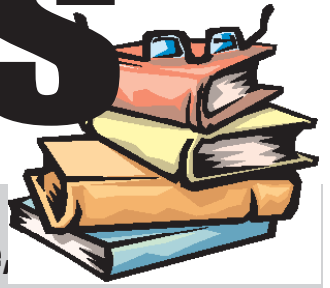


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Top Ten Students of the Class of 2013

East Hampton High School is pleased to announce the Top Ten students in the graduating Class of 2013. The Valedictorian is Emily Norton. The Salutatorian is Bethany Levy. The Essayist is Adrianna Zawodniak.



Emily Norton is the treasurer of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Dartmouth Book Club Award. She was also the Governor's Award nominee. She is a member of the Math Team and scored highest as a junior and shared the title as a senior. She earned the highest score in the American Math Challenge during her sophomore and junior years and also participated in the Moody Mega Math Challenge in 2011-2013. Emily is a member of the Central Connecticut Aquatic Team. She is a Red Cross certified water safety instructor and a coach for eight and under swimmers. She competed in the Swim for the Troops meet for four years and proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warriors Foundation. She is a four year volunteer at the Special Olympics. Emily will attend the University of Connecticut and was selected for the Honors Program. She plans to major in biology and eventually attend medical school. Emily is the daughter of Margaret and Michael Norton.



Daniel Wall is varsity soccer captain and member of Saint Patrick's Church. Dan's first passion is playing soccer. He is the 2009 and 2010 recipient of the Coaches Award and was named All-Shoreline in 2012. Dan is a four year member of the East Hampton Soccer Club and helps prepare the fields during soccer season. He has worked as a referee for youth travel teams for over four years and at a soccer clinic for a U- 12 boy's team this year. He has contributed to over 40 hours of community service at his church, which includes the Food Bank and Fish Fry. He has been an Academic Achievement Award recipient all four years and a participant in the school's Prom Fashion Show. He will be attending Central Connecticut State University and will major in civil engineering. Daniel is the son of Robin and Peter Wall.



Bethany Levy is a member of the National Honor Society and the 2012 University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award recipient. Beth is the Interact Club treasurer and volunteered service with the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic and in Rotary Club fundraisers. She participated in Moody's Mega Math Challenge and the American Math Competition and placed third in the competition her senior year. As a member of the Math Team, she shared honors as the highest scorer during her senior year. Beth practices dance at the Creative Dance Center and teaches 2nd to 5th year dancers weekly. She has also raised money for the Food Bank through recitals. She will be attending the University of Connecticut and major in biomedical engineering. She was also selected for the Honors Program. Bethany is the daughter of Vera and Larry Levy.



Lara Davidson, a member of the National Honor Society, is the recipient of the Connecticut High School Arts Award for photography. She is a four-year member of the French Club and serves as the Team Manager of the EHHS girls' volleyball team. Lara participates in several school-based volunteer activities, such as Big Brother/Big Sister and Interact. She also donates her time at the East Hampton Public Library children's room. Lara completed a semester-long study abroad experience in Israel during her junior year, during which time she participated in numerous community-service based activities, including working at soup kitchens, performing various services for the elderly, and fundraising for special needs groups. Lara intends to major in photography at the Maryland Institute College of Art next fall. She is the daughter of Arnold and Penny Davidson.



Adrianna Zawodniak is a member of the National Honor Society and the 2012 recipient of the Harvard Book Prize. As a member of the Student Council and Interact Club, her many volunteer hours to charities and community service opportunities include, Santa's Breakfast, ABC Women's Shelter Christmas drive, over 40 hours to the surgical unit of Middlesex Hospital, and Special Olympics where she presented awards to athletes during her junior year. Adrianna helped organize the Spring Fling dance for three years and co-chaired the event this past year. She is the discussion leader of the Book Club. Adrianna was accepted into the Women in Math, Science and Engineering WiMSE program at the University of Connecticut where she will major in molecular and cellular biology. She intends on becoming a pediatrician. Adrianna is the daughter of Bernadette and Bruce Zawodniak.



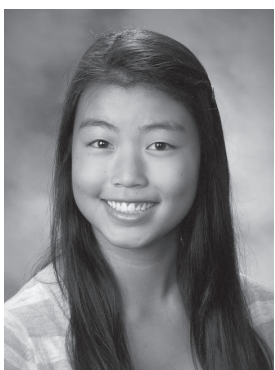
Mercedes Maurice is the 2012 recipient of the Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award, as well as the Gettysburg College Book Prize. Mercedes is a founding member and president of the Future Business Leaders of America Club and has facilitated the FBLA food drive among other events this year. She has donated time to community service through the American Baptist Church of Connecticut's Camp Wightman and through school sponsored events. During her junior year Mercedes volunteered at the Special Olympics, at St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and in 2011 volunteered for Breakfast with Santa with the Interact Club. She has been a member of a competitive dance team for over five years through the Rhythm-N-Sync Dance Studio. Mercedes will be attending Bennington College and plans to double major in history and studio art. Mercedes is the daughter of Ana Smith and Dean Maurice.



Jacqueline Maynard is a member of the National Honor Society and the 2012 recipient of the University of Rochester award. An accomplished equestrian Jackie has been division state champion for four years and region champion for the Junior Exhibitor Park Horse Division in 2012. Jackie is a four year member of the French Club, two year member of Youth Leadership and joined the Math Team as a senior. Jackie has volunteered with the Special Olympics and worked as a mentor through the Big Brother/Big Sister program. She has been secretary of the Shaky Tails Youth Group for four years and a vocalist with her Life Teen Church band, Trinity, for three years. Jackie will be attending the University of Hartford and major in biomedical engineering. She is the daughter of Pamela and Steve Maynard.



Madeline Martinez is a member of the National Honor Society and the 2012 recipient of the Saint Michael's College Book Award and Outstanding Arts Award. Maddie is a leader in both the Concert and Chamber Choirs and a member of the Jazz Band. She learned to play the trombone for the Jazz Ensemble this year. She sang soprano for the 2010 Shoreline Festival and was accepted to the Southern Region Music Festival this year. She is a member of the Girl Scouts and is in the process of earning the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Maddie volunteered at the Connecticut State Veteran's Home, sorted food at the local Food Bank and donated hand-made blankets to the Battered Women's Shelter. She will be attending the University of Hartford and was accepted into the Hartt School of Music and major in music education. Madeline is the daughter of Maura and Jesus Martinez.



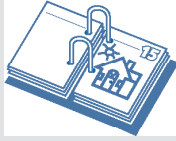
Kimberly Nowakowski is the historian of the National Honor Society and AP Scholar. She is the 2012 recipient of the Yale Book Award. Kim was named Shoreline Conference Honorable Mention in 2011 and 2012 as co-captain of the soccer team. She was also a state qualifier for three years in a row for girls track. Kim has facilitated local events, such as Easter egg hunts, tag sales and the Taste of Italy dinner as a two-year co-president of the Belltown Leo Club. Kim has completed community service as a three year member of the Interact Club and Saint Patrick's Church and includes raising money for the Wounded Warrior Foundation, Santa's Breakfast, the Senior Center and the MS Walk. Kim has had articles published in the school newspaper, The Bellringer. She will be attending Villanova University's College of Nursing to earn her BSN and she was selected for the Honor's Program. Kimberly is the daughter of Virginia and Andrew Nowakowski.



Erik Bell is a member of the National Honor Society. Erik is a four-year member of the varsity golf team. Although Erik was new to the cross country team this past fall, he was recognized with the Sportsmanship Award. He is involved in several activities on campus, currently serving as vice-president of the Spanish Club. In addition to his involvement in the EHHS Interact Club, he volunteers selflessly behind the scenes at events such as the Special Olympics and the Traveler's Golf Championship, as well as at the pharmacy department of Middlesex Hospital. Furthermore, Erik donated time tutoring a special needs student. Erik is a valuable member of the Math Team, and was awarded the Shoreline Math Award for demonstrating a high level of knowledge in the field of mathematics. Erik will be majoring in biochemistry at the University of Connecticut. He is the son of John and Erika Bell.

EHHS Graduation – June 21 at 6:30 PM

Dates To Remember



East Hampton High School

- June 17: Final Exams for Periods 1& 2
- June 18: Final Exams for Periods 3&4
- June 19: Final Exams for Periods 5&6
- June 20: Final Exams for Period 7 and Makeups
- June 21: Last day of School
- June 21: Graduation – 6:30pm
- August 22: Freshmen Orientation for Students and Parents – 7pm

East Hampton Middle School

- June 14: Summer Reading Assembly in Library Media Center – 1:20pm
- June 21: Grade 8 Awards – 8:30am
Grade 7 Awards – 9:30am
Grade 6 Awards – 10:30am
- June 21: Report Cards Issued to Students
Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
- August 23: PTO Ice Cream Social for Incoming 6th Graders and New Students – at Middle School Grounds – 11am-12pm & 1-2pm

Center Elementary School

- June 17: Grade 3 Beginner Instrument Sign-Ups Entering Grade 4 – 6:30pm at Center School
- June 21: Report Cards Issued to Students
Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 1:10pm

Memorial Elementary School

- June 21: Report Cards Issued to Students
Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 1:10pm
AM Kindergarten Dismissal – 10:55am
- August 19: Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Ride – 9am & 11am

Systemwide

- June 21: Last Day of School – Shortened Day Schedule – No lunches served
- June 24: Professional Development Day for Staff
- June 24: Board of Education Meeting, EHHS – 7pm

Mad Science at Memorial Elementary School



Student, McKenzie Grant and Chris Clotter of Mad Science.

Over one hundred people attended the End of the Year Celebration of the Special Friend program at Memorial Elementary School. Cosmic Chris of Mad Science entertained families in this fascinating event where children sparked their imaginations and engaged in this hands-on action packed event.

East Hampton Introduces a New Superintendent of Schools

As East Hampton's new Superintendent, I look forward to officially joining the community on July first. While I may not be officially on board, I have had the distinct pleasure of visiting the schools, meeting staff and students, attending Board of Education meetings, as well as, town meetings over the past few months. What is evident with everyone I have met and spoken to is the high quality of teaching and commitment to collaboration and learning within East Hampton. In addition, the strong sense of community the students hold is very evident through their significant participation in local and global events. These deep-rooted values will continue to serve us well as they are in direct alignment to what is needed to meet the rigorous common core expectations. Together I know we will continue to accomplish East Hampton's vision of preparing and inspiring our students to be innovative, responsible, contributing members of an ever-changing global society.

As a person whose life was impacted by many teachers along the learning journey, I knew at a young age I wanted to be an educator. There is no other profession that makes such a profound difference in the lives of children. I began my professional career as a special education teacher working with socially and emotionally challenged students. Identifying the key link to student success was through building relationships and linking learning to quality instruction. I served as an instructional leader, as a teacher, principal and central office administrator in both urban and suburban districts. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Regular and Special Education from Keene State College, a Master's Degree in Special Education from Westfield State University, a 6th year in Educational Leadership and I am currently pursuing a Doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to Mr. Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent. Mr. Winzler has done an outstanding job leading East Hampton until my arrival. We wish him well as he ventures on to a new system.

As I officially come on board in July, I am eager to continue to meet parents, students, faculty, community members, and town officials and work together in the best interest of our children.

Sincerely,
Diane Dugas
Superintendent of East Hampton Public Schools

Center Elementary School Inventors



East Hampton Center Elementary School Inventors attended the Invention Convention at UCONN. Front row: Alex Distefano, Ailie Daley, Emilia Winquist, Rachel Gardiner, Maggie Donohue; back row: Cody Voelker, Samuel Gibson, Sawyer Reilly, Adam Collisson, Nicholas Beaulieu, Brendan Owen, Evan Selger and advisor, Mr. Jon Baine.

Middle Schools Girls Multiply Their Options

On April 10, 2013, East Hampton Middle School had eighteen 8th grade girls attend the 19th Annual Exploratory Conference held at UCONN, Storrs, with about 200 other students from middle schools throughout Connecticut. The purpose of this conference was to encourage girls to enter the work force in areas of science, math, engineering and technology. The first part of the day began when the girls broke into small groups and attended a variety of workshops dealing with Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, Biomedical, and Environmental Engineering. The workshops had hands-on activities that demonstrated how specific types of engineering are used in cars, energy, asphalt, gravity, electric, space and much more. The girls were able to learn how engineering is important to our society and ecosystem.

In the second half of the workshop, the girls attended Tools Clues. During this session, professional women in engineering careers shared five clues about her occupation. Based on the clues, students were able to ask questions, then they had to guess the occupations of the women.

The students enjoyed their workshops because they were able to meet and work with other middle school girls, as well as meet professional women studying or working in the field of engineering. The girls also reported that they learned about the different types of engineering that exist for possible future careers.

Overall, the girls came out of the conference with positive attitudes and enriched with the exposure of careers in engineering and how it impacts their lives now and in the future.

High School Opens FBLA Chapter



Brittany Burnett crosses the Bridge during the zip line high element leadership training. Dan Klemonski waits in the background.

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is wrapping up its first year at East Hampton High School. The Chapter was created last fall to provide a platform for students interested in learning more about business and developing teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

With a core group of members that span across the grades, the Chapter has had a successful first year. One of its first initiatives involved bringing a business professional in during an x-block period to talk to students about the job search. Students learned about the do's and don'ts of resume writing and interviewing and were given tips that will help them be successful as they present themselves to potential employers and progress in their careers. The chapter also maintains a bulletin board that celebrates work pride throughout the school and publicizes upcoming events and meetings.

During the winter months, FBLA ran a school-wide food and supply drive and volunteered several times at a soup kitchen in Middletown. More recently, chapter members attended two field trips: the Financial Reality Fair held at CCSU and an adventure and leadership building program at EMPOWER in Middletown. The field trip at EMPOWER included a zip line canopy tour and a map and compass scavenger hunt. During the program, students participated in unique experiences that helped build self confidence and enhanced teamwork and leadership skills. At the conclusion of the program the owner, Joe DeRing, met with students to discuss effective business principles and how he started and expanded his own small business enterprise.

The chapter will hold its last meeting for this academic year in June, where members will review the past year and begin to brainstorm goals and activities for the next one.

Hop-A-Thon at Memorial Elementary School



First Graders at Memorial Elementary School participated in MDA's Disability Awareness Program. They surpassed their goal of \$1,000 during their annual Hop-A-Thon, and raised a total of \$1,488.



The MDA Hop-a-Thon disability education program teaches children three core values of **awareness, acceptance and assistance** to others.

Association of Schools' Scholar Leaders



Emma Peltier Alex Curylo

Every year, the Connecticut Association of Schools awards its Scholar Leader award to one boy and one girl in each middle school in the state. Eleven eighth graders applied for this prestigious award this year.

East Hampton Middle School presents this year's winners: Emma Peltier and Alex Curylo. They will be honored at the state-wide Scholar-Leader banquet in June.

Chain Reaction Club

The East Hampton Middle School's Chain Reaction Club was formed two years ago following a school-wide presentation of Rachel's Challenge. This assembly was based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott who was the first victim of the Columbine school shooting in 1999. A quote from an essay by Rachel was the premise for forming the club. She said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same." EHMS students have proven to be worthy of carrying on Rachel's legacy.

The Chain Reaction Club meets every other week to work on various community service projects. Over this past school year, the projects have included: donating time and money for the Turkey Plunge which raises money for the food bank; helping pack and distribute holiday gift packages for local families; and raising funds for the American Red Cross by making and selling holiday decorations.

The Chain Reaction students led a campaign to: collect and send teddy bears to the students of the Sandy Hook Elementary School; motivated our students to create over 500 cards to fulfill the dream of Dalton, a seriously ill young boy who lived in another state; and along with the music department, the group collected items for East Hampton residents serving in the military.

The work of the Chain Reaction Club will continue through the end of the school year. It has an ongoing project of collecting pull tabs from cans because the metal is recycled for cash which is donated to Shriners Hospital for Children to buy items such as toys and games to make the hospital stay more comfortable. The group did "Flowers for Friends". They were selling carnations until May 1 and the proceeds will go to a non-profit organization.

Kindergarten Orientation 2013-2014

**Monday, August 19, 2013
9:00am & 11:00am**

East Hampton Kindergarten students will visit their classrooms and teachers and go on a short bus ride / bus orientation with their parents. Parents will visit classrooms and see a short presentation from school administrators.

Sports Physical Required

High School Athletic Director, Shaun Russell, and Middle School Athletic Director, Mike Mercaldi, remind all athletes wishing to participate in High School and Middle School sports that they must submit three separate items to their respective school office before they can participate in any sport's first try out activity or practice. The three required items are: 1) Sports Physical Examination form signed by their physician, 2) Permission Slip for Participation in Athletics and Cheering signed by the student and his/her parent and 3) Emergency Treatment Card completed by the parent.

These three items must be submitted before any student can participate in the initial activity or practice for any sport or cheering during each season. Parents and participating students are reminded that this procedure has been and continues to be enforced in order to maintain the highest degree of safety for all participants.

Starting date for the East Hampton High School Fall Sports is August 14, 2013.
Starting date for the East Hampton Middle School Fall Sports is September 7, 2013

Mrs. Peggy Puzzo, School Nurse, will be available at the High School office between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on Monday, August 12th and Friday, August 23rd, and Mrs. Beth Kelpen, School Nurse, will be available at the Middle School Office between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 27th and Wednesday, August 28th to collect all required athletic related forms.

Starting Dates for East Hampton High School Sports:

August 14, 2013	- Football
August 24, 2013	- Soccer, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Volleyball
November 25, 2013	- Girls' Basketball
December 2, 2013	- Boys' Basketball, Indoor Track, Cheerleading
March 17, 2014	- Baseball (Pitchers and Catchers only)
March 24, 2014	- Softball, Outdoor Track, Tennis, Baseball, Golf

Starting Dates for East Hampton Middle School Sports:

September 4, 2013	- Cross Country, Soccer
November 18, 2013	- Cheerleading, Basketball
February 5, 2014	- Volleyball
March 17, 2014	- Baseball, Softball

Should any questions remain concerning High School sports, please contact Mr. Shaun Russell, Athletic Director, or Mr. John Fidler, Principal at 365-4030. Should you have any questions concerning Middle School sports, please contact Mr. Mike Mercaldi, Athletic Director (Cell: 463-6837), or Mrs. Nancy Briere, Principal at 365-4060.

"Charlotte's Web" Performed by Third Graders



Pictured Left to Right: Drew DiStefano as "Wilbur" and Einin Frost as "Charlotte".

East Hampton third grade students at Memorial Elementary School put on a production of Charlotte's Web, for their school. Many thanks go to teachers, Craig Frost, and Alicia Zingarella, who put in extra time for practices and production of this successful event.

Reminder from East Hampton School Nurses

Medications: According to the State of CT regulations, all medications including Epi Pens, inhalers, spacers etc. require pick up from all schools by Friday 6/28. If not picked up, they will be destroyed/discarded.

To all parents of 6th and 10th grade students:

It is a state law that a physical exam must be conducted on students during 6th grade and 10th grade, prior to entry into 7th and 11th grade. Physicals usually need to be scheduled months in advance. Please call your physician to schedule an appointment.

If your student has had a physical this year, please make sure that you submit the blue State of Connecticut Health Form to the Middle or High School Nurse. If you have any questions, please call the Middle School Nurse at 860-365-4060 or the High School Nurse at 860-365-4030.

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TheatreWorks Performs "Ramona Quimby"



TheatreWorks USA came to Memorial Elementary School and performed "Ramona Quimby" for the entire school. The play was the culminating event for the Writing Celebration and sponsored by the PTO.

LEGO Brings Creativity, New Technology

This past March the East Hampton Middle School social studies department won a \$5,000 grant from the LEGO Children's Fund to promote creativity and research skills through technology. The 8th grade is planning to use this money to help build a C.O.W. (computers on wheels) of 25 laptops to be used this fall for their new U.S. history curriculum. The PTO also generously awarded a grant to cover the cost of the cart that will securely house and charge the laptops.

Mr. Searles and Mr. Storrs are eager to use this technology to create projects that will allow students to better connect with the past on a personal level as well as keep up with current events from around the world. For example students will begin the year by researching an article from the Bill of Rights and performing a skit in front of their peers. Later in the year, students will investigate the Civil War and publish their own newspaper from the perspective of the North or South. One of the most anticipated projects is in partnership with *Ancestry.com* and will center around immigration. Students will perform research online and create their own family trees. At the end of the project students will invite classmates and relatives to a presentation of their virtual "trees" and share what they discovered about their family's past.

Computer access at the middle school has been difficult to come by in recent years. With so many students needing access to computers to research and write papers, the school's lone computer lab is frequently booked and teachers may have to wait weeks to get their class access. Teachers are excited about the versatility and easy access the C.O.W. will provide as they will be able to access the web wirelessly from almost anywhere in the building.