



ER's VOICE



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Senior Stars

By: Samantha Lewis



MADDY KINNEY

Maddy Kinney is also known as "Maddog" on the field hockey field. Maddy has been a very successful student and athlete at ERHS. Her favorite high school memory was winning the field hockey jug against Fairport in 2018. Along with field hockey Maddy also participated in indoor track and softball. Maddy is a beast on the field hockey team playing as a right defender; no one gets by her. Maddy would like to thank her best friends Sam Funk, Julia Michalski and Emma Henrichs for being great friends all throughout high school. Maddy is currently a student in the EMCC program for nursing and after high school she plans to go on to college and study nursing. When asked what advice she would give to the underclassmen she said, "Stay on top of your work and you should be good to go." Maddy's sense of humor and strong work ethic will be missed at ERHS. We can't wait to see what your future holds!



JACOB MERCADO

To kick off this year's first edition of ER's Voice I am here to introduce you to one of our first Senior Stars... Jacob Mercado. Jacob is successful athlete and known for always making the classroom a fun environment. He started on defense on the East Rochester boys soccer team the 2019 season, and won sectionals! Jacob also participated in track and field where he did the high jump. When asked his favorite high school memory he said, "Growing up with all the same kids since pre-school". His favorite class was culinary with Mr. Fee. He liked it so much that he went on to take Advanced Culinary his junior year. Jacob would like to shout out Mr. Gears and of course Zoe for being the homie. After high school Jacob plans to attend college studying accounting and finance. His advice for the class of '24, '23, and '22 would be: "Don't slack off like I did the first two years." Thank you Jacob for all you've done; we can't wait to see what your future holds. ERHS will not be the same without you!





RUTH BADER GINSBURG: **Who She is & How Her Death Has Thrown** **American Politics Into Turmoil** By Alayna Coleates

Even after death, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is continuing to make an impact on US politics. Known as a Democratic icon, RBG was known as a leading voice for civil rights, gender equality and women's interests throughout her role as associate justice on the US Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has the final say on highly controversial laws and cases that directly affect the whole country. Now with RBG's recent death and the current president, Donald Trump, insisting on filling her place on the court as soon as possible, the fate of the court's balance is at risk. Donald Trump has recently nominated Amy Coney Barrett, a conservative attorney and jurist, which means that Republicans will have full control of two powers of US government: the Senate and the Supreme Court. What does that mean? It means that immigration, LGBT rights and more will be affected. Most controversial of those is the Roe v Wade case; the case that decides whether abortion remains legal. Republicans have made their stance clear in that they'd like the case to be overturned and abortion to become illegal. If Amy is officially confirmed into the Supreme Court and Republicans have the majority, it's a likely possibility that the Republicans will get their way. To top it all off in March of 2016, Obama's Court nominee was announced "void" by Mitch McConnell, a Republican Senate Majority Leader, because he claimed it was too close to the November election 8 months away. Now here we are with Amy Coney Barrett nominated with only around a month till the election. This has left Democrats calling out hypocrisy among the Republicans and with vacancies opening up in the Supreme Court only every so often, this nomination will have a lasting impact; whether Trump is re-elected or not.

We're All About Fall!

by Caity Young

Want some
Fall food ideas?

Here's 15!

- Homemade Applesauce
- Pumpkin Dump Cake
- Apple Pie
- Pumpkin Soup
- Caramel Apple Pudding
- Thanksgiving Fall Snack Mix
- Potato Soup
- Chicken and Dumplings
- Stuffed Acorn Squash
- Maple Walnut Sweet Potato Skins
- Pumpkin French Toast
- Baked Apple with Sausage Stuffing
- Autumn Squash Soup
- Caramel Apples
- Baked Pumpkin Seeds



Top 10 Things to do in the Fall

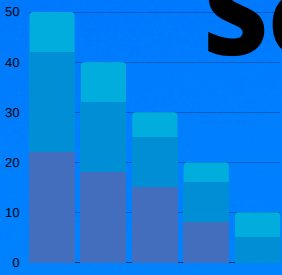
- Apple and Pumpkin picking
- Fall Foliage Hikes
- Scenic Drives
- Haunted History
- Get Apple Cider Donuts
- Make Apple cobbler
- Carve Jack-o'-lanterns
- Create an Autumn Wreath
- Make a craft with leaves
- Go on a Haunted Hayride



Get Inspired!

School During The Pandemic

By Isabella Alexander



This year, the world changed. COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, broke out in late December of 2019. At first there were 14 U.S cases in late January of the coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated this virus as a "very serious public health threat." As a few months went by, health officials started to learn more about the virus and alert people. This was when the world abruptly started going into quarantine mid February/March of 2020. Students were forced to stay home and learn virtually. The change was very different and quite difficult to adapt to. Last school year suddenly changed, and nobody knew whether or not school would start in September. Luckily with certain safety procedures taken, school started!

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It's October and many students have been experiencing fully virtual school and hybrid learning. So, how is school going? Honestly, everybody has a different opinion. Learning fully virtual can be difficult but some might prefer only virtual. Hybrid learning is very different from what students are used to. This type of learning is half virtual and half online. You get to experience both during the pandemic! Here is what Carmella Varrenti had to say about hybrid learning, "I mean it's okay, I think the whole hybrid idea learning could be better thought out and organized better. When learning online on days we don't go to school, it's difficult. Normal school is fine, though, and the hour periods aren't bad at all." Fully remote student Felyna Charles had this to say as well, "To be successful working virtually, it's all just about motivation. My biggest motivation is my grandma, and my goals in life. Without a teacher there answering questions and helping guide you with your work, it is hard. One of the positives is I can create my own schedule and do work on my own time. Virtual is working okay for me, but if I had the chance to learn hybrid I would do it. I try to stay on top of my work, but I also feel like we really aren't learning enough. I would say if you don't have the motivation to learn fully remote, don't do it."

Both learning fully remote or doing hybrid learning are difficult. It is very new to students, and forces students to adapt quickly. Hopefully over time not only does the school environment change positively, but the world as well. School right now is weird but at least it gives you an opportunity to socialize, see friends (if doing hybrid), and learn. 2020 will definitely be a year to remember.

THOUGHTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2021

Bits of normalcy they miss:

Paulina Lexer:
having a senior lounge, seeing all of my classmates



Julia Michalski:
School events like being at homecoming



Sam Funk:
Large school events, seeing my classmates and Homecoming

Connor Mapes:
unrestricted sporting events

Maddy Kinney:
Homecoming and all the events that go with it

Spencer Wagner:
Everything

Zoe Zutes:
Homecoming and the student section

Hannah Griffith:
Seeing and being with my friends everyday

Jackson Peters:
Homecoming and being able to be unified at soccer and football games



better together

Sam Slater:
Being together to watch the amazing sports teams

What keeps them positive:

Paulina Lexer:
my classmates

Julia Michalski:
I'm lucky to even be in school even if it's only a few days a week.



Hannah Griffith:
I'm happy to be back in school and able to play Field Hockey



Sam Funk:

I'm really grateful to be able to spend time playing Field Hockey with all of my friends.

Zoe Zutes:
I'm excited to get close with my cohort

Maddy Kinney:
Being able to play Field Hockey with all of my friends



Spencer Wagner:
Graduation



Sam Slater:
Being able to go in school and not do everything online is amazing. It is a little bit of normal in a messed up situation.

Jackson Peters:
Having a good mindset that things can return to normal sometime.

By: Bella Lexer

**POWER THIS BIG
CAN'T BE CONTAINED**

THE NEW MUTANTS

There is something new to fear. The film to see is *The New Mutants*. After a mysterious tornado destroys her home and kills her father, young Native American mutant Danielle "Dani" Moonstar (Blu Hunt), wakes up inside a hospital run by Dr. Cecilla Reyes (Alice Braga). Dr. Reyes tells Dani that the hospital is designed to help her learn and maintain control of her unknown mutant ability. Dani soon meets the other 4 mutants at the facility, Samuel "Sam" Guthrie (Charlie Heaton), an American mutant who can fly at jet speed and is invincible while in the air, Illyana Rasputin (Anya Taylor-Joy), a Russian mutant with inter-dimensional sorcery powers, Roberto de Costa (Henry Zaga), a Brazilian mutant who can manipulate solar energy, and Rahne Sinclair (Maisie Williams), a Scottish mutant who can transform into a wolf on command. All the mutants came to the hospital because when a mutant power manifests at the age of 13, they usually hurt someone close to them or suffer a personal tragedy. Sam brought a mine down onto his father and coworkers, Illyana was haunted by her past in child slavery, Roberto accidentally burned his girlfriend to death and Rahne escaped her religiously strict village after being branded as a witch. The 5 soon realize that the hospital isn't meant to help them, it's a cage meant to keep them inside via a force field. At the same time, every mutant except Dani starts seeing terrifying visions of their past. Will the 5 mutants break out of the hospital or will they remain trapped at the hospital? Find out in *The New Mutants*.

