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JULIA MICHALSKI



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ANDREW WELTMAN

This month's senior star is Julia Michalski. You may recognize her name from the sectional-winning field hockey team or the jokester on the Monday and Thursday morning announcements. Julia is a versatile student-athlete. She challenges herself through various AP courses, excels on the field hockey team, is a member of the yearbook club, and is a star on stage. This year she earned the AP scholar award. The highlight of her high school career has been winning the sectional title for field hockey her senior year. She also enjoyed going to soccer games and cheering on the team as well as sitting in the back of Mrs. Cook's class junior year with Emma and Samantha. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her and her teachers that have helped her through all the tough work over the years. In college, Julia plans to major in biology and eventually attend dental school. When asked her advice for underclassmen she said to have fun and go to school events because you will never be able to have those experiences again, but also to remember to stay motivated with your schoolwork no matter what so you can succeed in whatever you want to do in the future. Julia has left a huge mark on ER, she has the ability to make anyone laugh and will be missed greatly but we know your future will be bright!

March's second senior star is Andrew Weltman. Andrew has been another very successful student-athlete at ER. He was a part of the sectional-winning boy's soccer team in 2019 as well as 2020. He also claimed a sectional title for boys tennis in 2019. Throughout high school, he has participated in soccer for four years, basketball for two, tennis for two, and track for one. He keeps himself busy and involved being a member of the National Honor Society, ski club, band, chorus, and yearbook club. His favorite high school memory has been winning sectionals for soccer in 2019. He would like to thank all his soccer teammates, coaches, parents, teachers, and two sisters Abby and Gillian. After high school Andrew plans to attend a four-year college to study business. His advice for underclassmen would be to enjoy every moment of high school because it goes by really fast. ER is going to miss seeing Andrew out on the soccer field and around the school but we can't wait to see what new adventures your future will hold!

Ides of March

Isabella Alexander

The Ides of March, celebrated on March 15, is the 74th day in the Roman calendar. It is the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar. In the ancient Roman calendar, Ides represented a day falling in the middle of each month.

In 44 BC, Julius Caesar was stabbed to death at a meeting of the senate. There were about 60 conspirators involved, including well known Brutus and Cassius. They were brothers in-law and instigated the assassination of Caesar. Many close friends were involved in the murder. On this day, Caesar was given many warnings that something very bad was to occur. He ignored these warnings, and ultimately died. This was portrayed in William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar." In the play, the immortal words "Beware the Ides of March" were uttered to the ruler by a fortune teller.

The death of Caesar triggered the civil war, leading to Caesar's heir, Octavian, rising to power. Octavian, also known as Augustus, took many series of actions during his ruling to avenge Julius Caesar's death.

As a way to commemorate this day, people will watch movies about Julius Caesar, wine taste, wish people a 'Happy Roman Republic New Year', and many more activities.



History of St. Patrick's day

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St. Patrick's day is observed on March 17th annually. This is the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. This day is typically celebrated as a religious holiday amongst Irish people. This day is also celebrated during the season of Christian Lent. People usually go to church in the morning, and celebrate in the afternoon with drinks, feasts, and dancing.

So, who was Saint Patrick? Saint Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland and the national apostle. He was kidnapped in Roman Britain, where he was born, then brought to Ireland at the age of 16 as a slave. After he overcame many struggles and became a free man, he was credited for bringing Christianity to Ireland. The most well known legend of Saint Patrick is how he explained the Holy Trinity. The way he explained this was by using the three leaves on the Irish clover, the shamrock.

In the beginning of 1995 on St. Patrick's Day people would drive to tour and showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the rest of the world. Today St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all around the world. It is a special day commemorating Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

Fun Fact: In Irish culture, the Leprechaun is a very well known figure. Belief in leprechauns originated from Celtic belief in fairies. Fairies are tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. Leprechauns can sometimes be known as cranky souls. On May 13 there is a special holiday for Leprechauns but they're also celebrated on St. Patrick's Day.

by Jackson Wing



Unite the world! The film to see this March is Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon. Set in the fantasy land of Kumandra, humanity and dragons once lived together in peace and harmony, until the Druun attacked and the dragons used the last of their magic to create the Dragon Gem and save humanity, but turned to stone. After that, Kumandra and its people were divided into 5 lands, named after a part of the dragon, Fang, Heart, Spine, Talon and Tail. After 500 years, the Druun returned after every clan except Heart fought over the Dragon Gem and was destroyed in the struggle. Six years later, the princess of the Heart Land, Raya (Kelly Marie Tran), has been searching for Sisu (Awkwafina), a water dragon and the last dragon in existence, in order to restore peace and resurrect everyone that the Druun killed, including her father Benja (Daniel Dae Kim). Along the way, Raya and Sisu team up with Tong (Benedict Wong), a gentle giant from the Spine Land, Boun (Izzac Wang), a 10-year-old entrepreneur from the Tail Land, and Little Noi (Thalia Tran), a toddler con artist from the Talon Land, to save Kumandra from the Druun. But, Namaari (Gemma Chan), the princess of the Fang Land wants to find Sisu for her own personal gains. Will Raya successfully save Kumandra from the Druun or will Namaari win control of Kumandra? Find out in Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon.