

Isle of Hope Fiddlernauts Headed to Nationals

In 2016, twenty Isle of Hope Students traveled to Richmond Hill Middle School to take a regional qualifying test for NASA's Student Astronaut Challenge. Ten students scored high enough to qualify Isle of Hope to send one team to the national competition at the Kennedy Space Center in February 2017.



Students would be expected to compete in four areas, a space shuttle Atlantis launch and landing simulation, a lab presentation (how to grow food on Mars), an engineering challenge, and a landing challenge. Twelve middle

school teams from Florida and Georgia competed for the top honors in all four challenges.

Isle of Hope, the only school representing Savannah Chatham Public Schools, and one of the three teams representing Georgia,

took ten students to the Finals. Fortunately, Bobcat of Savannah provided a majority of the resources allowing "Team Bobcat" to take part in this incredible opportunity.

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Halloween Festivities on Isle of Hope



October marks the beginning of a lot of fun and festivities on Isle of Hope. Many of you just enjoyed one of Isle of Hope's best events, the Isle of Hope Arts Fest. But there's a lot more to come.

Next up, Halloween.

Isle of Hoppers (especially the kids) have always enjoyed traipsing or golf carting up and down Bluff Drive on Halloween night. Many of the folks who live on the Bluff go out of their way to make sure all the kids (and even the parents) have a great time and get lots of goodies. (see other Halloween events on p.3)

2018 IOH Calendar on Sale Now

The Isle of Hope Historical Association is bringing back the Isle of Hope Calendar for all to enjoy. We would like to extend our gratitude to photographers Dan Biggerstaff, Thomas Greene, Winthrop Hiers, Kelli Hodges Mills, Sammy Moore,

Rose Smith, Dai Mar Tamarack and Noel Wright for donating their art to the 2018 Isle of Hope Calendar. All proceeds will benefit the organization of the Isle of Hope Art & Music Fest.

Cost is \$15.00.

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and donors to build safe, affordable and energy-efficient homes which are sold at no-interest and no-profit to these partner families.

Their monthly mortgage payments are added to other donations to build more homes thereby creating (continued on page 13)



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Holidays can also be a time that your aging family member is visiting with you. A caregiver could come into your home to provide extra care and support that your

family member does not feel that they are being a burden. It will provide a balance to enjoying your visit and also fulfilling your holiday commitments.

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An Isle of Hope Christmas

There is nothing like Christmas on the beautiful island we call home! And, there is nothing like starting the holidays off right by spending the evening at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church tour of homes, "An Isle of Hope Christmas!" This year's tour will be held on Sunday, December 10th, from 4:00pm-8:00pm and it is sure to delight with seven wonderful homes to view.

Since 1995, St. Thomas Episcopal Church has been hosting this biennial Christmas tour of homes. The tour has been a holiday favorite for locals and tourists alike and is returning for a thirteenth time. Guests can meander down the streets of Isle of Hope lit by luminaries or take a trolley ride to the home sites. Everyone is always in awe of the homeowner's beautiful decorations and stylish décor.

In addition, the reception in the parish hall is second to none. The hors d'oeuvres, wine, punch, decorations, entertainment are sure to please and get everyone in the holiday spirit. It also gives neighbors an evening of coming together for conversation and fun! This tour is not just for the ladies, men also enjoy the merriment and will come back year after year.

The proceeds from "An Isle of Hope Christmas" have benefited many non-profits throughout the community over the



years. From purchasing a playground for Greenbriar Children's Center and re-decorating the art room at Coastal Children's Advocacy Center, to contributing to countless other agencies in Savannah, the tour has assisted many people in need.

Whether it is the homes, food, drink, music or simply the holiday spirit that compels you, this year's

"An Isle of Hope Christmas" will delight all of your senses. Tickets are \$30.00 and the proceeds benefit the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church/ECW ministries. Please contact 912-658-9868 for ticket information or the church office at 912-355-3110 for additional information.

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International Space Center Commander Shane Kimbrough provided encouragement to the team in the form of emails from the ISS.

Over the three day competition, students competed in all four challenges. On the final day, IOH placed 4th in the landing challenge, 7th in the laboratory challenge (with a perfect score on their research report), 11th in the Engineering Challenge. Isle of Hope placed 2nd in the nation, in the largest and most exciting challenge, the Launch

and Landing Challenge. They lost (in their first appearance) by 1/2 a point.

Two months ago, almost 70 students expressed interest in taking part in this year's Isle of Hope Astronaut Club. Coaches Carolyn Rethwisch (IOH Science Teacher), Wade Smith (IOH STEAM Teacher) and Dr. Barbara Serianni (Professor in the College of Ed at Armstrong University) worked with the students to prepare for this year's regional competition. It was held last Saturday, October 7, at Richmond Hill

Middle School.

This year, Isle of Hope had two teams qualify for the National Competition. Once again, they are the only school representing Savannah Chatham Public Schools and one of three schools representing Georgia.

Over the next few months, the teams will be looking to partner with members of the community as they increase their engineering and flying skills, and work to raise almost \$10,000. (continued on page 12)



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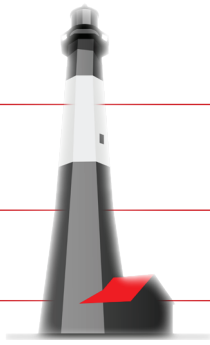
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Homes Sold on Isle of Hope and Dutch Island (1-1-2017 to 9-30-2017)

SOLD	IOH 2017	DI 2017
Homes Sold	27	13
Avg. List Price	389	488,462
LP Per SQ FT	173.11	153.96
Avg. Sold Price	375,481	467,765
SP per SQ FT	166.07	147.73
Days On Market	100	169
Months of Supply	8.3	9
Least Expensive	168,000	215,000
Most Expensive	883,000	855,000
FOR SALE	Isle of Hope	Dutch Island
Homes for Sale	25	13
Avg. List Price	553,400	577,777
LP Per SQ FT	228.27	164.92
Days on Market	155	151
Least Expensive	249,900	359,000
Most Expensive	1,995,000	1,350,000

Go to www.savannahsouthernliving.com/neighborhoodmarketreport to stay updated between issues of the IOH News

5 Tips for an Efficient Everyday Homework

Whether your child is six or sixteen, homework is undoubtedly a part of their everyday life. Naturally, practice is a key component in learning, and homework provides an opportunity for students to apply the lessons they learn in class on their own, and flesh out their understanding at a pace that's comfortable for them. For students at any age, it's important to have a healthy homework strategy, making sure to absorb lessons as best they can and prepare relevant questions for when they're back in class.

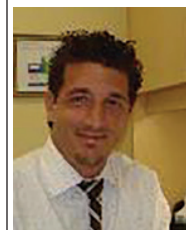
As every parent knows,

getting your child to adhere to a homework

schedule can be met with eye rolls and discontented sighing. Here are five tips for getting your growing scholar on the right track to homework success.

1. Establish a set "working" space.

Having a defined homework area helps students focus on the task at hand—working in a quiet, comfortable space minimizes potential distractions from unfamiliar sights or sounds. Whether it's a bedroom desk or a chair at the kitchen table,



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make sure to keep a consistent study area where your child knows it's time to get to work. Enrolling your child in Sylvan's Homework Help is another great way to set aside time and space for homework, and make it fun, too.

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Homework Strategy - (Continued from page 10)

2. Break big projects into small pieces.

Projects like science experiments or research papers can sometimes be overwhelming if students try to complete them in one go. Showing your child the benefits of scheduling his or her time effectively and breaking out responsibilities over several days or weeks will not only make these projects more manageable, but it will also likely lead to higher grades—as there will be more time to review the work and make important adjustments.

3. Harness the power of technology—without the distraction.

Research shows that multitasking is rarely as efficient as people think. Needless to say, you should insist that all distracting electronics be put aside while homework is in progress (yes, even the phone!). But when it comes

to conducting in-depth research or looking up quick tips (e.g., on education sites), the internet can be a very positive asset. To make sure your child is staying on task, reinforce productive internet use by helping them sift through what they find.

4. Start with something easy to reinforce a positive attitude.

Each day, encourage your child to start with an assignment that seems easy. Maybe it will be the reading from your daughter's favorite class, or a couple of math problems that your son knows he can finish quickly. Whatever it is, the feeling of accomplishment and confidence that results from getting one thing out of the way helps the homework session begin on a positive note – so you can then move on to a stronger frame

of mind.

5. Know when to step back

With so much pressure to achieve exceptional academic results, it's easy to lose sight of the long-term effects of too much stress and pressure related to work. One of the most important things you can do for your child is give them the space they need to grow, and to give them a break when they need it so that their minds are open to learning (without too much focus on getting a good grade). By keeping "homework time" a safe space, you're giving your child the most important tools they need for success — support and care.

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Coach Carolyn Rethwisch had this to say, "For the first time, our Title 1 school, will have just as many girls competing as boys. That is HUGE for STEM education. Just seeing the enthusiasm from our kids, the willingness to practice 12-15 hours a week, and raise close to \$10,000 to once again fly in the Space Shuttle Atlantis Simulator is exciting! These kids are world-changers and I couldn't be any prouder of their accomplishments."

Ten IOH Astronaut Club members showcased their talents at the Isle of Hope Music and Art Festival and will present at the Georgia State Technology Conference in Atlanta, GA. on November 8-9th. The Keynote Speaker is former astronaut, Leeland Melvin.

"The doors opening up for our students because of the competition is unbelievable," states Rethwisch. "Once again, our Fiddlernauts are proving worthy of our belief in them and stepping up to the challenges. They will continue working hard to prove they can compete against larger schools with actual simulators. Our kids use make-shift panels and donated computers, but they get the job done. They have passion and grit. They believe the astronaut motto that 'Failure is not


an Option.' For them, it is not. They will continue to compete their hearts out. What more could a coach ask for?"

Information about the Challenge can be found at studentastronautchallenge.com.

The Student Astronaut Challenge is an open, non-profit event that is dedicated to providing schools with the ability to foster interest in science, technology, en-

gineering and mathematics. This contest promotes creativity, teamwork, the understanding and application of STEM subjects, and the sharing of ideas.

Thanks to Carolyn Rethwisch for contributing this information to the Isle of Hope News. If you have questions on how you can help or donate, please email her at Carolyn.Rethwisch@sccpss.com.



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The Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity ReStore is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Donations can be dropped off at the ReStore during business hours or donors can schedule a pick up by calling the donation hotline at 912-661-3137.

Volunteers are always welcome to help price items, stock shelves and ensure that customers have a safe and enjoyable shopping experience. Volunteers can visit our website – www.habitatsavannah.org and click on the volunteer tab to view and sign up for available volunteer slots at our

ReStore and construction sites.

You can find more information about the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity by:

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Last year the youth group was able to travel to Hinton, NC where they helped two families in need with various projects from home repairs, to gardening and

more. This year we have already been able to

assist those in need of help through labor on Tybee Island with Hurricane Irma clean-up efforts!

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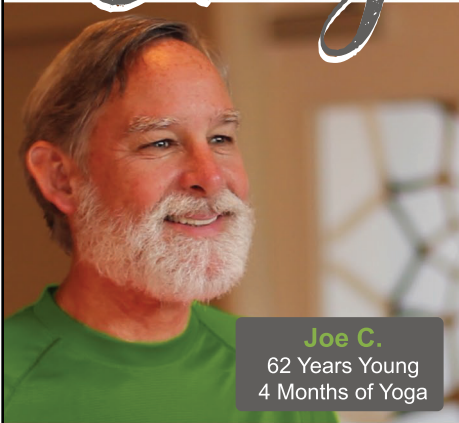
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