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EAST ENSEMBLES WOW CROWDS AT WINTER CONCERT

By Sofia Logacho
Staff Writer

In the midst of a transition from winter to spring sports, theatre shows beginning and drawing to a close, and the semester rolling along as usual, the band and orchestra concerts mark another milestone. With the band concert on February 21st and orchestra's on March 6th, both showed off all of their hard work in performances filled with everything from Finale from Dvorak's "New World Symphony," to the more light-hearted "Overture for Hans N Feet."

In the world of concert band, wonderful pieces were performed by the four ensembles: Intermediate Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and the Percussion Ensemble. First, the Intermediate Band played three jaunty, upbeat songs, the most impressive of which was the three-movement "A Longford Legend," which featured a solo by alto saxophone Julian Reyna. Additionally, the Concert Band used an innovative grouped seating arrangement to highlight their first tune "Villages," followed by "Momentum." The Percussion Ensemble

also performed "Overture for Hans N Feet," which used clapping, stomping, and other movements to create a rhythmic wonder. And finally, the Symphonic Band, fresh off a concert at the Illinois Music Educators Convention, showed off their talent in "The Florentiner," (featuring solos by piccolos Audrey Beckham and Brooke Jurczyk); "Sleep," which incorporated both live painting by student artist Anthony Maggio and choral features; "El Camino Real"; and "Bugler's Holiday," which true to its name, gave the spotlight to trumpeters Ben Fusco, Nate Slagter, and Ryan Valdivia.

A few weeks later, the invitational orchestra concert included not only East groups, but also the top groups from Glenn Westlake and Marquardt Middle Schools. Both the Westlake Concert Orchestra and Marquardt Advanced Orchestra performed songs which showcased a wide variety of themes and styles, directed respectively by Ms. Joanna Schultz and Ms. Jennifer Baker. But of course, our very own East groups also displayed their talent, with

Chamber and Concert Orchestra, along with the East Honors Camerata, adding to the magic of the night. Between performances, violinists Christine Solch, Jamya Whitman, Kaitlyn Mullins, and Jacob Gaare; cellist Julia Ong; and violist Mack Mecnas played their hearts out during student interludes. And in a grand finale, the talent of the Concert and Philharmonic Orchestras, and Orchestra Winds and Percussion combined into the Symphony Orchestra, which played some of the greatest classical pieces of all time — Hungarian Dance No. 5 and the fourth movement of Symphony No. 9 — by Johannes Brahms and Antonín Dvorák (respectively), sounding much more professional than high school musicians.

It's no exaggeration that East has one of the best music programs in the area. Within every band and orchestra, hard work and dedication make music into something extraordinary, and the last two concerts have made that fact more apparent than ever.



Top: Mr. Andrew Packer directs the Concert Band in the band's winter concert. Photo credit: Tara Cappelletti
Symphony Orchestra students rehearsing for the March 7 Orchestra Invitational Concert. Photo courtesy Mr. Fawkes.

Booby Trap and Mean Girls

By Marica Sczcybura
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A flurry of students decked out in pink and white clothes enters the stage and settles themselves on risers. Then, the fast paced and highly entertaining story based on the hot movie Mean Girls begins. Cady Heron, a teenage girl raised by scientist parents in Africa, is in for a culture shock on her first day of American high school. She gets to experience the complicated world of high school cliques. Surprisingly, she finds herself taken in by the popular "Plastics". Caught between fitting in with the Plastics and being a good person, Cady is torn apart. Told through Group Interpretation, the production is exciting, emotional and full of movement.

In complete contrast, theatre also put on a production of Booby Trap. "Booby Trap" follows a soldier trapped by a land mine and unable to escape. As

he awaits his fate, we are privy to scenes of his present, past and future. Heart wrenching and eye opening, the production brings to light the fragility of life.

I got a chance to talk to Sofia Logacho, a freshman who took part in "Mean Girls"

Q: What was it like being a part of Group Interpretation?

A: "It was really such a wonderful experience. Everyone was so nice and it's amazing to work towards a show with such few rehearsals. With only three weeks, we pulled together a great show! And without our director, Ms. Marin-Bunting, and assistant director, Lily Zuniga, the show wouldn't have been as awesome as it was.

Q: What was your favorite part of Booby Trap?

A: Oh, where to begin! Every thing about it was amazing, from the costumes to light-

ing and sound to the actors and story itself. I could feel the emotion and passion that everyone onstage gave off. If I had to choose my favorite part, I think it would be when the soldier asks his wife to take his son to see the train where they met. At this moment, I could feel the emotion and truthfulness of the time when he really accepts his death, and I'm not ashamed to say that I had tears in my eyes.



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“There are no bad ideas.”

By: Eva Brooks
Staff Writer

Our engineering classes recently got a special treat that built cooperation along with some friendly competition. Getting into groups of five, they were instructed to build a foot long bridge using the table and two pieces of wood. The classes of 4th and 5th period cooperated in groups of four or five, and worked together to learn and grow as engineers and students. Given real hands-on experience, the students all thrived in their environments. The creative energy in the room was electrifying. All of the students worked together to create their own designs and learned more about each other and themselves. Through our community at East, we can personally develop. We are East!



Various students working on their projects for the seminar, Photo by Eva Brooks

Adding Up For Math Team

By: Eva Brooks
Staff Writer

It's hard to find the true measure of success, but it's clear that the Glenbard East Math Team has discovered it. The team has achieved a number of incredible accomplishments this year, culminating in the whole team attending our State competition for the first time ever. The hard work and effort that this takes is obvious and shines through their performance.

The first sign of an their upcoming successes was the victory in the district competition for the first time ever. The district competition consists of the math teams at all Glenbard schools. The victory for the first time ever of this district of the competition was really a good omen for what was to come.

Following the district competition came the Upstate 8 Regionals, as important as the Upstate 8 for any event here at Glenbard East. The victory here was unlike anything ever seen by the school before. Glenbard East won in almost every category, including every individual category, coming in first place for the first time ever. First place after first place win brought a roaring from the Glenbard East section like when Gryffindor wins

the Glenbard East section like when Gryffindor wins House Cup. This passion was matched at the Regional Conference, where they came in second place overall, and won several categories, including the Freshman-Sophomore Eight Person and the Geometry Individuals, among others. The success can be summarized by this year's ranking of the school: 15th best in the state. This guaranteed the entire team to attend the State Conference for the first time ever.

While the Math Team celebrated Pi Day (a math kid's field day) with their annual end-of-season banquet, their work is not actually over. While awards, ribbons, food and laughs were certainly had that night, the State Competition doesn't occur until May, where they will compete Saturday, May 4th (another fitting date). The practice, however, doesn't stop for the Math Team! This means they will continue to meet for several more weeks, both mornings and after school, to prepare for the State Competition. While (knock on wood) they are bound to do an incredible job, they already have done work this year worthy of celebration.

Students Admitted into Subject Honor Societies

Congratulations to all the Honors Society inductees! We're all so proud of you and hope that you all will continue to strive for success, and to achieve it as well.



Candle lighting ceremony photo courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Mateen

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Math team celebrating their win at Upstate 8 Regionals

Book Reviews

Next Door

By: Afhann Syed
Staff Writer

When Chloe Fine moves to her old hometown with her fiancé, life seems perfect. She has a job with the FBI, she’s getting married to the love of her life, and she’s finally back to the place she grew up in. But soon, Chloe finds out that everything isn’t as perfect as it seems in the suburban utopia. As Chloe tries to forget her inner demons—her mother’s death when she was only 10 years old and her father’s imprisonment—she begins to see the upside of her town. When a body is found, Chloe’s small town, and her past, might be the key to solving this mystery, and the key to her future. An emotional and psychological thriller, *Next Door* by Blake Pierce, will have you at the edge of your seat, with its layered characters and heart-pounding suspense.



To All The Boys I’ve Loved Before

By: Minza Mateen
Staff Writer

Lara Jean is an average high schooler with her two sisters, Margot, who is going abroad for college, and Kitty who’s in middle school. She faces the world with her best friend Chris, and the advice of her older sister. One day, Lara’s top secrets are shared with the exact same people she’s hid them from—her crushes. Over the years, instead of announcing her feelings, she’s written them down, and someone has mailed them out. Peter Kavinski, popular boy and one of her previous crushes, has also received a letter, but he doesn’t mind so much because he wants her help to get the attention of his ex-girlfriend. The two pair up and pretend to be the sweetest couple the school has seen. More problems face them as a pretend-couple, and eventually, feelings. The part that actually tugged at my heart was when Lara and Peter entered the lunch room, he twirls her around, slips her a love note, and whispers that she’s good at acting. They were being so cute, but then Peter had to bring up that they were pretending. However, my favorite part is when Lara and Peter have a deep conversation about their families and opened up to each other.



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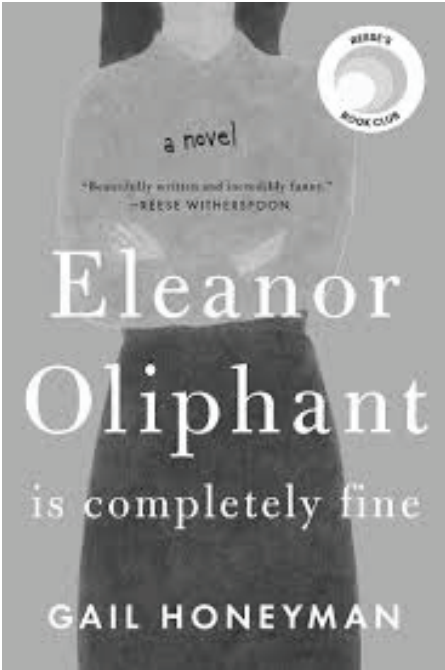
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Mystery of Elisa Lam

By: Areli Rodriguez
Staff Writer

On February 19th 2013, the body of Canadian university student Elisa Lam was found in a water tank on the roof of the Cecil Hotel. Lam contacted her parents each day of her stay until Jan. 31, the day she was supposed to check out of the hotel and go to Santa Cruz. The Lam’s called the police and even flew to LA to help find their missing daughter, they put out flyers and even released footage of her in one of the elevators a day after she was supposed to check out. On the 20th day of her disappearance, many guests at the Cecil Hotel were complaining about the water taste and pressure. Maintenance went up to the roof to check out the situation. They opened the tank and discovered Elisa Lam. The police came and investigated the whole crime scene and ruled it as an accident since there was not enough evidence of foul play. They concluded that it was an accidental death instead of a homicide due to the fact that they found out that Ms. Lam had a bipolar disorder and that she was probably having a psychotic episode which led to her death (Wikipedia).

After this case became public, many people had different theories on how/why Ms. Lam died and those theories have a dark aspect to them. Once people saw the elevator surveillance footage, everyone ultimately assumed she was playing the “elevator game”. For those who don’t know about the “elevator game”, it is a game where you obviously play in the elevator with a sequence of numbers/ directions that will eventually take you to a different dimension(YouTube). I’ve seen the video and it did kind of look like she was playing hide-and-seek, but the scariest part was towards the end where she gets out, starts to have a conversation as if there was someone else there and the elevator door starts to open/close on the same floor she was on. I also found it quite ironic that she stayed in the same hotel where Richard “The Night Stalker” Ramirez lived before he was arrested. It is also coincidental that they both happen to die five months apart. The other theory would be that she was actually murdered by someone who either stayed or worked at the hotel, since the way to the roof is locked (Ranker.com). She would’ve needed a ladder and the lid would’ve been too heavy for her to lift. The case would be considered “solved” in a way, but there are still a lot of questions to be answered.



Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

By: Marica Szczybura
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Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine. She has a stable job, a place to live, and food to eat. Yes, she may live alone and have very little human contact. But this has never bothered Eleanor - why should it? Everything fits into her perfect routine. There has never been a need to change. Besides, no one has ever told her she should want any more than what she has. Mummy, in fact, has told her to want the opposite. That is, until she meets Raymond. Raymond is the bumbling IT guy at her office, and through forming a friendship with him she is able to figure out that life can be so much more than what it already is. Throughout the course of the book, Eleanor learns how to open her heart to others and fix the broken pieces the past has left.

What I love most about this book is the relationships Eleanor forms with others. From the cashier at her local convenience store to the man she saw suffer a heart attack in the street, every connection she makes just feels so genuine. The voice that author Gail Honeyman writes with is unique and offbeat. It is unlike anything I have ever read before. Everything Eleanor says and thinks contributes so well to her quirkiness and overall personality. Honeyman’s characters are also what makes this book special. Their idiosyncrasies are endearing and their actions speak to the heart. They are relatable in so many ways, and readers can’t help but love them. The only warning I give to potential readers is that this book will make you cry. It will make you angry. It will make you fall out of your seat laughing, like an emotional roller coaster with too many turns. But if you’re like me, you will find this variety of emotion will make the book all that more interesting to read.

A selection from Reese Witherspoon’s Official book club, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* will be sure to please any reader looking for a heartwarming story.

Horoscope

By Winter Crane-Winn
Staff Writer & Artist



The Signs & Luck in 2019
Although Scorpios usually attract the worst of luck, the year 2019 is going to be an excellent year for them where they will be able to achieve their goals through their efforts.

Sagittarius like to see the silver lining in the clouds. But this year you might go through a difficult time, but positivity will help you breeze through the situation.

Out of all the zodiac signs, Leo may be the most lovable of all. With their smiles, they make it easy to attract all the right things and people. Keep up your cheery behavior and you'll find success right around the corner.

Even though Aquarians aren't fond of changes, but you will find them surrounded by it. The year 2019 will be a roller coaster ride for them. Their flexibility allows them to adapt to the changes so you can say that they make their luck as they go.

Driven by their need to succeed, it is not wrong when we say that Capricorns make their luck. It may take them days, weeks or months but in the end, they manage to find good fortune and prosperity on their side, take charge of their own fate.

The second sign of the zodiac, Taurus are loyal and form emotional attachments which they find to be lucky at times. They are possessive about their belongings and their loved ones which is why they always attract good luck.

Piscess are in their own mind-space and are focused on finding peace within themselves. Their kindness allows them to open up to other people, in turn, building useful connections in their personal and profes-

sional life.
Libras are least concerned with having luck on their side. Their awareness keeps them on the toes, and they are cautious about any luck that does come their way. The year 2019 will bring luck, all they have to do is believe that what happens, happens for a reason.

The very first sign of the Zodiac is Aries which is why you would think that they would be first on the list when it comes to luck. They are full of zeal and while it is a trait to be admired, they think too much about the minutest of details. Once they learn how to take control of their luck, they will find better things along the way.

Those born under the zodiac, Gemini are quite intellectual, and there is nothing more that attracts them as an interaction that can stimulate their mind. In their career as well as their personal life, they are likely to find success when they put their mind to it.

Virgos are meticulous in everything they do. They have these set rules that they like to play by which is why it becomes harder for them to attract any luck. The year 2019 will be favourable to those who believe in themselves and believe that they can bring about a stroke of good luck towards their side.

Cancers does not repel good luck, it's just that they don't believe in it which is why even if it were to strike, they would shrug it off as a result of their hard work and efforts. They like to apply logic into everything they do, and because of this, they tend to overlook anything that may have a factor involving luck.

Ask Annie

By Annie Nonymous
Staff Writer

Question: How is it possible to manage play between work? -Struggling Student
Answer: The struggle is real ma dude. I suggest creating a list of things you need to get done, then work for 30 minutes, and take five minute breaks. Listening to music can also be distracting when you suddenly start singing. Instead, download the app called Tide (not sponsored), where you can just listen to soothing and peaceful sounds. Instead of getting distracted by Sicko Mode, listen to the waves, my personal favorite, or other sounds it provides.

Question: What is Annie?
Answer: I am a being that holds ultimate power, much like Shaggy. With 0.0000001% energy, I immediately answer the questions that students in Glenbard East have for me.

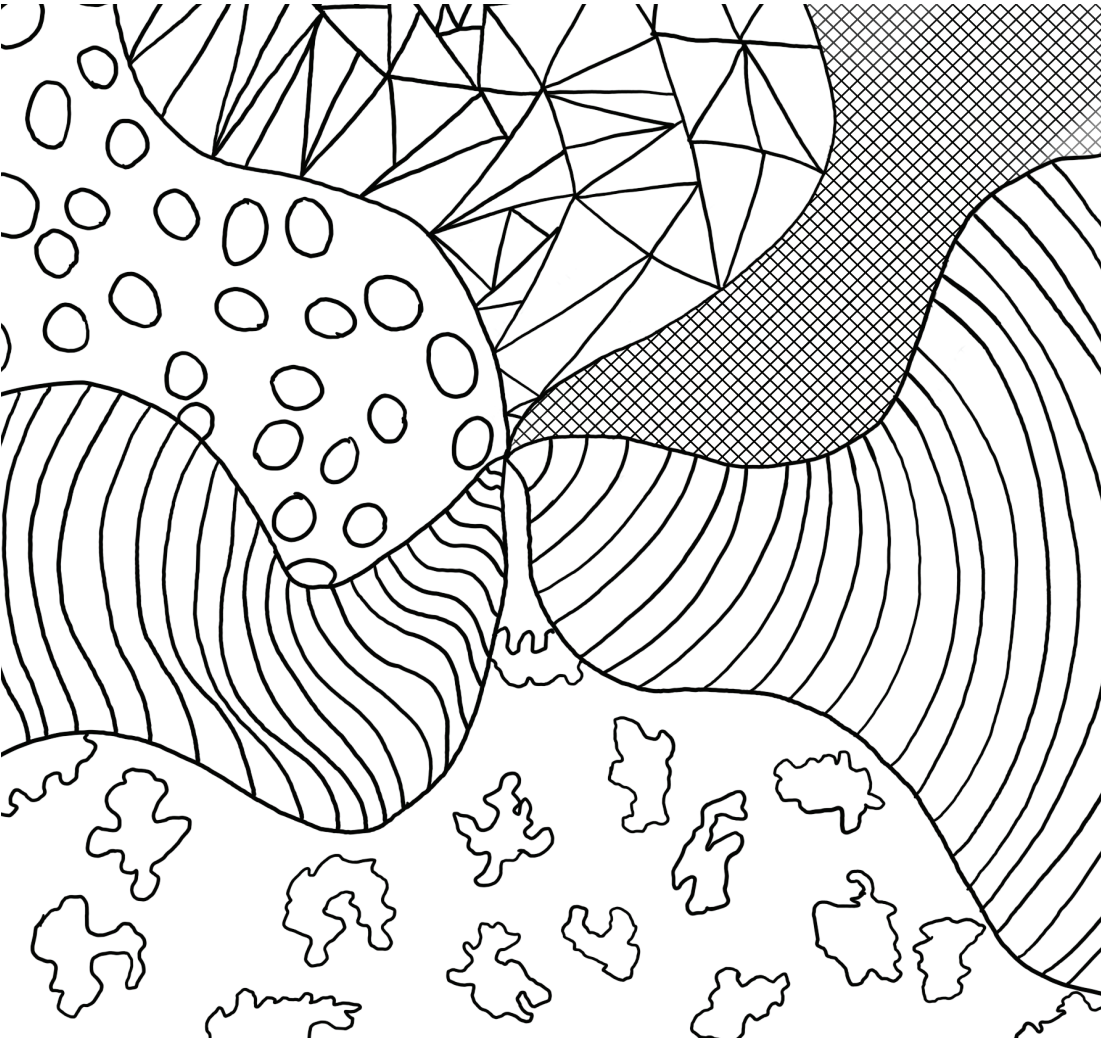
Question: I have a friend going through a lot, and I'm the only person she really talks to. How can I help her? -Sincerely, a caring Eagle Scout
Answer: I think you're already being a great and supportive friend by listening to her problems, and even more great by finding other ways to help them. I think the best way would be to remind her that she's doing great. It seems like you're already helping her a lot, and I'm sure she's glad to have you as a friend. If she's constantly having problems, then all you can do is be there for her and let her know you're there for her. If she seems to be going through too much, although she knows you're there for her, it's a good idea if she seeks professional help. Here's the number to the Crisis text line: text "hello" to 741741. Or she can call the Crisis call center: 1-(800)-273-8255. But the most helpful thing you can do is be there for her!

Question: I like someone in ELL class. I always pass by the classrooms where he is in. But lately, I feel like he's avoiding me and then one day, he told me he liked my friend. He wants me to help him, even if I still have feelings for him. What should I do? -Cardialgia of a Junior
Answer: Wow. Liking one of your friends is almost always problematic. Well, all I can say is, you have 2 choices. You can either tell him your feelings and see how he reacts, or you could hide your own feelings and help him try to win over his crush. If you're anything like me, (or any teenager really) you'd probably go with the first option. Personally, I think you should just go for it and tell him your feelings. Who know? It might work out better than you think. But if for whatever reason, he rejects your feelings, then you could still try to be friends, even though it might be awkward at first, and maybe you can even try to help him with his feelings about your friend. I might sound like a Disney princess, but I honestly think that you should just follow your heart.
Question: I have really liked my best friends ex since we were in middle school and lately I've been worried that if I ask him out my friend will grow distant and try not to talk to us. My friend, her ex, and I have all been best friends since middle school. Please help. Thank you! - Nostalgic Netizen.
Answer: Sounds like you caught feelings for the wrong person! Your problem seems like it came out of a TV drama! Well, it sounds like you need to decide who you think is more important to you. You're best friend, or her ex, who I'm assuming is also your friend. If you think that by asking out your friends ex, you might hurt her, then I'd say, just don't do it. I don't think you should risk ruining a friendship for a guy. But if you think that your friend is okay with you dating her ex, then go for it! If possible, I think you should definitely talk to your friend and try to find out if she'd be hurt by you guys dating first. If not, then definitely go for it!

Disclaimer: Although I'd love to answer all of your questions, I reserve the right to not answer some of your questions that are deemed too inappropriate, or invading of other's privacy. Before you send me a question, please make sure that it's appropriate and not invasive of others. Thanks!

Coloring

By Winter Crane-Wynn
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Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19



Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20



Gemini
May 21 - Jun 20



Cancer
Jun 21 - Jul 22



Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22



Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22



Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 22



Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21



Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21



Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19



Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18



Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20