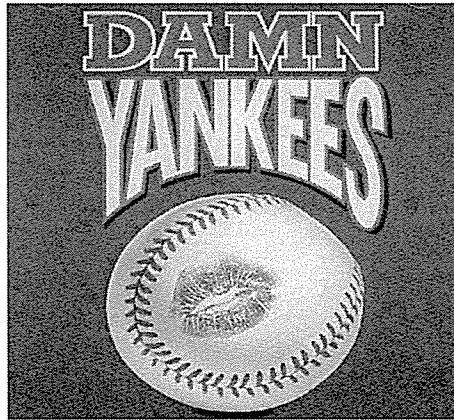
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“How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!”

George Elliston

Department of Fine & Performing Arts

Presents



Thursday, March 18—7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 19—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 20—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 for more details.

SCMEA

The following students have been selected to participate in the Division III All-County Concert on March 13th by the Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA):

Lori Greenblatt—Flute (Band)
Amanda Navaro—Clarinet (Band)
Clarice Oscher—Clarinet (Band)
Anna Tashie—Viola (Orchestra)
Doug Mackay—Bass (Chorus)
Catherine Weston—Soprano (Chorus)

These students were selected as a result of their exceptional performance at the NYSSMA Solo Festival in the Spring of 2009.

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

February 2010

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Counselors' 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 NEWS

During the beginning of the third quarter, the counselors will meet with the Freshmen individually to discuss course selection for the 2010-2011 school year. Please discuss with them what your expectations are and what you consider to be appropriate choices. A **Course Request Verification** form will be sent home at the end of March. This will let you know what courses your child has chosen. It is **NOT** a schedule and does not guarantee placement into electives selected.

Any requests for Honors and AP courses are subject to final approval by the department offering the course.

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Sophomores

During the weeks of February 1st and February 8th, 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/her. If you have any questions, please contact his/her counselor. A **Course Request Verification** form will be sent home at the end of March. This will let you know what courses your child has chosen. It is **NOT** a schedule and does not guarantee placement into electives selected.

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Students in **Honors or AP courses** may want to consider taking **SAT II subject tests**. Please speak to your subject teacher and your counselor to determine if this is appropriate for you.

Juniors

Please complete a draft copy of a college essay in order to prepare for your Junior Conference with your counselor. These are due to your counselor before your scheduled Junior Conference appointment. Appointments are being scheduled starting the **week of March 1st**.

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The counselors met with their juniors during the weeks of **January 11th** and **January 19th** to discuss tentative course requests for the next school year. Please discuss with your child what courses you consider appropriate for him or her. A **Course Request Verification** form will be sent home at the end of March. This will let you know what courses your child has chosen. It is **NOT** a schedule and does not guarantee placement into electives selected.

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Since the Senior year schedule is a crucial component of the college application process, the course selections for the 2010-2011 school year will also be reviewed during the Junior Conferences with students and their parents.

The program **“Making Your College Search Count”** will be presented to the Juniors during 2nd and 3rd periods on **Thursday, February 11th**. This program will give students tips on doing an effective college search. Additionally, on the evening of February 11th, the Counseling Department will host a presentation by the Director of Admissions from St. Joseph’s College, on the College Search and Application Process. If you are unable to attend and would like the materials distributed, please contact the Counseling Office and we will send them to you.

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Recommended Program for College Bound Students
2010-2011

NINTH GRADE	TENTH GRADE	ELEVENTH GRADE	TWELFTH GRADE
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.

Senior Reminder

All colleges to which you have applied were sent a copy of your mid-year grades. These were mailed out following the mailing home. Speak to your counselor if there are items on the report card that you feel need to be either explained or highlighted for the colleges. This is the time to make that final pitch to the college of your choice if you have not heard from them yet. The counselors would love to be able to help you contact the admissions office and express your interest.

You should have already filed the FAFSA. If you have not already done so, you should complete it as soon as possible. The FAFSA form is available on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Even if you qualify for aid, if you submit the information past the colleges' deadline you may not get any aid, so DO NOT DELAY. For additional help you may want to visit the following web sites: www.nysfaaa.org or www.hesc.com.

Students who are interested in taking the SAT, SAT II or ACT tests should be aware of the following deadlines:

TEST DATE REGISTRATION DATE LATE REGISTRATION (additional fee)

SAT & SAT II

MAY 1	MARCH 25	MARCH 26 - APRIL 8
JUNE 5	APRIL 29	APRIL 30 - MAY 13

ACT

JUNE 12	MAY 7	MAY 8 - MAY 21
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For those of you wanting to get a jump start on summer activities, please check the Counseling Web page at www.islipufsd.org (then click on Our Schools/ Islip HS/Guidance Services) for an updated list of programs.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Islip High School Science Olympiad students competed at the Athens Regional Science Olympiad

Competition in Pennsylvania on Saturday, January 16th against some of the top teams in our area, which included Regional Champs and State Champs from New York and Pennsylvania as well as several past National Champions. Our students have been working hard since the beginning of the school year preparing for their competitions. We are very pleased to announce the following students as receiving ribbons in their individual events:

*Alda Yuan—Cell Biology, Ecology
Karen Gambina—Cell Biology
Eric Dinh—Environmental Chemistry
Marina Niazi—Environmental Chemistry
Samantha Rodriguez—Ecology*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

KIC CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to the Keep Islip Clean Club for winning a \$200 grant from the Town of Islip. The grant money will be used to purchase another recycling bin for the high school. Currently KIC Club is recycling bottles and cans, old cell phones, ink cartridges, batteries and e-waste. The students at KIC recently collected over 200 sneakers for the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe recycling program. The rubber soles of old sneakers will be used for tracks, playgrounds and basketball courts around the country.

This year KIC Club will be conducting "Pond Day 2010" at the Seatuck Scully Estate on South Bay Avenue. The Scully Estate has become a nature preserve and museum and it will officially open on Earth Day 2010. Prior to that day, on April 16, students in the high school KIC Club will take a field trip to the Seatuck Scully Estate to perform a clean-up of the property and help build an outdoor learning lab similar to the one in the high school courtyard. About 40 students will participate this year. If you are interested in chaperoning this trip, please contact Mr. Mennecke at the high school.

Class of 2010

Islip High School's IDEA (Islip Drug Education Awareness) Task Force is again offering a **Post Prom Breakfast** for all seniors and their dates at the conclusion of the Senior Prom. In cooperation with the committee, the class has selected "An Oasis in the Sands of Time" as their theme. **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 or not.** This is a perfect opportunity for seniors to reunite as a class and continue their exciting and fun-filled prom experience in a safe, local and healthy environment. **We are still accepting the \$25 family donation to help cover expenses.** Checks should be made out to Islip Public Schools and may be dropped off in the High School's main office. This money goes toward the many expenses incurred in creating and organizing this fantastic evening.

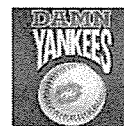
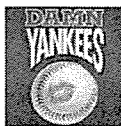
Parents: We want this to be the best Post Prom Breakfast ever! Please get involved in any way you can. We need donated prizes/raffles for our seniors, we need help decorating the school; and most important of all, we need you to share our enthusiasm for this occasion and to **encourage your child's attendance.** 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 at all, feel free to call Alison Koch, Post Prom Committee Chairperson, at: (631) 224-3783

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

*We invite families to become involved with Islip Friends of the Arts. We need **YOUR** involvement to make it possible for this group to fundraise and provide Awards and Scholarships to deserving students. Please contact Barbara Engels, 277-7320, for more information.*



Our High School Musical this year is "Damn Yankees". It is a funny and very entertaining show! Show dates are: Thursday, March 18th, Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20th. Students work for months to present fantastic performances to the community, so please plan to see the show!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

ISLIP FRIENDS OF THE ARTS Forms to apply for underclassmen awards, students in grades 9—11, and senior scholarships, students in grade 12, will soon be available. There will be announcements in school when applications are available in the Guidance Office and Teachers of Music and Art as well as English Teachers will have copies. This year you will also be able to download a copy from the Islip School District's Website at www.islipufsd.org or at www.islipfpa.net. Students must submit applications, with all information completed (including Teacher Recommendations) by the due date.



Islip Special Education PTA Every Child – One Voice

SEPTA Calendar for 2009-2010

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| March 9 th | Meeting at 7:30pm in CRES auditorium. Form a nominating committee.
Speaker : Workshop for Parents of Children with Special Needs.
"How to protect your child legally and financially" |
| March 12-April 8 | Modells Fundraiser |
| April 8 th | All PTAs at Wing @ 7:30. Nominations for new executive committee. |
| May 11 th | SEPTA Elections at CRES! |
| 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 for the Spring Concert Basket Fundraiser! You can contact SEPTA at islipsepta@yahoo.com

The "Perfect" Game



Congratulations to both Alex DeVries and Michael Kovarick for bowling perfect games.

Alex DeVries bowled a 300 on January 14th. The "perfect" game is the first by an Islip bowler and improved Alex's average to a 200, the third best in Suffolk County. The team record is 17-1.

Michael Kovarick is a freshman who is a second year varsity bowler. He currently holds a 205 average in league play. He is constantly working to improve all aspects of his game. His time and commitment has helped the Bucs win their first league title in Islip's school history.

Pictured above left to right are Mr. Pace (Boys Varsity Bowling Coach), Michael Kovarick, Alexandra DeVries and Mr. Drago (Girls Varsity Bowling Coach).



BUSINESS STUDENTS "JUGGLE" IT ALL



On Friday, January 22, 2010, the Wing School PTA had a Circus-themed family fun night. Many student volunteers from DECA and the Jr. Chamber of Commerce Clubs helped out by setting up for the event and assisting the PTA for the fun filled night. Thanks to all who volunteered.

"Sharing Warmth"

Students from Islip High School and Mrs. Clock's business classes and various other clubs donated gently used coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and gloves to help those in need keep warm this winter. The winter outerwear was sorted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce students and delivered by Mr. Mike Redmond to St. Mary's Church in East Islip. Mrs. Clock thanks all who donated and helped collect the clothing.

"JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ISLIP FIRE DEPARTMENT"



In mid-December Mrs. Clock received a phone call from Mr. Anthony Pizzo of the Islip Fire Department. Mr. Pizzo shared his idea of helping needy Islip residents with a community wide food drive. As many of the Islip Fire Department volunteers accompanied Santa Claus on visits throughout the neighborhood, they also collected food from local residents. The generosity of our community was simply overwhelming! On Tuesday, December 22nd, Santa Claus and his two elves, Mr. Anthony Pizzo and Mr. Kenny Dolan, pulled up to Islip High School with a fire truck full of food donations. Mrs. Clock and her students unloaded the food and Santa Claus walked through the High School sharing some holiday cheer. The students from the Junior Chamber of Commerce Club spent the day categorizing and boxing up the food that was distributed to families within the Islip School District. The students worked very hard to do this and with additional donations from Islip's Wrestling Team, we were able to put together well over 60 boxes of food! Thanks to Roberto from Islip's grounds crew for delivering the boxes from the high school to our other schools. Special thanks to Mr. Tom "Santa" Butler and the many volunteer firemen for reaching out to our school community and helping those in need!



Ground Hog Job Shadow Day

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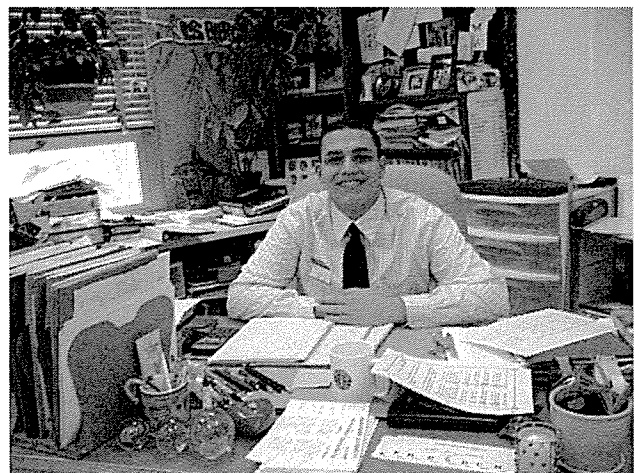


Pictured above are students with the Physical Education teachers at the Middle School, left to right, Thierry Byron, Mr. Coyne, Byron McCarthy, Ian Compere, Mrs. Whitehouse, Robert Esposito, Mr. Vitale, Joseph Sabbatino and Mr. Scheidel.

On Tuesday, February 2, a record-breaking 105 Islip High School 10th grade students participated in Ground Hog Job Shadow Day, which was organized by the Islip High School Business Department and the Islip School to Business Partnership 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 shadowed professionals in various careers at Adrienne's Bridal Salon, Bi-County Collision, the East Islip Animal Hospital, Harvey Allen Hair Salon, the Islip Middle School, Overton Funeral Home, Penn Van Meter Architects, Schlimbaum & Schlimbaum Law Firm, Southside Hospital, Suffolk County Police Department, and the Town of Islip. At the Islip Middle School, students spent the day with English, Family & Consumer Science, Math, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Spanish and Technology teachers. At Southside Hospital, students shadowed professionals in the Cardiology, Dietary, Medical, Neuroscience, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Radiology Departments. At the Town of Islip, students spent the day with members of the Constituent Services, Engineering, and Planning Departments, as well as the Fire Marshall, the Animal Shelter, and Islip MacArthur Airport. After their experience, students completed reflective activities and wrote thank you letters to their mentors. It was a wonderful experience for all students and professionals who participated.



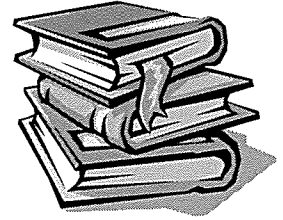
Pictured left is Kimberly Weglarz in the Middle School-Health Office.



Pictured right is Wil Vega in Ms. Knoth's classroom in the Middle School.



PTSA



Every child. one voice®

Reflections Program update: Steven Pham's Visual Arts entry was selected by the Suffolk Region PTA committee to go on to the New York State level for judging. Congratulations Steven, and good luck!

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 16th. 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 8th and March 10th. Help is needed 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.

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 so we can explore these suggestions with you.

Our upcoming meetings are February 8th and March 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 info on our activities.

Michele Franchi
President, HS PTSA