

The Tiger Times

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See this Tiger Times Issue for an interview with 8th grade humanities teacher Mr. Duffey, a recap of all sports from the past month, jokes, riddles, fun facts about the Tiger Times, a poetry page, and much, much more!

Welcome or Welcome Back

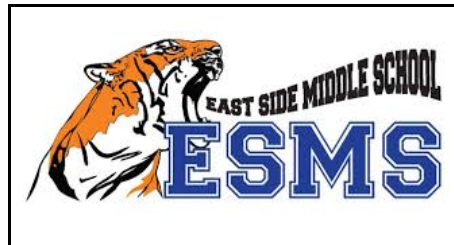
By: Jacob Abroon

Welcome to East Side Middle School! After a long summer vacation and months of spending time with friends, going out to restaurants, and watching the newest movies in the theaters, we are back at East Side Middle, and every day we go up those same steps, meet up with friends, and begin a new year of top level learning.

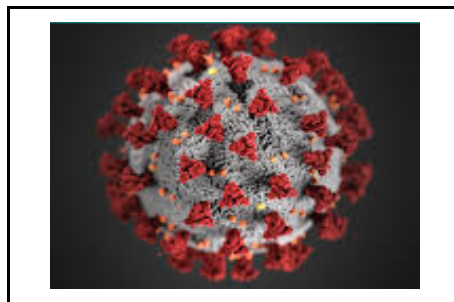
Wait. That was how this article would have started if the beginning of this school year was normal. But, as many of you may have heard repeatedly, everything around us is everything but normal.

Whether we sit at the same desk at school twice every six days, or we wake up and make our way to our own desks five days a week, everything is different. Change is something we all fear, and struggle to adapt to.

But, if you know anything about East Side Middle, we always push through every obstacle we face. Last March, when school abruptly closed and no one knew for sure when we would walk back into school, East Side Middle accepted the challenge and we continued to learn the way we learned. From daily Zoom meetings to dozens of Google Classroom assignments, East Side Middle adapted to change, and we pushed through the obstacle life threw at us.



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COVID-19 Update

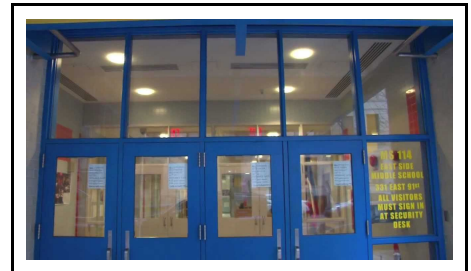
By: Dimitri Hanjis

We have all been told that there was going to be a second wave in the coming winter. As it turns out these predictions were correct. There has been a spike in COVID-19 cases over the past couple of weeks. Places like Wisconsin are reaching record-setting cases of COVID-19, with Wisconsin recording over 7000 cases on October 19. While New York is not experiencing numbers as high as the

A Message To All 6th Graders

By: Nicholas Oh

I, like you, was lucky enough to be accepted into this wonderful school. Although you will not be able to partake in school teams, clubs, or sports for the next few months, you won't be able to walk home next to your friends, or see them as much after school, I hope you all will be able to experience this next year. I can't promise you that this year will be a piece of cake, as your 2 inch Zoom icon does not represent humans in real life, but I can promise you that this is a great school, and you will love it here. Unfortunately I will not be able to meet you soon, but I truly hope you all have a great year. Remember, Go Tigers, Roar!



While the current situation has prevented many 6th graders from seeing how truly great ESMS is, you will soon be opened up to a world of possibilities.

**Hi East Side Middle School!
Have you been reading the**

Now, we are stronger than ever. With relatively unconfusing schedules and more websites than we know what to do with, East Side Middle has been superb in the remote learning experience, these past few months in particular.

So whether you are a new 6th grader who still hasn't seen the school in its entirety, or an 8th grader who is hoping they have the graduation they deserve, whether you are learning from a Zoom screen just a few inches wide, or your actual teacher across the room, welcome (or welcome back) to East Side Middle.

Welcome back all students, teachers, and staff. Welcome back to the gym, the cafeteria, and the memorable steps and gates. Welcome back to your iPad or to your DOE computer. Welcome back to the "new normal." Welcome back to East Side Middle School, tigers.



Whether you are learning from home or you have hybrid learning, we will all push through these strange times

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Rags and Riches

By: Rhone Galchen and Darragh Boyle

With the pandemic postponing all professional sports until the fall, the past month has been filled with all sorts of sports. There is a lot to break down so let us begin.

Basketball

On October 11, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Miami Heat, ending the series with a final score of 4 - 2. However, most

numbers in other states, we are still seeing a jump in cases. On October 29, New York state experienced nearly 2500 confirmed cases of COVID-19. What is causing these spikes in cases? I interviewed Dr. Costas Hanjris MD to find out.

He pointed out to me that this spike in cases is likely due to a multitude of reasons. There was a spike in certain zip codes in New York but not others, this shows that not all areas are experiencing spikes in COVID-19. He also talked about how there doesn't seem to be a correlation between the start of school and the spike in the number of cases. This means that this spike in cases is likely due to an increasing number of interactions indoors as the weather continues to get colder. We are seeing a spike in cases throughout the country, which means we are going to be importing some cases from the other states. He said that this spike in cases can be largely prevented by doing the usual, masks, hand washing, distancing, and not gathering in groups indoors. We must prioritize which meeting we must hold indoors. Essential meetings such as school and doctors appointments can be held indoors but nonessential meetings such as meeting your friends should be held outdoors. Restaurants should invest in ventilation and filtration systems and only operate at 25% capacity to reduce the chances of transmission. Dr. Hanjris also said that the D.O.E is doing a good job with preventing the spread of COVID-19 due to the symptom screening for the virus and the randomized testing.

He also talked to me about certain treatment modalities concerning COVID-19. He said that the initial treatment for COVID-19 is rest and hydration along with careful monitoring of the vital signs such as blood-oxygen saturation level. If the physician is seeing signs of inflammation in the respiratory tract, the physician may choose to treat the patient with blood thinners. This reduces the risk of a pulmonary embolism, which is a blood clot in the lungs. If the physician sees signs of ARDS, or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, the patient can be treated with therapeutic agents such as Remdesivir and Regeneron. The corticosteroid dexamethasone can reduce mortality

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The ESMS Riddle Page

By: Rhone Galchen

1. What is the next number in this sequence:
1,11,21,1211,111221?
2. A man walked to a pizza place when it was raining with no jacket, hood, or hat, and he still did not get a single hair wet. How?
3. A person walked on water. How?
4. "Railroad crossing, watch out for cars." Can you spell that without any r's?
5. How many seconds are there in a year?
6. A boy fell off a twenty foot ladder but was not hurt. How?
7. What word starts with E and ends with E, but only has one letter in it?
8. What word of five letters has only one left when two letters are removed?
9. If you have it and you show it to other people, I am gone. What am I?

people expected this, as Miami's run to the Finals was a surprise. During the series, Jimmy Butler (Heat) and LeBron James (Lakers) each tried to outdo each other by being the star of their team, but ultimately LeBron James prevailed. This championship win marked the Laker's 17th Final's win, and LeBron James' 4th overall.

Hockey

In other news, on September 28, the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Dallas Stars to win the Stanley Cup, with the same series record that the Lakers beat the Heat with, 4-2. Tampa Bay has been a prominent team for a while now, so it is no surprise that they won the Stanley Cup. After beating our own New York Islanders (with a score of 4-2), Tampa Bay lost the first game of the series to Dallas, but quickly turned the tables and won three straight games. Two games later, the Tampa Bay Lightning were NHL champions.

Baseball

As if there were already too many championships in one month, the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Tampa Bay Rays to win the World Series, October 27; their record in the final was, you guessed it, 4-2. The Dodgers were able to come back from a record of 3-1 down in the League Championship Series, and were able to make it to the World Series, and win their 7th overall Commissioner's Trophy. Fans of each team rooted strongly for their city, hoping to win two championships in just a single month. We also can't forget to say congratulations to the Los Angeles Dodgers (the people of Los Angeles must be pretty happy right now). Also, to all the Yankees and Mets fans reading this, maybe next year.

Football

Now we arrive at the NFL. We are calling it right now, the New York jets are going to go 0-16. They may have given the Buffalo Bills a run for their money, but I just can't see how they will win at any point in this NFL season. They have looked abysmal in most of their games, and we can't forget that they lost to a Denver Broncos team that was playing their third string quarterback, and the Jets still conceded 37 points. If a defense can't stop a third string quarterback from scoring 37 points, what chances do they have when they face high quality starting

rates among patients who are on mechanical ventilation.

Then the conversation turned to the topic of the vaccine. The vaccine trials are progressing and are fully enrolled. These trials are in Phase 3 of the clinical testing. We anticipate having the results of Phase 3 trials towards the end of the month. After this, the vaccines can be submitted for FDA approval, a process that will be expedited due to the pandemic.

This pandemic has affected us all, many people have lost loved ones, others have their tests which may decide their future, postponed or canceled. As of right now, it is unclear whether the SHSAT and the statewide ELA and Math tests will occur. All of your worries about the virus and what it is directly and indirectly affecting can all be prevented by washing your hands, avoiding touching your face with your hands, and making sure to always wear a mask, the correct way.

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Quote Of The Month

Great minds discuss ideas;
average minds discuss
events; small minds discuss
people.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Meet Mr. Duffey

By: Jacob Abroon

Meet Mr. Duffey. As some may know, Mr. Duffey is an 8th grade humanities teacher, and the co-homeroom teacher of 802. **Not only is Mr. Duffey a great humanities teacher, but he is also a great contributor to the Tiger Times, from hosting the Tiger Times virtual meetings to being eager to contribute.** To learn more, I interviewed Mr. Duffey and discovered more about him than most of his own students may know.

Mr. Duffey told me that before he became a teacher, he was a journalist in

10. A man is trapped in a room. The room has only two possible exits: two doors. Through the first door there is a room constructed from magnifying glasses. The blazing hot sun instantly fries anything or anyone that enters. Through the second door there is a fire-breathing dragon. How does the man escape?

See the bottom of the issue for answers!

The ESMS Joke Page

By: Skyler Cheng-Chapman

1. The other day my friend asked me, "why do you call your dog 'I know what you did?'"
I replied, "because I love seeing people jump out of their skin when I start calling my dog."
2. A man is driving home when his phone rings.
He picks it up and on the other line his wife says, "be careful on the drive back home, there is someone driving the wrong way on the highway"
He replies, "it's much worse, everyone else is going down the wrong way."
3. What do you call a Horse's home during an earthquake?
An un- stable
4. A family goes into a fancy restaurant and there is a large table where they are supposed to sit.
"Where are the chairs?" the mother asks.
The waiter shrugs and replies, "I'm sorry but it says here you only booked a table."
5. A policeman walks up to a car, has the man roll down his window and says, "sir, your car is too heavily overloaded, I'm going to have to take your driver's license."

quarterbacks? But don't worry Jets fans, Trevor Lawrence can be drafted this year, and he seems like a person who will become one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL in the future, that is if Sam Darnold does not improve.

Meanwhile in the NFL, Dak Prescott, the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, is officially out for the NFL season after a heartbreaking ankle injury on October 11th, and later, his replacement, Andy Dalton, was also injured. So who are Dallas Cowboys playing, seventh round pick Ben Dinucci who was behind former Buffalo quarterback Nathan Peterman in college whilst playing for Pittsburgh? This season may have been considered a success in hockey for Dallas, but it looks like the Cowboys are in for a tough season.

Soccer

Last and definitely not least is soccer. The past month has been absolutely crazy. There were champions in Europe, with Bayern Munich losing to Hoffenheim, Real Madrid losing to Shakhtar Donetsk and Cadiz, and then Real Madrid scoring two goals in the last few minutes of the game against Borussia Mönchengladbach to get a tie, Celtic losing to their rivals, Rangers, and Barcelona losing to Real Madrid in El Clasico.

However, what rises above all is what happened this month, when Virgil Van Dijk was injured for what may be the season against Liverpool's rivals, Everton. Even worse though, the person who injured Dijk, Jordan Pickford, should have received a red card, however, they decided to let Jordan Pickford receive no punishment because Van Dijk was offside in the play when he got injured. Jurgen Klopp, Virgil Van Dijk's manager, said that the injury was "not good" and that the Jordan Pickford challenge was "not a challenge that a goalie can do in the box."

Jordan, and he trained Syrian refugees to become journalists. While many, including Mr. Duffey's students, may have known that, they might not know about his many likes and hobbies.

Mr. Duffey loves sports, and he even told me that if he didn't choose to be a teacher, he would have (hopefully) been a catcher for the baseball team the Milwaukee Brewers. While that would have been a good bragging point, Mr. Duffey still enjoys all of the strategy and key decision making involved in playing baseball. On top of that he loves watching college football. "Why college football?" you may ask. Mr. Duffey loves all of the enthusiasm in college football, and how people are so passionate about the game.

But besides sports, Mr. Duffey's two favorite TV shows are *The Twilight Zone* and *Seinfeld*, two of some of the most beloved TV shows in recent history.



If Mr. Duffey didn't become a teacher, he would be a catcher for the Milwaukee Brewers

Other than his love for sports and certain TV shows, Mr. Duffey enjoys exploring the many parts of New York City ever since he moved here two years ago. In addition, he loves reading and writing, which results in history being his favorite topic, because it teaches us how to think and make sense of the world, and where we came from. On top of that, Mr. Duffey told me that he looks up to his father, because he was hardworking, always tried to do the right thing, and was incredibly inspirational.

Overall, Mr. Duffey is more than what you would see on the surface. While he has the side of him that enjoys watching and playing sports, as well as liking great TV shows, Mr. Duffey also has his other side that likes exploring the world around him, reading and writing.

The man replies, "what? But the card can only weigh one ounce."

6. My autocorrect changed my text from "I am having a existential crisis and I am so stressed" to "I feel great"
7. Why is it a terrible idea to insult an octopus?
Because they are well armed.
8. I was looking in the freezer when I saw my child's teddy bear.
9. "Why is your Teddy Bear in the freezer?" I asked.
"Because I wanted a Polar Bear!"
They replied.
10. Me: Who wants to hear a joke?
My friend: I do
Me: A joke
11. That moment when you change your answer at the last second, turn it in, and realize that your original answer was correct.

The ESMS Poetry Page

By: Lola Kravitz

Come one, come all
On Old Hallow's eve, I'm sure we'll have a ball
Our year has been full of tricks, so here's a bit of a treat
For surely this monstrous, glorious day cannot be beat
Enshrouded in shadow, vampires perk up as blood is spilt
Selene's apple cheeked grin once again graces the night, transforming the werewolves who feel no guilt
Don a different kind of mask this year
For while we want to become a thousand different creatures and people, danger is still near
Instead of wearing the garb of heroes, we can honor the ones in real life
Lined faces, nursing scrubs, and uniforms take the place of capes and shields as they deflect the worst of the strife
So come one, come all to our Halloween ball
As we forge new traditions and study those who creep and crawl



From top to bottom:
The Tampa Bay Lightning hold up the Stanley Cup in celebration, Los Angeles Dodgers players rush onto the field after winning the World Series, and the Los Angeles Lakers hold up the Larry O'Brien trophy after beating the Heat.

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ESMS Fun Facts

Topic: The Tiger Times

1. The Tiger Times was created in 2018 by current 8th grader Jacob Abroon
2. The original Tiger Times group consisted of Jacob Abroon, Rhone Galchen, Darragh Boyle, Jared Meryn, and Zachary Meryn
3. A year later, the Tiger Times consisted of nearly 20 students
4. Throughout the remote learning experience last spring, the Tiger Times released four issues in total (one for each month), creating them through

Big Buddies

By: Jacob Abroon

About once every two weeks. A time to unwind. 30 minutes to spend with your peers, and know a little bit more about an 8th grader. That is what Big Buddies is all about.

Big Buddies is a group run by Mr. Getz and Ms. Pallai to help 6th graders become adjusted to their incredibly strange situation. Entering middle school is already viewed as a momentous change, but doing so during remote learning is a change that no middle schooler has ever experienced. As a result, Big Buddies, who are a mix of 7th and 8th graders, meet with their 6th grade little buddies through Zoom to play games, talk, and have a good time.

From Kahoot! battles to scavenger hunts to talking about sports one on one to online websites, the Big Buddies spend at least half an hour with their little buddies to help them become adjusted to their odd situation.

Big Buddies is an incredible group because it allows the 6th graders to feel comfortable around 7th and/or 8th graders, comfortable at a new school, and both the Big Buddies and little buddies can form friendships that could last them years. Entering a new school which you still haven't seen in its entirety after two months is not the ideal situation. By giving verbal tours of the school, or describing what certain classrooms look like, the Big Buddies help their little buddies in more ways they can imagine.

From helping 6th graders feel comfortable around people they have only seen on a Zoom screen, to providing a time when they can relax and not worry about any troubles around them, Big Buddies is a great program.

About once every two weeks, all Big Buddies meet through Zoom with Mr. Getz and Ms. Pallai, and bounce ideas off of each other on how to improve the experience for their little buddies. The Big Buddies give examples of what activities they did in their last meeting, how effective the activities were, and other details about

Answers To The Riddle Page

1. 312211. Each number is describing the previous one. For example, in the first number, there are two ones, so the second one has 2, and then 1, to say "two ones." Therefore, the 5th number in the sequence would be 312211, in order to say "3 ones, 2 twos, and 1 one."
2. The man was bald
3. The water was frozen
4. T-h-a-t
5. 12. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, etc.
6. He fell off the bottom rung
7. An envelope
8. Stone
9. A secret
10. He waits until nighttime and walks through the first door

Google Classroom alone

5. This issue is the Tiger Times' 14th issue in just over 2 years
6. Through Google Meets meetings, Google Classroom, and Google Docs, this issue has been constructed by the Tiger Times team
7. In all 14 issues, the Tiger Times has interviewed 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers, Mr. Getz, and others apart of the ESMS faculty
8. Every Tiger Times issue has a poetry, joke, and riddle page, as well as a list of ESMS fun facts (which you are currently reading)
9. The Tiger Times is completely student run
10. Ever since the fall of 2019, the Tiger Times has released monthly issues, and we always publish top quality articles

their previous meetings. In addition, they also brainstorm ideas on how to improve Big Buddies for next year, such as how to start off the Big Buddies year, different first-meeting icebreakers, etc.

The Big Buddies work day and night (literally) to make sure that their little buddies have a great time in their meetings, and so that ESMS is that much better.



Through Zoom meetings, the Big Buddies interact with their little buddies by doing riddles, brain teasers, Kahoot! matches, etc.

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