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one hour Sunday!

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JOIN THE SMS MATH CLUB!



**By Derek Sheldon
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This year at Somers Middle School, the SMS Math Club will be offering fun math-based activities for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 10 in room 246. Everyone is welcome!

Activities that will take place during the club include math games, riddles, and critical-thinking-based math puzzles. So, if math is for you, then math away with the SMS Math Club!

Q and A:

On what days does the Math Club meet? The SMS Math Club meets

mostly on Thursdays, with occasional exceptions. After the 10th, the next meeting will be on either November 16 or 17 (Mrs. Olinto will send out a message in Schoology to confirm the date).

What grade level is the math club best suited for? How difficult will the math problems be?

The skills and concepts that the SMS Math Club will focus on are geared towards grade 6 and up, but all activities are tailored to participants.

Can I bring my own math problems or puzzles?

Yes! The SMS Math Club will be happy to accept any math-related problems, puzzles, or riddles that participants bring in.

6th Grade Pep Rally!



*A three-legged
race, musical
chairs and a
pie eating
contest made
for a terrific
6th Grade
Pep Rally on
Friday,
October 28!
Photos by Mr.
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The Yankees Have a Proud History



By Ava Schmidberger
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The New York Yankees are a Major League Baseball team who had a very successful season this year, taking the American League East title and a regular season record of 99-0-63. Have you ever been to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx? If not, you should visit it and take in some of the Yankees' colorful history.

What is the Yankee's history?

The Yankees were founded in 1903 when Frank Farrell and Bill Devery purchased the franchise rights to the outdated Baltimore Orioles (no relation to the current team of the same name). They were known as the New York Highlanders.

However, in 1913, the team was renamed the New York Yankees. On January 3rd, 1920, the Yankees got one of their first star players, Babe Ruth!

Here are some random Yankees facts:

- The Yankees have won 27 World Series from 1903-2022.
- There are a total of 22 different retired numbers on the Yankees. #42 and #8 have both been retired twice.
- The Yankees have an estimated value of \$6,000,000,000!
- The overall win-loss record is 10,503-7,937. The Yankees rival team is the Boston Red Sox.
- The Yankees have over 6 popular nicknames!
- 24 Yankee players are in the Hall of Fame

Stadiums over the Years (In Order)

- Hilltop Park
- Polo Grounds
- Yankee Stadium (#1)
- Shea Stadium
- Yankee Stadium (#1)
- Yankee Stadium (#2)



7th/8th Social is a Great Way to Bond With Friends



By Kaya Duzynski
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The 7th Grade Social was a total success.

Everyone was playing games and eating ice cream. Two favorite games were box ball and volleyball. A seventh grader told me the music was amusing and she loved the ice cream.



I really liked volleyball because everybody got together to play a nice game.

Another game that looked fun, but I did not play, was spike ball. Everyone who was playing looked like they were

enjoying it.

The social was an awesome way for the whole grade to get together, hang out and make new friends; my relationships have grown stronger because of this social. I think we should have a social more than twice a year, but it should be in the gym. I feel like that would be a lot of fun!

One thing we need to improve is the ice cream line. We can't just bunch in the front and push other people to get ice cream faster. Everyone will get it at some point.

Thank you for reading my story!



Le chien et le poupee- FRANCAIS!!!



By Ruby McDowell
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Il y a un chien. Le chien est tres beau. Le chien s'appelle Louis. Louis est tres gentil. Il aime lui personne. Le personne de louis s'appelle Marie. Marie n'est pas belle. Elle a un poupee. Le poupee n'a pas les yeux. Le chien a tres peur de le poupee.

Un jour, le chien joue avec Marie. Marie tombe sur la terre. Et, le poupee dit "Non. Tu es tres mechant. Marie est mon personne." Le chien est perdu.

"Quoi?" Le chien dit.

"Je m'appelle Katrin, et Marie est mon personne" Le poupee dit. "Tu es mechant. ALLEZ!"

Le poupee n'aime pas Louis.

LE FIN



Note: English translation will be out next week. However, the pictures MAY give you a clue!!!!

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October STARs



Katherine
Dugmore
Grade 6



Adrian
Allegretti
Grade 6



Shaelyn
Mullins
Grade 6



Anthony
Occino
Grade 6



Raymond
Aslani
Grade 7



Sam
Dwyer
Grade 8

A Cliff Hanger Story About . . . A Cliff (Part 1)



By Natalie Snyder
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Editor's Note: This story is being told in two parts. Part two will appear next week.

My best friend Sam, and I, are always getting into trouble. Hi, my name is Lea, and this is the story of how I lost my best friend.

It was a sunny morning. RIIINNGGG! goes my alarm.

"Lea wake up! You must get to school." That is my mom. My dad passed away when I was three. My mom got remarried to my stepmom, Linsey. Ok back to the story.

"OK, I am coming," I yelled down. I did not mean it one bit. All I wanted to do was lie in my bed for a day, but I knew that was never going to happen, so I put all my strength together and got up. I groaned as I walked down the stairs.

"I made waffles!" my mom shouted excitedly.

"Cool," I said, half asleep. Then Linsey came down. She looked half dead, too. I laughed.

"Tara, why do you have to be a morning person?" she yawned.

"I know!" I yelled. When I was done with my waffles, I ran upstairs. I had to get ready. I put on my oversized LA shirt and my ripped jean shorts. I put my platinum blonde hair in French braids. I got my homework and skated on my black and white checkered skateboard to school. I'm in the 11th grade. I meet Sam in the parking lot.

"Hi," I said.

"Hey," he answered. It was six in the morning. We walked into school. When I walked in, I felt a chill up my back. I shivered, but I just shook

it off. I had to go to math anyway with Mr. Langer.

For the rest of the day, I could not focus. All I could think about was that chill like it was going to haunt me forever. It was the end of the day. I was in ELA in room 102F. I will tell you we were all waiting for the- RINGGG!!!! Yes, the bell! We all ran out of the classroom.

Sam's locker is next to mine.

"Hi," I said as Sam struggled to get his locker open. "

"So," he said.

"What?" I replied.

"Do you want to cause some trouble?" he asked.

"Maybe," I answered suspiciously.

"OK. How does climbing the northland cliff sound?" he asked. I know it is a bad idea, but we have wanted to do that since we were babies.

"OK," I answered. Boom.

The next thing I knew, it was the next day already. I got my forest green Pacson tank top on and my baby blue shorts. I also decided today I would keep my

hair down.

I headed down the stairs. "Bye, mom!" I said in a rush.

"Bye honey. Don't get into trouble," she yelled as I slammed the door. I meet Sam at the skate park. It was 5 AM.

"You're ready," he said.

"As ready as I could ever be," I answered back. Did I forget to tell you that the northland cliff is the tallest, most dangerous cliff in the whole city?

As we approached the cliff, we jumped over the "Do Not Enter" sign and started climbing. My foot slipped. I did not have a harness and I fell...

To be continued.



Useful Keyboard Shortcuts



By Derek Sheldon
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As the world becomes more technologically advanced, people from all over the globe are using computers more and more. For this reason, it is important to know all of the tips and tricks that can be utilized on a computer.

I have included the shortcuts that I think are most useful and interesting in this article (although you will likely not need the ones in the last section). All keyboard shortcuts that are in this article have been tested on a school tablet and a Windows computer, so they will likely work on both devices. The shortcuts have been grouped into three categories: Simple Shortcuts, Marvelous Shortcuts, and Evil Shortcuts. So, without further ado, here they are:



Simple Shortcuts

THESE SIMPLE SHORTCUTS ARE BASIC, BUT SURPRISINGLY USEFUL.

- Ctrl + C: Copies highlighted text to the clipboard.
- Ctrl + O: Opens the file menu.
- Ctrl + P: Prints the current Word document.
- Ctrl + V: Pastes text and/or media from the clipboard.
- Ctrl + X: Cuts highlighted text.

Marvelous Shortcuts

ALTHOUGH THESE KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS MAY SEEM SIMPLE, THEY ARE TRUE GAME CHANGERS.

- Ctrl + A: Highlights all text.
- Ctrl + D: Bookmarks your current tab.
- Ctrl + Y: Re-does the last undo (see Ctrl + Z).
- Ctrl + Z: Un-does your last action.
- Ctrl + Shift + T: Restores the last tab in your browser that has been closed.

Evil Shortcuts

- Ctrl + A THEN Backspace: Deletes all text.
- Ctrl + H THEN Space THEN Tab THEN Tab THEN {Random Characters} Tab THEN Tab THEN Enter: Replaces all spaces in the current Word document with random characters.

Who Says 8th Graders Can't Write a Novel?



By Anna Huber
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As we put Halloween and the month of October behind us, we enter the start of November. With the start of November comes the start of *NaNoWriMo*. Let's talk about it.

NaNoWriMo happens from November 1st to November 30th. *NaNoWriMo* stands for "National Novel Writing Month". The whole point of *NaNoWriMo* is to write a novel. This month is an approach to creative writing and is a great way to encourage young authors to write! First, you set a goal for your word count. Some people have goals from 10,000 to 25,000 words or more! Throughout the month, you will write your novel, working your way toward your goal. Now that you know about *NaNoWriMo*, let's go over some tips and tricks for writing your novel.

Find books you enjoy

By finding books you enjoy, you can get an idea of what topics/themes you want to write about. Of course, do not copy the whole plot of a book you like. Rather, you

should find a scene or character that you enjoy in that book. From there, see why you enjoy that character/scene. Finally, find how to incorporate



those characteristics of a character or scene you like into your novel. For example, you enjoy a protagonist in a book. You find that you like their sense of humor. Try adding that kind of sense of humor into your book/ novel.

Use Freytag's pyramid

By using this method, you will have the plot of your book planned out. You don't want to directly follow the pyramid, otherwise, you might find your story too structured. However, this is a great way to organize your story if you are a planner.

Plan out the scenes of your book

By planning out your scenes, you will have a good sense of what you want to write.

Think about your characters' personalities

Plan out how you want to write out your characters! Think, do you want the protagonist to be strong or wise (or both)? Do you want your antagonist to be mean yet funny? Write out how you want your character to act and add these personality traits by using dialogue, thoughts, and expressions to show their personality

Find a place where you enjoy writing

When you find a place where you enjoy writing, you will have the motivation to write. Whether it's in the comfort of your couch or at a desk in your classroom, find that place that gets you to write!

Keep writing and don't look back

As difficult as it is to keep writing as you spot that red underline under a poorly spelled word, don't turn back! Keep writing! You can always revise and edit after you finished writing your book. So, there you have it! Now you know a little about *NaNoWriMo* and some tips and tricks for writing your novel!