



Spot this artsy flag in the lobby, the winner of the statewide art contest. Congrats to Julia Manolios!

Turning Terms

By Isabella Fournier

February and March were exciting months at the Long Island School for the Gifted!! The Theater Department put on a marvelous production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. The school held their third annual "Day of Play" and many talented Lower, Middle and Upper School students worked to make the Harry Potter Pep Rally a success! Not to mention a delightful Upper School Dance. Both months have been incredibly eventful, not to mention the terrifying Trimester exams that took place in February and March!

Read more about these events in the *first edition of the Green Growl!*

Factual Foods

By: Jonathan Shen and Alex Bardy

- Peanuts are **legumes**, not nuts.
- Cabbage is **91%** water. Stay hydrated!
- Neither strawberries, blackberries, nor raspberries are actual **berries**.
- Staying on the topic of berries, **Eggplants** are considered one!
- Potatoes are **20%** solid and 80% water.
- Cherries are actually part of the **rose** family.
- Cranberries bounce when they are ripe. **Boing!**
- Almonds are actually **peaches**!
- Honey is the only edible food that doesn't go bad.
- There are nearly **10,000** different kinds of apples.



Warming Weeks

By: Jonathan Shen

Winter is almost over, and Spring is almost here! Get ready for warmth, allergies, blossoms, and most importantly, **OUTDOOR RECESS!** The playground will once again be open, soccer will be played, and 4-square will be enjoyed. Feel free to frolic and be happy when you are outside. Smell the fresh air and such. But, most importantly, have fun!



Lower School Writing

Springtime- A poem by Jordyn Marlow

Little birds settle as they sing to one another

Sunshine awakens to illuminate a bright blue sky

Flowers dance around spring meadows

Rainbows appear after rain flutters down

Cherry blossoms give their scent to the wind to carry

A painting of spring has come to life



Tournament Time

Athletic Activity

By: Jonathan Shen

The Upper school's First Annual Hockey Tournament is in session! Eight teams split into two divisions will face off for the next few months. The Snovick division consists of teams one through four. The O'Shea division consists of teams five through eight. The tournament is a Round Robin, which means every team in their division plays every other team in the division. The placings within the division will decide which team they will play in the other division. Good luck to all teams!

Daring Debates

By: Hugo Lerner

On Tuesday, April 2nd, the entire 6th grade participated in a debate tournament. There were originally eight teams of four, but some were eliminated. Once there were two teams left, the rest of the teams and the 5th grade came to watch the final round. The event was stressful, as the participants bounced back and forth to each other about their topic which included stopping arms sales and Saudi Arabia. Cole Johnston, Tatyana Poland, Madison Lee, and Hugo Lerner (me) took the pro side, while Kate Ward, Dana Wang, Olivia Rousseau, and Victoria Geller were assigned the con side. Soon, the tournament came to a close and the judges decided that the con side had won the whole event. It was a great achievement for the team and they were awarded trophies. Congratulations to everyone and a special congratulations to the winning team!!

Cubs Corner!

Vegetable Word Search

R D V K Q Y G B H E O G R T O
H E A X A S R V C C I V G K D
D L B S P O J U A F O F W M K
E I Q M C B T N N W O R U Y Z
G V V C U T Q X I H K E N O X
Z F O H E C F Q P X Y S K C S
I L A L H N U H S H E B D F A
I R Y F B W V C L Y P P S S U
P K D I T U Q F F J F E R H A
U M U D Y Z R P I O V A Q B H
E H I U X R N I F D G S H B Q
Y U D V C A R R O T S L O J S
A B K H P X L R C N J E I Y X
D T C N H S D W F B Y F E Q G
I N I H C C U Z M Z J P B N J

BROCCOLI

CARROTS

CORN

CUCUMBER

KALE

LETTUCE

Favorite Foods, a poll by Alex Bardy

- Brunch for Lunch** with 21 votes
- Build Your Own Burrito Bar** with 9 votes
- Nachos** with 8 votes
- Mac and Trees** with 7 votes
- Chicken Wing Bar** with 3 votes



Do YOU have a poll idea? Well come find Alex and he'll be happy to talk to you about it!!

Musical Musings

Finishing off an astonishing musical theater success with Beauty and the Beast and swinging right into the Upper School Chorus season, I managed to sit down with Theater and Chorus director, Mrs. Williams for a quick interview..

By: Isabella Fournier

Mrs. Williams, how do you respond to the whispered rumors floating around, that Seussical the Musical is going to be the Theater Department's show for next year?

Ok so, I'll tell you, Seussical Jr is definitely on our list. It's definitely not for certain, but it's one thing we are looking at, especially with the numbers of parts in the show. The music is very enjoyable, and it's very appropriate for everyone to see.

However, it's definitely not the end all, be all, final answer. Though, it is a show we've been thinking about for several years.



So, what are the chances that next year the show will be led by a male versus a female actor?

So... again it really depends on who comes back. That's really the first thing we look at, if next year the show has a lot of boys, and strong male singers, then there's more of a chance for a male oriented show, and vice versa if more females sign up.

This is also why we have the sign up sheet in May, so we can get an idea of who will be participating next year.

Now, what can you tell us about the upcoming Upper School Chorus in the spring?

Well, we just had our first rehearsal, many people are in it. With music, I like to incorporate students playing instruments. We have people playing guitar, piano and drums.

For the teacher's song this year, we are singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and we really want some teachers to sign up!!!

We're also singing Don't Stop Me Now by Queen and Wonderful Life from the movie Small Foot. We'll also be doing a Michael Jackson medley, as well as a few songs I haven't decided yet, and as always a xylophone piece.

So, you obviously have lots of choices for songs in chorus, but what exactly inspired your choices this year for the Middle School Chorus that happened earlier this school year?

So, to start off, it was really based around the Greatest Showman, because when I saw the movie I kept thinking "Oh my goodness this will be so much fun!" I always try to find somethings that the students will like and know, so they'll be interested and want to sing. When I told them we were singing songs from the Greatest Showman, they were all so excited, and that's really what I want to do, get all the kids excited and involved with musicals, musical movies and pop songs. So, this year was definitely based off the Greatest Showman.

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The Student Helper Corner!

Extra Help Schedule

Remember, if you need help, these lovely teachers are always ready to give you a hand!!

Fourth Period Lunch (Middle School):

Mondays:

ELA- Mrs. Richardson
Spanish- Ms. Bacchia
Math- Ms. Meola
Science- Ms. Garay

Tuesdays:

ELA- Mrs. Richardson
Science- Ms. Garay

Wednesdays:

Math- Ms. Meola
Science- Mrs. Aziz

Thursday:

ELA- Mrs. Shukla
History- Mr. Wilensky
Spanish- Dr. Wilcox

Friday:

ELA- Ms. Arneson
Spanish- Mrs. Ameri
Math- Ms. Meola
History- Mrs. Dolan

Sixth Period Lunch (Upper School):

Mondays:

Math- Ms. Meola
History- Mr. Palaia

Tuesdays:

ELA- Ms. Arneson
History- Mr. Palaia
Spanish- Ms. Bacchia

Wednesdays:

Math- Mrs. Singh
Spanish- Ms. Bacchia

Thursdays:

Math- Ms. Spaulding
History- Mr. Palaia

Fridays:

Math- Mrs. Singh
History- Mr. Palaia
Science- Mrs. Aziz

- *By: Isabella Fournier and Isabella Manfuso*



Study Tips:

When studying for History, Spanish, or Science, try making a Quizlet online! They're really helpful to help remember vocabulary terms, names and dates for your tests.

When studying for Math, do lots of extra practice problems. We recommend re-doing some old homeworks and packets from your chapter, then when you're finished check it over and see how you did. Don't feel shy to ask for help!

Remember to never plagiarism and give credit to your sources or you could get in trouble!

By Isabella Fournier

Brainteasers of the Month:

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

Find Isabella Fournier once you've solved these riddles for a chance to have your writing featured in the Green Growl!

Nick's Picks

Book series 1 (Lower and Middle School): Harry Potter

The Harry Potter series is a classic. Since the first book, the series has sold more than 500 million books since last year. It is an excellent series to read and has delighted readers since 1997. It is about a boy named Harry Potter who tries to stop the dark wizard Voldemort. The series is seven books long without the numerous random books also written.

Book series 3 (Upper School, not for Lower/Middle School): Gone

The Gone series is relatively new, the first book having been written during April of 2014. The books have been likened to Lord of The Flies (in which forty kids are trapped on an island) and Stephen King's novels (all horror books). It is about a group of kids who are cut off from the outside

Quote of the Month

By: Jonathan Shen

Photos By: Alex Bardy

For those of you who play the stock market game (Upper School), you know you have to make good choices to stay in the game. For the others, you probably know Fortnite. You have to choose good materials to keep in your inventory to get the Victory Royale!



“Your diet is like a bank account. Good food choices are good investments” - Bethenny Frankel

Food is just like this. To be on the top of your game, you have to choose the correct foods smartly. As seen in the quote above, you have to make “good investments” to stay healthy. For most people, staying healthy keeps them awake in class, and as you can deduce, Sherlock Holmes, you won’t get into as much trouble! If you want to play as much Fortnite as you can, you must eat smartly!

world in a large, twenty mile ball. The series is six books long with a sequel series in the making.

Upper School Writing

Our Ballade- By Rebecca Epstein

A chamber of melodies

Awakens in my heart

Winding its way through my soul

I am the bearer of sound

The holder of motion

Alive with the color of sorrow

Yet born under dew drop rain

My shining visage

Conceals the hurt that lay within

Fingers dangle and fall to the curve of rose petals

They flow as melting moonlight upon endless night

The air is held by reverberation

A world is opened by the echo from which it calls

With every key lies a story

With every breath lies a song

We together hold the words of an unfound voice

Longing to be released into the arms of love

We fade into broken vibration

We begin and end with a foundation of harmony

And find a slumber in music’s hush

My home is between your alignment of strings

Your home is the frame of my smile

Dear piano

It is you and I

I and you

The inseparable symphony of profound creation

March Mammal Madness

By Jonathan Shen

During March, there is no better month to have a catchy mammal competition! Based on March Madness for basketball, March Mammal Madness is an animal fight competition for the Upper School. Before any faceoffs, the Upper School students prepare a bracket for which animal they think will prevail. As the competition progresses through the month, results of each battle are posted. Play by play can be seen on youtube or on #2019MMM. Don’t worry! No animal abuse happens; battles are simulated animations based on extensive research by experienced scientists. If you are not in the Upper School and you are interested in results, there is a poster of the winners outside Mrs. Aziz’s room! Let the madness begin!

The Green Growl wants to wish a congratulations to the fierce Bengal Tiger who won this year's MMM! Can't wait till next year!!

A Diverting Dance

By Isabella Fournier

Perhaps one of L.I.S.G’s most beloved yearly traditions is the Upper School Dance in the Spring. It’s not overly formal, nor overly casual, and instead has a wide variety of clothing choices to wear, from dresses and rompers to sweatshirts and button-downs, a plethora of different outfits were seen at the dance. The DJ blasted different pop songs, as well as favorites like Country Roads, Allstar and the Bob the Builder theme song. Thanks to the ninth grade and administration who helped to make it a success.

Artistic Answers

By Isabella Manfuso

An interview conducted by Isabella Manfuso to Julia Manolios

Q: What was your inspiration for your piece?

A: New York State is a very diverse state and has too many aspects to be represented in only one picture, which is why I made multipole. By drawing a pile of Polaroid pictures, I was able to represent many different parts of the State.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you won?

A: I asked Dr. O’Leary if she was joking. I couldn’t believe I won! I was completely surprised and really honored that my piece was chosen.

Q: Do you have any favorite artists, if so who?

A: I like pieces of artwork, not necessarily artists, but the works of Van Gogh are truly spectacular (I have personally seen quite a few of them in person, including Starry Night).

Q: How did you learn to draw?

A: I was in pre-k at the time and I would go back to my house and practice drawing for hours daily. I kept trying to get better, and with a lot of practice, I achieved my goal.

