



Coronavirus Update

While the Coronavirus Pandemic has kept schools closed since the middle of March, the East Irondequoit Central School District has been doing everything possible to keep our families and residents connected and informed.

Since this is such a rapidly changing situation, we urge you to continue checking our website (www.eastiron.org) and our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook (@EICSD) for the most up-to-date information.

As you are probably aware, New York State has canceled testing for students in grades 3-8 as well as Regents exams. In addition, the state has postponed the school budget and school board vote, which was scheduled for May 19, until at least June 1.

We will continue to support our families in whatever way possible. This includes educators and counselors connecting with students, food service and transportation workers continuing to distribute meals and technology staff working tirelessly to keep staff and students connected online.

Please stay safe and we look forward to being able to see all of you again soon.

Some Good News in These Difficult Days

It's always nice to learn about something positive taking place, especially at times like these. Over the past couple of weeks there have been a couple items that we wanted to spotlight.



Josslyn "JJ" Siembor, a fifth grader at Laurelton-Pardee recently made her national TV debut on the show *American Ninja Warrior Junior*. She was one of 12 applicants selected for the show out of more than 11,000 entries. Even before that, JJ, who has earned the nickname Pigtail Ninja, had earned a huge honor. She was named the World's Strongest Ninja in the Female Mature Kids Division at the National Ninja League (NNL) World Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Unfortunately, JJ's time on the show didn't go as she hoped. An injury forced her out of the second race in the event. This might not be the last time we hear from her, she told her dad on the way home that she has some unfinished business to take care of next year.

Additionally, Eastridge High School was recently named a First Team Safe Sports School by the National Athletic Trainers Association. This award recognizes secondary schools across the country which take the steps necessary to keep student athletes safe and injury free.

The award is presented to the entire district but it speaks volumes about the job that head athletic trainer Jarrett Rhoads does making sure every athlete stays as safe and healthy as possible.



Don't forget to check out our Senior Spotlight section on our website: eastiron.org/seniorspotlight to learn about the members of the class of 2020!

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Lancers Bring Home Winter Sports Titles

March 7th might have been the greatest single day in the history of Eastridge Athletics. One drought was ended, one team continued their dominance and one athlete closed out a spectacular career.

It had been 56 years since Eastridge won a sectional title in boys basketball, but that ended when they knocked off cross-town rival West Irondequoit 52-43.



Tony Arnold was named tourney MVP and head coach Dan Roser earned Class A1 Coach of the Year honors.



Their season came to an end later that week when they lost to East High School in a State

Qualifier.

The Eastridge Cheerleaders claimed a third state title in the last



four years when they won the Co-Ed Division. It's another amazing accomplishment in what has been an extraordinary run, which has seen the Lancers claim a combined



7 straight sectional crowns between the fall and winter seasons.

It was a fitting finale for head coach Annette Fess who stepped down following this season and was also named Coach of the Year.

Eastridge senior Gerald Poretta closed out his final season in the pool as one of the best swimmers in school history.

Gerald claimed the sectional title in the 500 meter freestyle and finished second in the 200 meter individual medley. He qualified for the state meet in both those events as well as the 100 meter freestyle. He was named Section V Division 3 swimmer of the year and was First Team All County.

He also left four school records in his wake, the 500, 200 and 100 meter freestyle and the 200 meter individual medley. The record in the 500 meters had stood for 21 years.

