



ER's VOICE



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Senior Stars

By: Samantha Lewis



DARLIREE BRUMFIELD

Darliree Brumfield is a new member of the East Rochester family this year. She is a fully virtual student but a great person to get to know. Darliree enjoys playing video games, golfing, and reading in her free time. Throughout high school, she has been a part of the girl's golf team, anime club, and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). In college, Darliree plans to major in computer science and become a game developer. She describes her move to ER to have been an adjustment but she has managed to keep up with her school work. Her advice to younger students would be to stay focused and apply yourself because academics matter the most and can affect your future. ER is so lucky to have Darliree as a member of the class of 2021 and we can't wait to see what your future holds.

RUSSELL DOMM

This month's senior highlight is Russell Domm. Russell is a three-sport athlete playing soccer, basketball, and tennis. He was a huge contributor to ER's back-to-back sectional wins in boy's soccer. He does not stop there, he also has won a team sectional patch for tennis as well as an individual doubles sectional title. Russell is a proud member of the National Honor Society as well as the Yearbook club. His favorite class has been physical education with Mr. Domm. Next year Russell will be attending Finger Lakes Community College where he will study physical education and play college soccer. His advice for underclassmen would be to work hard and study because it makes everything easier during high school. ER will miss seeing you dominate the soccer field and courts but we can't wait to see what you will accomplish in your future.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Isabella Alexander

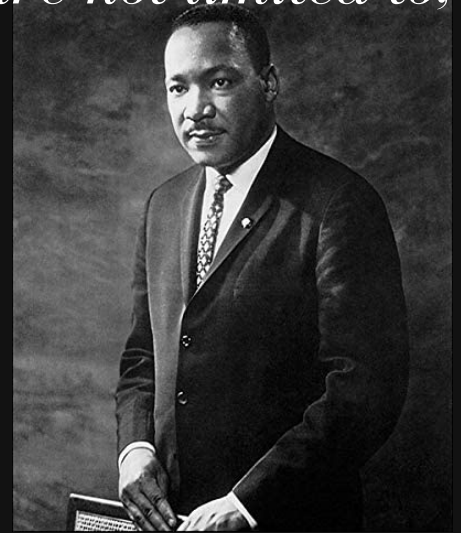
Black History Month is celebrated on February 1st until March 1st every year. This annual observance recognizes contributions and achievements those of African heritage have accomplished. During this month people learn about racism and stereotypes, as well as sacrifices important figures have made to improve the world.

Some recognizable figures include but are not limited to;

Martin Luther King Jr.-

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"

Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist during the Civil Rights movement in 1955. He was an American Baptist minister and an influential leader until he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.



Muhammad Ali-

"Don't count the days, make the days count."

Muhammad Ali was known as a professional American boxer and activist. He is known as one of the greatest boxers of all time. He was also known for creating social messages of black pride and black resistance compared to white domination.



Harriet Tubman-

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. She was an escaped enslaved woman and later was a leader of the Underground Railroad. This railroad led enslaved people to freedom before the Civil War.



*Harriet Tubman (1823-1913)
nurse, spy and scout*



Maya Angelou-

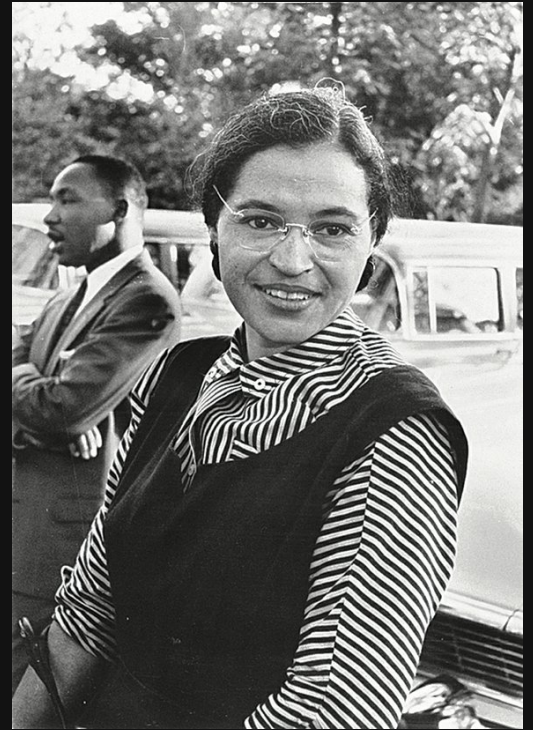
“Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.”

Maya Angelou was a American poet and civil rights activist. She received many awards and more than 50 honorary degrees during her career. She encouraged people to face their trials and hardships.

Rosa Parks-

“Each person must live their life as a model for others.”

Rosa Parks was an American civil rights activist, best known for her role in the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. She wrote autobiographies and worked her whole life fighting for justice. Throughout her life she received many honors such as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Golden Plate Award.



Barack Obama-

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Barack Obama was the 44th president of the United States from 2009-2017. He is a member of the Democratic Party and was also the first African American president of the United States. He believes in fighting to protect everyone no matter who they are, what they look like, where they’re from, or who they love.



AFC Championship Game

By Isabella Alexander

After an amazing 13-3 regular season, the Buffalo Bills were doing outstanding during playoff season. They won the wildcard game against the Indianapolis Colts 27-24. They also won the divisional round game against the Baltimore Ravens 17-3. Buffalo Bills fans were ecstatic! The last time the Buffalo Bills played in an AFC championship game was on January 23, 1994 against the Chiefs. This also led to the Bills' fourth consecutive Super Bowl!

The Bills were getting prepared to face the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday January 24, 2021. The Chiefs were the 2020 Super Bowl champions, so the AFC Championship game was going to be a very interesting game.

The Chiefs' quarterback, Patrick Mahomes II, is very favored in the NFL. It's his fourth year playing in the NFL after being drafted 1st round (10th overall) in 2017. He won the 2020 Super Bowl against the San Francisco 49ers, 31-20. The Bills' quarterback, Josh Allen, was drafted in the 1st round (7th overall) in 2018. Josh Allen improved a lot this year. The past 2 seasons he's been inconsistent with throwing the football, but this year his completion percentage sits at 69.2% compared to last year, 58.8%. Many football analysts expected the Kansas City Chiefs to win the AFC Championship, but Buffalo Bills fans thought differently. The Bills Mafia really held out strong until the end and believed the Bills would win by a billion. They wanted the Buffalo Bills to prove the doubters wrong and make it to the 2021 Super Bowl.

After the Bills led the game with 9-0 during the first quarter, eventually KC caught up. The Buffalo Bills offense and defense did not play to their best potential against the Kansas City Chiefs. With Patrick Mahomes' deep throws to tight end Travis Kelce, and their defense holding the Bills' offense, the game was over by the 3rd quarter.

Buffalo Bills fans were heartbroken and devastated, but it's okay. The Buffalo Bills had an extraordinary season this year, and next year they'll do even better. During the offseason the Bills will practice hard and work towards improving the team as a whole. Buffalo Bills fans have not lost faith yet. After the Bills' drought season recently ended, this is just the beginning for the Buffalo Bills. **BILLS BY A BILLION!!!**



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COVID Safe Valentine's Day

Date Ideas

Going on a hike- If it's not too cold outside, go on a hike! Doing activities outdoors are more recommended because of safety rather than indoor activities.

Making a home cooked meal- Cook a nice meal with or for whoever you're celebrating Valentine's day with! Have a nice dinner and celebrate the day.

Watching a new movie/tv show- Binge watch movies/shows! They can even be romantic if you'd like (in spirit of Valentine's day) .

Picnic- If the weather is nice outside, have a picnic! You can prepare your meal and set up a cozy spot to eat and talk.

Baking sweets together- A nice way to spend time with someone away from electronic devices is to bake. You can bake any sweet treat you love or are craving!

Game night- Get into comfy pajamas, grab your favorite snacks, and get out your favorite games! You can play board games, sing karaoke, play online games with friends virtually, etc.

Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

- Teddy bear/Stuffed animal
- Box of chocolates
- Flowers
- Box of candy
- Jewelry
- Photo collages
- Framed photos
- Gift cards
- Clothing

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By- *Isabella Alexander*

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A new era of wonder begins, the film to see this February is DC's Wonder Woman 1984. Set in 1984, 66 years after the events of DC's Wonder Woman, Diana Prince (Gal Gadot), is working at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. while leading a double life as Wonder Woman. She later meets Barbara Minerva (Kristen Wiig), a new and shy geologist at the Smithsonian, who is often shunned by her colleagues. The two soon come into contact with the Dreamstone, a magical crystal that could make anyone's wish come true. Barbara wishes to be more like Diana, while Diana subconsciously wishes for her deceased lover, Steve Trevor (Chris Pine), to be alive again. Diana's wish resurrects Steve and she tearfully reunites with him. Struggling businessman Maxwell Lord (Pedro Pascal) soon finds the stone and wishes to become the stone in order to save his oil business and to gain power in the world. Diana, Steve and Barbara soon learn that there is a catch when making a wish with the Dreamstone. While it can grant you your deepest wish, it will also take something from you. But Diana and Barbara are unwilling to renounce their wishes. Will Diana renounce her wish to save the world or will Maxwell Lord cause worldwide chaos? Find out in DC's Wonder Woman 1984!

by Jackson Wing