The Raiders kicked off the 2017-2018 school year with a fun filled pep rally, Back to School Night, and a Raider Football win! This school year will be filled with learning, memories, and opportunities.

All Raiders are encouraged to continue pursuing excellence and to represent East’s mission to the best of their ability. With school spirit, attendance, and character education, East rules the river.

“Students should learn respect early because disrespect is not tolerated within the adult world,” VP of Character Club Joe Scott said. The school year is already off to a great start. Keep up the great work Raiders!

Almost Famous: A Night at Hollywood took place on Saturday, October 7. The nominees for Homecoming King were: Joey Gamboa, Jack Goodall, Danny Holt, and Conrad Spence. The nominees for Homecoming Queen were: Nicole Cocco, Mallory Feigin, Alyssa Thomas, and Briele Wallace. Jack Goodall and Alyssa Thomas were crowned homecoming king and queen. The Raider Cheerleaders and their coaches did a great job putting together a successful evening.
Congratulations to the September Seniors of the Month!

Joseph Scott
By: Kaitlyn Vernon

Q: What is your favorite board game?
A: My favorite board game is Chess.

Q: What is your favorite school bathroom?
A: My favorite school bathroom would be the one in Upper W Wing.

Q: Which teacher has influenced you the most during your high school experience?
A: Mrs. Applegate influenced me the most. She challenged me to always achieve on a personal level.

Q: What is your favorite quote?
A: “Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people” - Eleanor Roosevelt.

Q: What are your college plans?
A: My number one college is Swarthmore College. I am applying to smaller colleges.

Q: What is your favorite era in history?
A: Right now is my favorite era.

Q: What is something you do for your community?
A: Something I do for my community is playing piano at an old folks’ home.

Q: What animal do you feel you resemble?
A: I feel like I resemble a thick horse.

Q: What is something on your bucket list?
A: I would love to sail around the world.

Mallory Feigin
By: Isabella Ghanbary

Q: What is your favorite board game?
A: My favorite board game is either Clue or Mastermind.

Q: Which teacher has influenced you most during your high school experience?
A: This is a tough question since I’ve had many great teachers, but I would say that Mrs. Hay has influenced my high school experience the most.

Q: What motto/quote do you live by?
A: “Happiness can be found even in the darkest times if one only remembers to turn on the light” - JK Rowling.

Q: What are your college plans?
A: I plan to go to college to earn my doctorate in physical therapy.

Q: What is your favorite era in history?
A: Definitely the 1960s. It was a great era of music and it saw the start of many positive social changes. It was also complicated with tension from the Cold War.

Q: What is something that you do for your community?
A: I participate in TEAM, so I get to assist with community events organized by schools, TEAM itself, or other charitable organizations.

Q: What is something on your bucket list?
A: Something that’s been on my bucket list as long as I can remember is traveling through Europe, particularly visiting countries like Greece, England, France, Italy, and Germany.
The STEAM Academy

By: Joseph Scott

Not many students are aware, let alone know of the features, of the STEAM Academy that has been established at High School East. Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the STEAM, Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics, will be instituted as a part of Toms River High School East.

Students assign themselves to one of three disciplines that make up the academy: Engineering, Environmental Sustainability, and Biomedicine. With the proper grades, students can attempt at admission into the academy via a rigorous application process, an exam, and teacher and personal letters of recommendation. While the Academy students still take a history and an English class, the subject matter in each class is related to the STEAM elements.

Planning for the academy began at the start of the 2016-17 school year, and many ideas were pulled from other districts’ STEM/STEAM academies and actual college programs. Some prospective, super-specialized classes include genetics, atmospheric science, forensics, and architecture.

Freshman Ryan Cole, a current student in the Engineering discipline in the Academy, reports that he likes the experience so far. Cole states that it was a good opportunity for him to be a “guinea pig,” and to help out the school in their STEAM experiment. He also has a possible interest in engineering.

Mr. McCann stated that the district’s purpose in implementing the academy is to let students who have displayed interest in the subjects of STEAM challenge themselves, achieve personal success with in-depth course work, and to ultimately prepare students for college and careers, which aligns with the High School East School Vision.
**Ms. Massari**

By: Cheyenne Bamburak

Q: What subject do you teach?
A: I teach English II, both honors and CP sophomores.

Q: If you could spend a whole day with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?
A: I would like to spend a day with Shakespeare because I would love to ask him questions and pick his brain.

Q: If you had the chance to teach any other subject than the one that you teach now, what would it be?
A: I would teach Biology, especially marine biology.

Q: Do you have any talents?
A: Yes, I can do gymnastics.

Q: What Disney princess do you think you relate to the most and why?
A: Cinderella because she is strong and independent and even though she was not on the mission for a prince, it happened to fall into her lap as she was doing what she wanted to do in her own skin.

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**Mr. Romano**

By: Mallory Tonra

Q: What grade level do you teach, and what subject?
A: I teach a variety of sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Algebra II. I have one Honors class, two CP classes, and one General Studies class.

Q: If you had to choose between being an alpaca or llama, which would you choose?
A: A llama because they are bigger.

Q: If you could spend a day with anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would you spend it with and why?
A: John Mayer; I can play guitar with him, he’s a really cool guy, and it would just be fun to play music with him.

Q: What is one of the craziest things you’ve ever done?
A: I was in Virginia visiting a friend, and there was a big open lake surrounded by huge rocks, so we climbed up on top of a rock and went cliff diving.

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**Ms. Chiodi**

By: JT Orozco

Q: What is your favorite part about Chemistry?
A: I like the math behind it and how something so small can affect the real world.

Q: If you could teach another subject, what would it be and why?
A: Probably Physics because I feel some concepts like motion are important for students to understand.

Q: What school did you attend for your profession?
A: University of Delaware.

Q: Were you a member of any clubs in high school or college?
A: I played softball in high school and used to play soccer. I was in student government in high school and started my own club in college called “Pencils Of Promise” which raises money for building schools in underdeveloped areas.

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**Ms. Hussey**

By: JT Orozco

Q: What made you want to become a Speech Language Specialist?
A: I have always wanted to help people whether they are young or old and with this job there is a lot of flexibility. I can work in a hospital or at a school.

Q: What are some other jobs you have had?
A: I worked in Early Intervention, which lets me be with children from birth to around the age of three.

Q: What schools did you go to for your position?
A: For my undergraduate degree, I went to Boston University. For my master’s, I went to Kean University.

Q: Who is your role model?
A: My older sister because she went to school for Special Education and is a great parent.

Q: What is one of the craziest things you have ever done?
A: I lived in Ireland for a while and was able to travel to a couple different countries. I also jumped off a couple of waterfalls too.
A new school year calls for a new Raider secret. Reports of the pool on the roof, which have been claimed to be false, are actually a reality. The school administration likes to keep this pool a secret, because the Raider mascot lives in the pool house. To get to this beautiful aquatic center, one must first go to the elevator. The elevator is located in M-wing. The elevator will open if you press the button, but it will not take anyone to the roof. The button needs to be pressed in a six-digit pattern, which has been kept a secret until now. This pattern can be accessed on the school website. After pressing this pattern, one must spin around three times and yell “Pool!”, then the elevator will head up to the Aquatic Center. If you knock on the pool house door four times, the Raider will bring you homemade chocolate-chip cookies. But you did not hear this from us!

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Satire is the use of humor or exaggeration.
A: I am in the U.S. Army
Q: Why did you choose this branch?
A: I chose to join the Army because the U.S. Army is the best in my opinion. The benefits are unbelievable and I knew the training would be great.
Q: What kind of responsibilities do you have?
A: Anywhere between making sure all of the rooms are clean, your rifle is being cleaned, and maintaining your personal health.
Q: What is a good memory you have made so far?
A: At 2 a.m., witnessing my battle buddies sleep walking and talking.
Q: How have you grown as a person from your experiences so far?
A: I am definitely more disciplined. My mentality is that I have to be the best at everything I do, because that’s how I was trained. I also have a different sense of pride because I now serve this country.
Q: What was your boot camp experience like?
A: My experience was tough, however, it was life changing. Standing still for hours without being allowed to move, talking a certain way, and constantly getting yelled at instills a lot of discipline,
Q: How could somebody who’s interested in joining the military get in touch with a recruiter?
A: You can either contact another student that you know in the branch you want to enter, or you can visit the recruiting stations on Fischer Boulevard.
Q: Would you like to add anything else?
A: Join the Army National Guard. Our recruiter is the best. We also receive 100% free college, unbelievable benefits, and great training. You’ll definitely be a more respectful and confident human being and this will help you big time in the long run.

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**Book Review**

Dorothy Must Die by Danielle Paige

“I didn’t ask for any of this. I didn’t ask to be some kind of hero. But when your whole life gets swept up by a tornado - taking you with it - you have no choice but to go along, you know? Sure, I’ve read the books. I’ve seen the movies. I know the song about the rainbow and the happy little bluebirds. But I never expected Oz to look like this. To be a place where Good Witches can’t be trusted, Wicked Witches may just be the good guys, and winged monkeys can be executed for acts of rebellion. There’s still a yellow brick road - but even that’s crumbling. What happened? Dorothy. They say she found a way to come back to Oz. They say she seized power and the power went to her head. And now no one is safe. My name is Amy Gumm - and I’m the other girl from Kansas. I’ve been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked. I’ve been trained to fight. And I have a mission.”

**Character Education: Responsibility**

By: Tiffany Quinby

September’s Character Pillar of Education is Responsibility. High school can be a very overwhelming time for students. Many may feel that there is too much to do and not enough time to do it. Responsibility is defined as being accountable, while being able to balance school work, extracurricular activities, and other obligations. Students must be responsible by managing their time and organizing after school schedules. Students must learn to accept responsibility for their actions and the consequences that come with them whether they are positive or negative. Claiming responsibility for one’s actions shows maturity and growth in a student.

“We need to learn to be responsible for our own actions because a society that always blames someone else is a crumbling one,” Character Education Club Vice President Joe Scott said.

Character Education is a part of who we are at East. “Having character is essential to a successful high school career. Being kind, respectful, and polite can not only bright up your day, but everyone around you. I encourage everyone to exhibit good acts of character because you never know who needs their day brightened,” Character Club Member Jordan Daly said.
Shawn Mendes at Prudential Center, New Jersey: August 17, 2017.

- Illuminate World Tour with Special Guest Charlie Puth. The floor of the arena was divided into two stages, Stage A and Stage B. There was not a moment where he lost his passion throughout the show. The concert was an unforgettable, life-changing experience.

Shadow of the City Festival, Third Annual at Stone Pony Summer Stage, Asbury Park, New Jersey: September 10, 2017.

- Line up- Bleachers, Khalid, Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Titus Andronicus, Tove Styrke, Nicole Atkins, Brick + Mortar, and Brian Fallon.

- The festival included many other festivities aside from the live music. There was a dunk tank, food trucks, and carnival games. Doors opened at 1 p.m. and the last act, Bleachers, went on at 8:15 p.m. Majority of those who attended said that they had a great time, and Jack Antonoff held a successful third annual Shadow of the City Festival.


- The Global Citizen Festival supports the cause to end Global Poverty. The tickets to this event were free. VIP tickets were also available for purchase, however standard tickets were obtained by volunteering, signing various petitions, and completing “action journeys.” Doors opened at 2 p.m. and ended around 11 p.m. A total of 48,000 free tickets were given out at this year’s festival.

Virgo Horoscope: The year 2017 will be an adventure for you. You will have many work and career opportunities. You are focused on your future and your thoughts and ideas will help make your year an achievable year. The alignment of the moon and Venus will help your mind sort out many of your social and relationship issues. You are a very considerate and normally a compassionate person.

Libra Horoscope: For the first ten months of the new year, the wholehearted and enthusiastic Jupiter will be in your sign. You will have strong allies, partners, and friends by your side. You will also benefit from relationships and connections this year and will give you extra time to focus on what is the most important. Your efforts will be modest but they will supply you with great influences and will make you feel good about your choices.

Q: What sport are you the captain of?
A: Girls Soccer.
Q: How long have you been on the team?
A: Four years.
Q: What does your team do in order to bond?
A: We have pasta parties.
Q: What’s the most important advice for someone wanting to join your sport?
A: Work as hard as you can.
Q: What are your expectations for this season?
A: Compete in the Shore Conference and State tournaments.
Q: How do you and your team stay motivated?
A: Pre-game pep talks and winning.
Q: Do you have athletic career plans for after high school?
A: I plan on continuing my academic and athletic career at Monmouth University.
Q: Did you ever expect to be captain your first year?
A: I knew one day I would become captain because I know I am a good leader.
Movie Review

By: Kevin Shaffery and Mackenzie Vaz

Movie: IT
Release Date: September 8, 2017
Director and Producers: Andrés Muschietti (Director), Seth Grahame-Smith, Barbara Muschietti, Dan Lin, Roy Lee, David Katzenberg
Cast: Jaeden Lieberher, Bill Skarsgård, Finn Wolfhard, Sophia Lillis, Jack Dylan Grazer, Wyatt Oleff, Chosen Jacobs

Synopsis: Set in the childhood portion of the novel, Bill Skarsgård stars as Pennywise the Dancing Clown, an alien creature who preys on the fear of children in the small town of Derry. As more and more kids go missing, our group of young protagonists hunt down the clown to its home in the sewers, facing their worst fears in order to save the town, for now.

Review: While most movie-goers would dismiss the film as a remake of the 1990 mini-series of the same name, the 2017 film is actually a more accurate adaptation of Stephen King’s 1986 horror novel. The Losers’ Club stars accurate appearances to their novelistic counterparts, and the performances of the young stars, including Stranger Things lead Finn Wolfhard, shows a promising future for the movie industry, due to the fact that at times the kids outshine their adult co-stars. A fast paced, haunting story makes it more than just a horror movie, and earns it’s place among other fantastic Stephen King adaptations such as Misery and The Shining.

Pros: Compared to the miniseries the new film is greatly improved. While the mini-series is known for its physical portrayal of Pennywise, it did not include some of the major parts that were in the book. For instance, the way each of the kids encounters Pennywise is different than the original, like Eddie Kasbrack’s meeting with the leper while walking home. The encounter was not in the original miniseries, but was in the new adaptation. Any events that were left out of the recent adaption required major special effects and technology that surpassed the budget.

Cons: This film has many qualities that the mini-series lacks in, but special effects don’t outweigh some of the flaws the current film has. While in appearance Bill Skarsgård’s Pennywise is outright horrifying, this decreases the creepiness of the clown itself. To elaborate, Tim Curry’s Pennywise looked like a normal circus clown, which increases the chances of kids being lured into his trap. Skarsgård’s Pennywise seems way too monstrous to be able to fool children. He’s definitely scarier, but that’s only due to the fact that they made him look as creepy as possible, which in actuality draws from the fear, making the audience members to roll their eyes as to why any kid would even go near him. While it is a horror movie and audiences should expect gore, Georgie’s death scene seemed to be a little too disturbing. In the mini-series, you see Pennywise open his mouth and it cuts away to Georgie’s funeral. If viewers expected seeing this in the 2017 film, they were horribly mistaken, as we see the boy’s arm chomped off. While it is a fantastic performance of Jackson Robert Scott, especially at such a young age, many were disturbed with seeing a seven year old desperately cling to his stump of an arm and crawl away in the puddles of blood, screaming. The final downside to the film is a form of criticism most horror movies today get. While the use of “jump scares” isn’t as overdone as it is in other movies, it still feels stale compared to actual decent writing drawing fear from the audience.

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