



The Tusker Tribune

143



SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Issue Number 5

<https://www.somersschools.org/Page/11489>

Fall 2022



New Music Hoodie Sings Out With 8th Grader's Logo



By Julia Klein

Tusker Tribune Staff

Editor's Note: The SMS Music Department is selling hoodies as a fundraiser. 8th Grader Julia Klein submitted the winning design for the hoodie. She talks about how she came up with the concept.

I actually don't have any design experience but designing this sweatshirt was really great because I always wondered if Mrs. Malara made the designs. But I found out that it was students who made the designs, and that was cool.

The way I came up with the design logo actually took a while because the sweatshirt didn't say "SMS Band". It said, "SMS Music Department" and that took a lot of time for me to come up with something musical but not too "bandy."

At first, I was thinking about something like headphones or a radio, because both of those things can play music and it can be any type of

music that you like.

I also had to make sure that it would be a sweatshirt that I would wear, and I had to think if other people would want to wear it, too.

I included a record in my design because when I was younger, and I didn't have a phone, my

dad would play classic rock songs on his records. I've been listening to bands like "The Beatles" and "Queen" for a long time.

I found out my design was the winning design on October 24, and while I didn't get a prize for winning, it's still pretty cool that I won. I honestly was not expecting to win.

I have never made any designs for any other items. However, I've always been creative. I love to do all kinds of art like painting and drawing.

My most recent art piece is a diamond painting of colorful horses. In band, I play the clarinet and I've been playing for around five years. I really am so shocked that I won and I like how the design came out.

You can order a hoodie by clicking on this link:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/smsmusic?utm_campaign=desktop-post-launch-v3&utm_content=smsmusic&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link



Reporters/Contributors

Julia Klein

Victoria McGee

Smera Thekkenmer

Ava Schmidberger

The Tusker Tribune is the online Somers Middle School Student Newspaper. It is published weekly (except during school vacations) on the Somers Middle School Website. It is entirely student-written by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from:

Somers Middle School

250 Route 202

Somers, NY, USA.

Any SMS student is eligible to write stories. If interested, please e-mail Advisor Dean Pappas at:

DPappas@somersschools.org.

Tusker Tribune Website:

<https://www.somersschools.org/Page/11489>

Your Authoritative Guide to Halloween Candy



**By Victoria McGee
Tusker Tribune Staff**

My friends took a quiz on which candy they like most! Here's a list of responses I got!

- Twix
- Lollipops
- Gummy clusters
- Skittles
- Kit Kat
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Snickers
- Sour worms
- M&M's
- Reese's Peanut Butter Pieces

Which do people think is better? Chocolate or Candy?

Six people in my poll voted "chocolate" while four people voted "candy"!

What are the most popular candies?

I gathered information from USATO-DAY.COM and these are the top 10 most popular candies in the USA:

1. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
2. Skittles
3. M&M's
4. Starburst
5. Hot Tamales
6. Sour Patch Kids



7. Hershey Kisses
8. Snickers
9. Tootsie Pops
10. Candy corn

Did you know Toblerone is a Swiss chocolate bar made with honey and almond nougat? Created in **1908** by Theodor Tobler, Toblerone is now available around the world and is instantly recognized thanks to its unique chocolate peak shape and unmistakable packs.

There are so many good candies that are still here today! This is a friendly reminder that do what you want and never give up!

Happy Halloween!

Optimism and Hope are Foundations of Diwali



**By Smera Thekkenmer
Tusker Tribune Staff**

This week, on Monday, October 24th, around 1 billion people around the world celebrated the Festival of Lights known as Diwali.

The word 'Diwali' comes from the Sanskrit word "Deepavali" meaning "rows of lighted lamps." Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists across the world. It is a festival of new beginnings and is about the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

Diwali falls between October and November of each year. This year it was from Oct 22nd to Oct 26th.



This festival lasts five days with the third day being the most important day of the festival, on which rituals/Pujas

take place.

Lamps, lanterns, and lights are strung on houses and along streets signifying the victory of light over darkness. Homes are cleaned and floors are covered with "rangoli"—decorations made on the floor or the entrances of homes—consisting of designs made of colored rice, sand, or flower petals. Rangoli is an ancient Indian folk art.



Diwali is also a time for visiting loved ones, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, helping the poor, and setting off celebratory fireworks (like a new year). Adults play card games for good luck in the coming year too.

In essence, the spirit of Diwali is about love, peace, new beginnings, positivity, and hope for a better year.

SMS



Week!

Spirit



*Photos by
Ava Schmidberger*

