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Amazing Accomplishments

By: Jonathan Shen

Hey! Welcome to the Second Edition of the Green Growl! Our theme this year is “First Day of School”, “Halloween”, and “Day of the Dead”! This article will feature many items, some from the last edition, and some newly added! Some of these include, “Quote of the Month,” “Sports at LISG,” word searches, Sudoku, “Frightening Facts,” and more! The Green Growl would like to thank the team for putting this together, and you for reading! Our team includes Mrs. Aziz, Alvin Deng, Kaitlyn Shen, Alexander Bardy Jr., Tiffany Liang, Benjamin Saravi, and Arianna Campanella. Am I forgetting anyone? Oh yes, and Jonathan Shen! We hope you all enjoy reading *The Green Growl*. You will find “Bardy’s Books”, themed paragraphs, “Frightening Facts” and fun Halloween games! You can also see our poll, “Quote of the Month,” and more!

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First Day Frenzy

By: Jonathan Shen

It's already been 2 months, but it's OK! Act like it is another school day. Although the first day of school can be hard on kids, we can help diminish that by giving support to others. The first day can be really frantic, and that's why it is great to plan ahead. If you need to prepare your bag for school, do it the night before!

Halloween Madness

By: Alex Bardy and Jonathan Shen

The well known holiday of fright, laughter, candy, pretzels, prunes, costumes, witches, skeletons, zombies, spiders, and more candy, pretzels, and raisins. And prunes. Yay prunes! Just make sure not to spend over \$50 on candy. If you do, you will probably have leftovers, or you have the biggest trick or treating drive thru ever! Make sure to go trick or treating as well! Have fun!

Day of the Dead

By: Jonathan Shen

The end of October is a very special time, as there are 2 holidays celebrating right after one another! The Day of the Dead celebration is after Halloween, on November 1st, that honors deceased relatives or close friends. In front of the office there is a table set up with things that could be used during the ceremony, if you would like to check it out!

School Sports

By: Benjamin Saravi and Alexander Bardy

Over my years of attending LISG I always pondered about one question. Why are there no sports teams?? Turns out, that there are multiple reasons. This article not only discusses the reasons of why there are no sports teams, but also possible methods that sport teams could be added to the Long Island School for the Gifted resume.

To make this article, I first had to interview LISG's Head of School, Dr. Geyer. Dr. Geyer brought up a couple of interesting points on why sports have not been implemented at the Long Island School for the Gifted.

Benjamin Saravi: Why have sports not been added to LISG?

Dr. Geyer: So good question, I asked the same exact question when I first came here. And the answer was, which makes sense when you think it through: we have over sixty-seven districts here. So, there are no late busses. So, when you keep children after school, they have to find transportation home. Also you need a team, and there aren't enough kids where we could make one.

Benjamin Saravi: We can have a small team, we don't need to join Varsity.

Dr. Geyer: Correct; so, I am open to it. I don't know how to navigate it. It's, as you know, when I first came here, I started after school programs such as: Intramurals. It's not that I'm opposed to it, I just don't know how to navigate it. The reasons that there are no teams are: we feel that children can't stay up to five o'clock or later, because sports take up much more than an hour. The second reason is: that we don't have enough children for a team, and we would have to use multiple grades.

Benjamin Saravi: It could be good promotional tool. Let's say we beat a school like Cold Spring Harbour in football...

Dr. Geyer: Yes, that is a major reason why sports would be a great thing for LISG, but we don't have enough kids to make a team.

Benjamin Saravi: If we had a team, what would be its name?

Bardy's Books

By: Alexander Bardy

Series 1 (Lower and Middle School): Diary of a Wimpy Kid

In the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Greg Heffley must survive middle school while at the same time having to deal with his two annoying brothers: Manny and Rodrick. But he does have his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, with him for most of the series to help him get through his "miserable" life.

Series 2(Upper School): Alan Grantz

Alan Grantz is an author that writes about WWII and the struggles of many times in the war. His books such as Refugee, Prisoner B-3087, Projekt 1065, and Grenade are all examples of his books based on WWII. Look out for new books coming out in the future!

Artist of the Month

By: Arianna Campanella

The October Artist of the month is Paul Klee. He was born in Switzerland and he was very influenced by cubism, expressionism, and surrealism. He was known for painting, drawing, watercolor, and printmaking.

The Athlete of the month is Simone Biles. Simone Arianne Biles (born March 14, 1997) is an American artistic gymnast. Biles is the 2016 Olympic individual all-around, vault and floor gold medalist, and balance beam bronze medalist. She was part of the gold-medal-winning team dubbed the "Final Five" at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The musician of the month is Daler Mehndi. Daler Singh, better known as Daler Mehndi, is an Indian singer, songwriter, author and record producer. He is credited with making Bhangra music popular worldwide, and helping to popularize Indian pop music independent of Bollywood music.

Dr. Geyer: The LISG Lions, of course!

AV Squad

By: Kaitlyn Shen

An Audio Visual (AV) Squad is a team that is specialized in technology. In our case, they are a team run by students who can assist you with your tech problems.

So, how did the school come to the decision of having their very own AV team? The school realized that it would be problematic if there was only one IT guy but many classrooms that required help with technology. So, what did they do? They created an AV team! Lucky for them, many students here already have experience with different electronics and are willing to share and use their knowledge to help the school.

Instead of constantly having to call the IT guy whenever you have a problem and making other classes wait their turn, you can simply call someone from the AV team. Now, since there are multiple students specialized in solving tech problems, nobody will have to wait!

The Earth Dome

By: Tiffany Liang

LISG hosted an Earth Dome event this month. The Earth dome is a big balloon made out of sail material that reaches the ceiling. It has a map of the entire world on it. According to the tour guide, the scale of the Earth dome is represented by 300 miles for every 1 inch. The tour guide showed us all the 7 continents and told us about the importance of each one. After that, we had the chance to go inside of it. From there he showed us the important places that were not visible to the naked eye, for instance, islands and geographic landforms. One fun fact we learned was that New Zealand's continental plate is rising at a rate of 3 cm every year! After the experience, the tour guide gave us the chance to ask questions.

Seussical

By: Kaitlyn Shen

The musical "Seussical" includes contributions from many different Dr. Seuss stories, but the main story/plot is based on "Horton Hears a Who!" and "Horton Hatches an Egg".

Seussical provides you with endless amounts of excitement, whether you are still a kid or a grown up. At first glance, you may think that this musical is childish, but in reality, there may be some things in the musical you are able to relate to. After many years, our school finally decided that the play for this year would be... SEUSSICAL! The school thought it would be a great idea to do Seussical for this year's play because they realized that plays in the past did not give many people the opportunity to be the star of the show. But this year is different because Seussical has many different main characters, so now, everyone has the chance to be in the spotlight.



Learning new things from the Earth Dome!



Overall, the experience gave students at LISG a more extensive knowledge about our planet and its geography.

Big Brains

Frightening Facts

By: Jonathan Shen

- 🎃 Halloween was originally created to **scare** spirits away.
 - 🎃 Jack O'Lanterns used to be made out of **potatoes!**
 - 🎃 Jack O'Lanterns also were **named** after a myth of some Jack guy.
 - 🎃 The fear of Halloween is called **Samhainophobia**.
 - 🎃 Harry Houdini died on Halloween.
Spooky!
 - 🎃 A **Bogeyman** will scare you if you egg a house!
 - 🎃 If you eat too much **candy**, you can get Diabetes!
 - 🎃 The song, Spooky Scary Skeletons, was **created** in 1996!
 - 🎃 There are many Guinness World records on pumpkins! The largest recorded pumpkin in 2016 weighed 2,624 lbs.
 - 🎃 On average, it will take you

Fact or Fiction?

*By: Jonathan
Shen and Kaitlyn
Shen*

In this section, I will give you 2 short stories to read, and you will guess if they are true or not!

1. Mary Shelley, author of the novel, *Frankenstein*, was heavily influenced by scientific developments at the time, which was part of the reason why she created *Frankenstein*.
 2. Mary Shelley was interested in monsters, magic, and entertainment at the time, which played a part in how she came up with the novel, *Frankenstein*.

Scroll down to the bottom for the answer!

Halloween Word Search

By: Alvin Deng

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

Halloween	Giraffe	Pumpkin
Spooky	Scary	Ghost
Zombie	Fall	Leaf
Costume	Hello	Corn

2x3 Sudoku

By: Alvin Deng

1			2		6	4
	2		6			1
6			5			
	1		4		3	
5				1		
4				3		
					1	2

364 licks to get
to the center of a
Tootsie Pop.

Voting For Lunch! And the winner is...

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

Quote of the Month

By: Jonathan Shen

“I’ve seen enough horror movies to know that any weirdo wearing a mask is never friendly.”
– Elizabeth, Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives (1986)

It’s true! Although you might be thinking that Halloween is a frightless plot to get free candy, you are probably wrong.

Creepy stuff can happen on Halloween, even if you are unaware. That’s why Halloween was created! The original story behind it was to scare away the spirits. Halloween was adopted into other cultures before Americans started celebrating. They eventually turned costumes meant to originally scare spirits away into ones that feature comedic, scary, and pop culture icons, for example, hot dogs and Donald Trump!

New N

By: Jonathan Shen

Welcome to all the new teachers of LISG! We hope they have a great year. Our new music teacher, taking over for Mrs. Williams (congratulations on the newborn) is Mrs. Negron, who will be teaching us exciting new things this year, one of which is guitars for the upper school. We also have two new spanish teachers, Mr. Espinosa and Mrs. Guevara, replacing Ms. Bacchia and Mrs. Ameri. They have done a great job with the new programs so far! We also have Daniel, our new IT person! He will assist us with our technical problems this year, along with the AV Squad. Daniel will be taking over for Mr. Dorman.

Mixed Meals

By: Arianna Campanella

This year we have someone new in the lunchroom. LISG would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Pat. She has made a difference in our lunches drastically, adding delicious and nutritious options to the menu. There are four new ice creams, the Polar Pop in cookies and cream and in a fruity flavor. There is also a pineapple frozen fruit bar and a strawberry frozen fruit bar. This year the pizza is from a real pizza pie, and there are three new types of chips. There is also a great a la carte menu for the upper school. Students may purchase items individually every day to create their own unique and delicious lunch. Lunch is also available to teachers.

Answer to Fact or Fiction is choice one!