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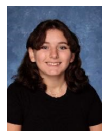
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SMS Wears Orange to Protest Gun Violence



By Lauren Crispino
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Editor's Note: the "wear orange" day this week was specifically in support of Virginia public school teacher Abigail Zwerner, who was shot and wounded in her classroom by her six year old student.

On Wednesday this week, our fellow teachers and staff at SMS decided to wear orange in support of gun violence prevention, specifically in schools.

With school shootings happening one too many times, most recently in Virginia, where a six year old student shot his teacher, it can be a scary time for all of us. A lot of times kids will feel unsafe in schools because of how much we see it in the media, and lockdown drills even add onto that extreme stress.

So, to help kids feel safer in school, all teachers wore orange. Why orange, you may ask? Well as said by the "Parents.com" website, "The color orange was chosen because it is bright and powerful and carries a simple message: 'don't shoot'."

Some may associate it with traffic cones, or police crossing signs because they get your attention. That's the same reason why it is used for gun violence. The teachers hope to help the kids of SMS feel safe and protected in the school!

SMS 'Pathways' Yearbook Earns Top Award!



By Arianna Scully, Britton Bassi, and Shealyn Mullins
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Today, Arianna Scully, Britton Bassi, and Shealyn Mullins interviewed Ms. Astrologo about her yearbook award.

The Yearbook Club received an award from their yearbook publisher, HerffJones. The award says, "Congratulations Somers Middle School, for your inclusion in portfolio for 'The Best of Herff Jones Volume 27' saluting outstanding student-produced work in 2021 yearbooks. —Herff Jones."

The yearbook that was recognized is the 2021 volume and it was considered "The Best of Herff Jones top 10%." It won in both design and theme.

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NaNoWriMo Leads

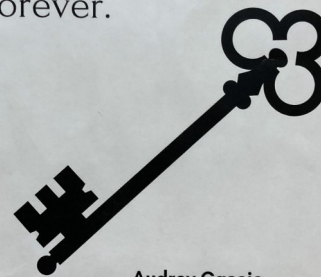
The Tusker Tribune will publish different NaNoWriMo "leads" from this year's 8th graders over the next couple of months. You can see these leads posted in the hallways in the 8th grade wing and on the main floor of the school.

"He grabs onto me tightly, making me discover the stinging ache in my neck and the throbbing pain in my ribs."

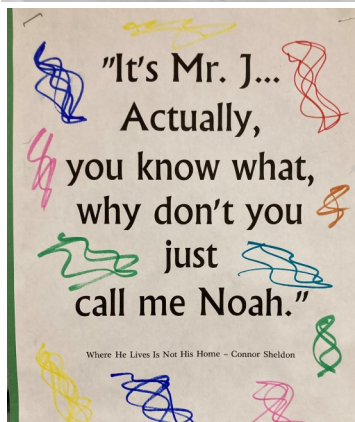
-Anonymous by Daniel Semenza

THIS WAS OUR PACT 2

I Can't Be Dishonest Forever.



Audrey Cascio



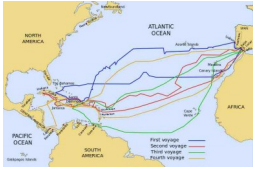
Christopher Columbus's Journey to a New World



By Jack Loscher
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Editor's Note: This is a new addition to the Tusker Tribune, where Staff Writer Jack Loscher will explore various random topics.

Who was Christopher Columbus, you ask? I can tell you. You know the name, but do you know the story?

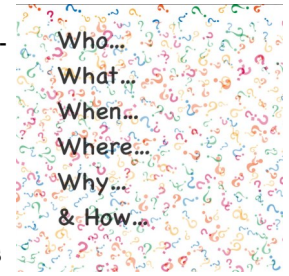


It all started in 1451. A child was born in Genoa, Italy. In his teen years, Columbus worked on a merchant ship, which took people and cargo. The ship traveled all around the coasts of Europe and Africa. On one of his journeys, danger lurked in the water. They were attacked on the Portuguese coast, when suddenly, the ship sank. Luckily, Columbus made it to shore.

Columbus first set out just to find a new route to India, China, Japan, and the spice islands.

Later in life, Columbus got into map making and navigation. After a while, he produced a new route across the Atlantic Ocean with what he had learned. Columbus wanted to see if it was possible to sail across the new route he had created.

The only problem was a journey that big would cost a whole lot of money. So, Columbus produced an idea. He told his idea to a bunch of wealthy and important people; he had asked them to pay for his trip. It took seven years, but finally the king and queen of Spain agreed to give him the money. With that money, he bought supplies, a crew and three new ships: The Nina, the Pinta, and The Santa Maria. Finally, in 1492, Columbus took off on a journey. Little did anyone know that one journey would discover a whole new land.



Yearbook From page 1

Our Yearbook Club was issued an announcement banner, a certificate, and a copy of Volume 27—Best of Heff Jones Portfolio book.

Mrs. Astrologo is hoping to have the award displayed in the main lobby. We asked her, "How did your club come up with the yearbook design?"

She responded by saying, "We felt that was important to document how children were in 2021 during COVID 19, how students were 'Zooming' for class and how they were required to wear masks if they came to class.

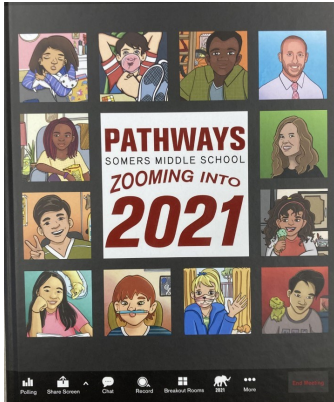
We also asked her whether the students on the cover had any connection to the students in the school.

She said, "No, but Mrs. Mangone and Mr. Getman were cartooned on the cover, which is supposed to show one big Zoom meeting."

We asked where she got the photos for the year book.

She said, "Year book staffers (staff photographers) sign out digital cameras and have to make sure any students who were in a photo had to be wearing a mask, and photographers also had to make sure students were allowed to have their photo taken."

We congratulated her and concluded our interview



How to Study for a Test: Part 3



By Anna Huber
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Yeah, January is probably the worst month of the entire year. Unfortunately, with January comes loads of homework and tests. However, there are quite a few ways to combat these tasks.

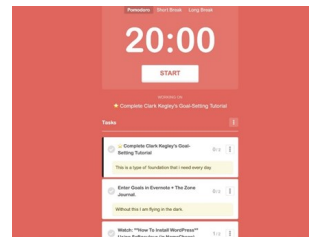
In the last two stories, we talked about different tips, tricks, and methods to use to prepare for any upcoming assessment. This time, in part 3, we will talk about different websites to use for upcoming assessments or just to get homework done. Some of these websites were recommended to me by my friend, Ashima Ojha, so credit to her!

Pomofocus.io

Pomofocus.io is a free online tool to use for practically any task, which includes homework as well as studying. Once you enter the website, a giant timer will appear in this box. Above the timer are the options of a "short break" and a "long break." You add tasks at the bottom of the timer to manage your time! I recommend this website to anyone who feels as though they need to improve on time

management or anyone who just wants to get their homework done! Check the website out!

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Giants Face Eagles on Their Home Turf Tomorrow!



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This weekend, the New York Giants will play the Philadelphia Eagles in a big matchup in the Divisional Playoffs but let's take a look into how they made it.

In 2011, the New York Giants won their 4th Super Bowl to date. After that, they went from a dominant 9—7 season to a 3-13 season, so bad that Giants' fans became Bills fans since the Giants were going into their downfall.

But in 2016, they made and lost the wild card round, and the Giants were so bad. This year, they won their kickoff game in the regular season, which they normally lose. A month later, they beat Green Bay 27-22 in London in a thrilling matchup.

In week 17, they qualified to the playoffs



unexpectedly. I thought the Giants would get demolished by the Vikings, who were a dominant team. Shockingly, the Giants won against the Vikings in a competitive game. This is, in my opinion, the best Giants' team since the Manning era.

The Giants will now play the Eagles in the divisional round at 8:00 PM Saturday on FOX on TV and WFAN 101.9FM and 660AM in English and WADO 1280 in Spanish on the radio.

Other games this weekend are at 4:00 PM Saturday on NBC—Jaguars vs Chiefs, 3:00 PM Sunday on CBS—the Bills vs Bengals, and 6:00 PM Sunday on FOX—Cowboys vs 49ers. These are big games this weekend which are amazing.

If the Giants win the Divisional Playoff, they are one step closer to the Super Bowl. Even if you like the Jets, cheer on the Giants! Let's go Giants!

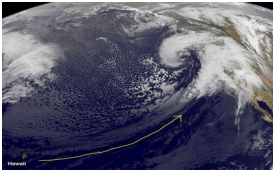
'Bomb Cyclone' Hammers California



By Cooper Hewitt
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The bomb cyclone in California is a big threat to the many people who live there.

At midnight January 19, 2023, California takes a two-week break that is much needed for its residents to prepare. The past week, people in California have been exposed to a bomb cyclone, which is



kind of like a hurricane.

A bomb cyclone is a storm that brings lots of wind and rain, just like hurricanes. The storm has been going for nine days and it's only now that the battered state is getting a break. We all hope these people get past this and make it out okay because these storms are no joke.

California will make it out but we can't ignore the hazards of these storms.



Studying From Page 2

StudyStack

Study Sstack, like Pomofocus, is a free online tool. However, Study Stack is a website used for studying. First, you must create a new study stack. From there, you name the stack, and the side labels you want.

Study labels are things such as "term, definition", "question, answer", etc. From there save your changes and click "data". Once you're here, you can edit your answers and questions. After you are done with this, you can use the studying options such as flashcards, matching, type-in, quiz, etc.

There are also options such as studying games called "snowman" (a less grim version of hangman) and hungry bug, a game like Google's snake game, which allows players to immerse themselves in studying materials. Check this website out; you won't regret it!

Notion.so

You can use this website anywhere at any time. Use it for school or your home life! This app allows you to organize your thoughts into neat categories. With this app, you can

prioritize with a task list, prepare, and take notes for an upcoming project, or even plan out your personal life with yearly goals. It took me a bit to understand the ins and outs of this app, but once you comprehend it, you will be using this website like crazy!

Finally, don't limit yourself to just one website! There are so many other websites that weren't listed here like Forest or Evernote. Explore different options that work for you! Thank you for reading!

