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## October 2019 Senior Stars

By: Kaitlynn Pacher



### Jenny Adler

This year's first female senior star is Jenny Adler. Jenny is a well rounded person with many talents. Throughout her years at ER she has been involved in a variety of activities. Some examples include- Lacrosse, Track, Basketball, Art club, Honor society, Model UN, Eco club and she also has earned herself the award of MVP in field hockey. Some of Jenny's favorite hobbies are painting, making music and skiing. But, if you know at least one thing about Jenny you know that she has a strong passion for Art. I'm sure many are curious on how Jenny got started on her Art. Well, I was lucky enough to sit down and ask her. Jenny first started off by explaining she tore her ACL a couple years ago and was not able to play sports. Within that time, Jenny picked up a new talent that helped her express herself while also calming her down after long days of school. Art has also motivated her to push herself and challenge herself to see how good she could get. Know that Jenny knows Art is her passion, she plans to go to College to study art. She also mentioned she plans to move to New York City in hopes to one day have her very own business to promote her artwork. After asking Jenny about one thing that she will miss about high school, she smiled and said, "Mr. Girouard. He always knows how to lighten up my day." But of course, no one can only have one favorite teacher. Jenny also admires Mr. Gears. Jenny enjoys math with Mr. Gears because of his funny sense of humor and how much he makes math so much fun. Although Jenny has not fully involved herself back into sports since she tore her ACL, her favorite high school memories will always be sports and team bonding. After hearing about Jenny and how she plans to be an entrepreneur I could only assume that she looks up to someone with the mindset of business as well. As we got closer to the end of the interview I then asked her, "If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be?" Jenny, without hesitation, replied, "Elon Musk because he's a visionary and ah... rich." Everyone at ER can't help but smile when they are with Jenny. She has one of the biggest hearts and would do anything for anyone. I ended the interview by asking her, "What is some advice you'd like to share to the lowerclassmen?" Jenny's answer fitted her perfect, she said, "Don't try and be someone you're not."

### Devin Gross

The first class of 2020 male senior star is the one and only Devin Gross. Devin Gross is someone who always has a smile on his face and always looks at the positive side of things. When interviewing Devin I asked him what he was going to miss most about high school. He said he will miss his friends, Science Olympiad and his teachers (specifically Mr. Bates and Mr. Gears). He also has many great high school memories and accomplishments. Devin's most memorable events were also with Randle Cavatassi he said. He also enjoyed winning sectionals in track and won 13 Science Olympiad medals! What an outstanding experience and accomplishment! ER is so proud to have a student like Devin. I asked Devin to give some advice for our new freshman this fall and Devin said with experience, Do your homework and form good relationships with your teachers. He also said to focus on your work, but always make time for friends. You must enjoy both sides of the student life. Devin plans to attend Alfred or/and University at Buffalo to major in either architecture or civil engineering and run track in college as well. With Track being Devin's sport, one of his favorite classes correlates with that sport. Devin loves gym not only for the running but because he also enjoys sports in general and he said Mr. Domm is a great teacher too. Devin also enjoyed taking AP Bio with Mr. Bates. Devin said, "It was a fun and challenging class with a lot of great activities." As much as Devin loves running, he also loves to lift and work out. After asking Devin if he could pick one person to be for a day he without hesitation said, "Larry Wheels because he is massive and would be able to lift anything." Devin has such a bright future ahead of him and we wish you nothing but success this year!

# Fall Bucket List 2019:

- 1.) Visit a pumpkin patch
- 2.) Host a pumpkin party
- 3.) Make Apple Cider
- 4.) Go Apple Picking
- 5.) Take a walk in the park
- 6.) Carve/Decorate a pumpkin
- 7.) Bake a New Pumpkin Recipe
- 8.) Take Lots of pictures
- 9.) Attend/ Host a Bonfire
- 10.) Roast pumpkin Seeds
- 11.) Make Caramel Apples
- 12.) Drink pumpkin Spice Lattes
- 13.) Go on Early Evening Walks
- 14.) Wear Long Flannel Shirts and Boots
- 15.) Go to a Farmer's Market
- 16.) Buy Fall Scented Candles
- 17.) Make a poster of your favorite pictures of you and your friends
- 18.) Have a Fall photo Shoot
- 19.) Visit the Drive In
- 20.) Go to the Haunted Hayrides

## Caramel Apple Bars

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¼ cup shortening
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1-¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup chopped pecans, optional

### Filling

- 4-½ cups coarsely chopped peeled tart apples
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 package (11 ounces) caramels
- 3 tablespoons butter

### Directions:

In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add flour, oats, salt and baking soda; mix all. If desired, stir in pecans (optional). Set aside 2 cups. Press remaining oat mixture into an ungreased 13x9-inch baking pan. For filling, toss apples with flour; spoon over the crust. In a saucepan, melt the caramels and butter over low heat; drizzle over apples. Top with the reserved oat mixture.

Bake at 400° for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool before cutting into bars.



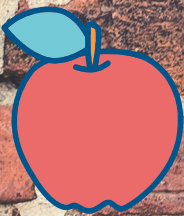
by Brydgette Young

# Why Do We Celebrate Columbus Day?

by Caitlyn Young



Columbus Day was not an official holiday until President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made it so in 1937. Christopher Columbus came to America by 1492. (It was not established as a country until the 18th century). Later, Columbus and his men enslaved many native inhabitants of the West Indies. He was so violent to them. His first voyage was taken in 1492 and he landed on a Caribbean island after a three-month trip. He wanted six natives to be seized. He seized six natives because he wanted them to be his servants. What states don't celebrate Columbus Day? The states of Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, Vermont, South Dakota, New Mexico, and Maine don't recognize the day and have each replaced it with another day they picked within the state. For example in Hawaii it's called "Discoverers Day." And South Dakota calls it "Native American Day." Yes, there are people in New York who are protesting the holiday. Most of the people are Native Americans who are standing up for what they believe in about Columbus Day. Here's a question: Why do you celebrate Columbus Day?



## *First day of school pictures*



# Disney's Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

By Jackson Wing

Discover the dark side of a classic tale, the film to see this October is Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*. Set five years after the events of *Maleficent*, Maleficent (Angelina Jolie), her loyal servant and right-hand man Diaval (Sam Riley) and her goddaughter, Princess Aurora (Elle Fanning) live a peaceful life in The Moors. But Maleficent's peaceful life is broken when Aurora tells her that Prince Phillip (Harris Dickinson) proposed to her and she accepted. Maleficent says no to the marriage, saying that love doesn't always end well. In an attempt to change her mind, Aurora and Phillip take Maleficent and Diaval to meet Phillip's parents in the kingdom of Ulstead. However, Queen Ingrith (Michelle Pfeiffer) sets off Maleficent by saying that Aurora deserves a real family. Maleficent unleashes her fury and flies off in anger, upsetting Aurora. Ingrith and Maleficent prepare for a war that's coming. Ingrith's real plan is to use Aurora and Phillip's wedding to divide humans and fairies forever. But, Maleficent soon meets another fairy like her named Conall (Chiwetel Ejiofor), who tells her that she spent so many years caring for a human, but now it's time for her to protect her own. Will Maleficent stop the coming war and support Aurora and Phillip or will Ingrith's plan succeed? Find out in Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*!



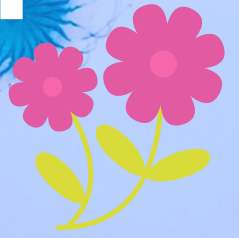
# Musician of the Month

by Brydgette Young

Ruel Ruel Vincent van Dijk, known mononymously as Ruel, is an Australian singer-songwriter from Sydney, best known for his singles “Don’t Tell Me” and “Younger”. At the ARIA Music Awards of 2018 he won the award for Breakthrough Artist for his single “Dazed and Confused”. Atwood Magazine previously hailed Ready as one of the Best Albums of 2018 and included Ruel’s song “Younger” in their 2018 Songs of the Year feature, writing in the latter: “[Ruel] draws us in through a dynamic fusion of pop, soul, and gospel, influence; his voice is raw and raspy, yet full of vibrance. He croons tenderly over equally impassioned guitar licks that send deep shivers down the spine.” In a press release, Ruel had mentioned “ I want people of all ages, whether they are 15 or 50, to be able to relate to my songs.” Ruel wants his audience to understand what he has been through and be able to feel what he feels. Also mentioned in the Atwood Magazine Ruel’s music isn’t exception because it was made by a fifteen- or sixteen-year-old; it’s exceptional because of what it is: Musically stunning and emotionally breathtaking. Ruel is already a sensation, and if you haven’t yet discovered him or heard his music, now’s the time to listen and listen close.



# What's your goal for the school year?



RYAN F. - TRY NEW AFTER SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES

**Chantel M.** - Get into NYU & finish  
learning Korean

**Andrew W.** - Get drivers  
license

Brooke N. - Get accepted into  
Fisher

Jena F. - get an award for  
a sport this year

**Samantha C.** - change  
mindset and understand  
different perspectives

Ginevra - Improve English

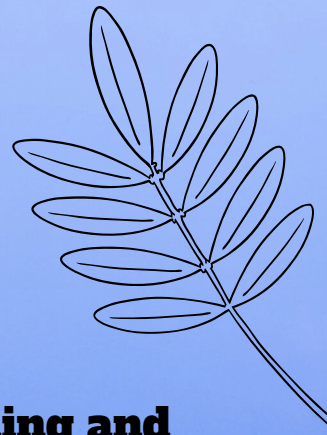


Ben P. - work my hardest  
before going to college

North M. - Put more time into  
my work for better results

MR. GIROUARD - LOWER BMI

Mr. Gears - each student of his  
is successful and enjoying  
each day with his students +  
meeting new students



Ms. Luce - Positive mindset

Michael R - Win a  
state champion  
in soccer

**Anna Q.** - pass all physical training and  
get  
**MEPS date for the marines**

Paige O. - good  
grades

Cam L. - make the most of each day

**Emily Z.** - Win another  
tennis game

Alex M. - graduate, get into a good school

Andrea R. - pass all my  
classes

Jeremy B - Pass 9th  
grade

By: Kaitlynn Pacher



# MEET MRS. HIGH

by Tyler Cialini



I had the pleasure of interviewing ER's new Spanish teacher, Mrs. High. When asked what about teaching makes her enjoy arriving to the school every day, she responded: "Students! I'm passionate about the subject but primarily the students." She has taught Spanish for 15 years total. She taught 12 consecutive years, then took time off to spend time with her children before returning to teaching.

Mrs. High loves to travel! She has been to Italy, Spain, Mexico, and all over the U.S. including attending graduate school in Vermont! Currently, Mrs. High lives with her husband and two sons in Pittsford (grades 8 and 11). She also has two daughters in college. Mrs. High commented that she lives so close to school, she could walk here (but she has too many heavy books to carry).

You may be interested to know that in high school, Mrs. High participated in cheer leading and student government.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. High to East Rochester Jr./Sr. High School!

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