



The Tusker Tribune



SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Issue Number 2

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

Fall 2021

Flashback to September (Just a week or so ago!)



By Akousa Adobea-Wiredu
Tusker Tribune Staff

Hey y'all! It's Akosua! I wouldn't say "it's Akosua once again" cuz it's my first time writing here.

Well, I'll start ranting about the start of the school year *lol*. The last day I stepped foot into an actual school, apart from this school, was March 23rd, 2020. It was at my old school in the Bronx, and I had detention that day. That's funny because I never went back to that school *lol*.

But anyways, when I think about that day and where I am now, it's literally so unbelievable. Like dang, I moved, I'm in my last year of middle school, and I'm a teen now. It's been about 3-4 weeks now in this new school and what I can say is that it's so different from my old school. It's really a big adjustment, you know, like with the schedules and being post-quarantine and all.

Would you ever think you'd have to wear a mask back in 2019? Definitely not. But look at us now. Ima be honest, I never thought I would have different classes at different times every day. Like I'm just used to being in the same class, same time, and all of that.

But it's fun being able to move around the school like that *lol*. Thank God it's not new just for me because I wouldn't want to be standing in the middle of the hallway by myself like 'oh so where am I?' *lol*.

ANYWAYS. Let's just applaud ourselves for literally almost getting through our first month of school. So proud of us. *cries*

Bye!!



Halloween Trick or Treating Tips!



By Xavier Tejeda
Tusker Tribune Staff

HELLO!

It is finally Friday, and a lot has happened. Like it being the first week of October and we all are happy for the spooky season.

I do not know about you guys, but I was decorating my house this past weekend and I put my sweat and tears into the decorations, so it came out perfect!

Anyway, it's finally fall and the trees are turning yellow and orange, the decorations around the town and neighbor hoods are being set up, the smell of pumpkins and candles fill the air, and we are all excited to trick and treat, carve pumpkins, and pick apples.

If you are going trick or treating, here are some tips to stay safe during Halloween.



- First, do not go trick or treat yourself!
- Two: do not take anything if it did not come in a package.
- Three: always make sure your candy is not tampered with.
- Four: do not talk to strangers.
- Five: leave the black cats alone. I know it might seem funny, but it is not. You are hurting a living animal.



- Six: do not be out till 11 pm.
- Seven: do not take the whole bucket of candy when it only says "take two".
- Eight: do not steal candy from your younger sibling I hate when my brother did that to me.
- Nine: be nice to other people. For example, if you see a kid drop all his candy, do not go rushing in and steal it. Help them and put it back in their bag.
- Finally, 10: have a cool costume.

Those are all my tips. I hope you guys have fun.

Fighting Racism: It's Up to You



By Anya Khurana
Tusker Tribune Staff

Racism. It's a curious word. Depending on who you are, it can mean different things, but the official definition of

racism is "Prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their membership in a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized."

In other words, racism is when a certain person, or group of people discriminate and bully a different group of people, just because of the color of their skin.

Racism can happen for many different reasons but the main reason that it happens in our world is because some people think that a racial group is inferior to their own. This, of course, is not the case because race is just a color and it doesn't define who we are, but some people still think that race is all that there is to a person.

Unfortunately, this creates a feeling of fear and sadness throughout the entire world. Even throughout our history, racism has been present. From the late 19th century into the 1950's, there was a period of segregation in America. This time period was when black people were discriminated against, and they were thought as inferior to other

racial groups. This caused black people not being able to eat in the same restaurants, go to the same school, or even swim in the same pool as other racial groups.

Gladly, in today's world, segregation in

America no longer exists, but that doesn't mean that racism doesn't. Throughout the entire world, people still use racial slurs and discriminate against racial groups. So, the real question is, how do we stop it? Well, there are many ways that you can contribute to stopping racism. For example, you could join the Black Lives Matter group. The Black Lives Matter group, sometimes known as BLM, is a worldwide group that has come together to stop racism

against black people. They participate in protests and spread awareness about the racism that black people face.

Another way you can contribute to stopping racism is by joining the No Place for Hate Club right here at SMS. This club focuses on reducing all kinds of hate that happening here at SMS, racism included! Without racism, countless people would feel much safer and happier in our world.

So, it's up to you to decide, do you want to be a part of tackling racism and making our world a better place?



Somers Lions Carnival is Back!



By Eve Clark
Tusker Tribune Staff

Happy Fall! It's time for the carnivals to start and conveniently, the Somers Lions Carnival will take place through October 11 at Fireman's Field.

The carnival will include an array of rides like, Starship 2000 (which is the most popular.)

There are also multiple games and food stands. You might even win a fish.

Carnivals are so fun; I like the food the best. The Somers Lions Carnival has the greatest games and the best prizes! There is also a Ferris wheel. I'm scared of heights, but I would try it out. And, of course, there's no better view then from the top of a Ferris wheel!

All the money from the carnival goes to the Somers Lions Club which is a charitable foundation that helps Local families in need, local service charities, veterans, youth development and weight loss and diabetes. I hope you decide to come and support our town. Be safe and have fun!



**SAVE \$2.00 OFF COUPON * SAVE
SOMERS LIONS CLUB**

**CARNIVAL
FIREMEN'S FIELD
RT. 202 - SOMERS, NY
OCT. 6 thru 11, 2021**

Present this \$2.00 OFF coupon and \$28 to ride ticket box and receive (1) wristband good for unlimited rides

GOOD WED., THUR. OR MON. ONLY
ONE COUPON PER PERSON
GOOD FOR ONE WRISTBAND SESSION
weather permitting * no refunds
RIDES - GAMES - FOOD - FUN

**SAVE \$2.00 OFF COUPON * SAVE
ALL STAR MIDWAY (516) 241-9700**



A Rose for Emily



By Isabella Noble
Tusker Tribune Staff

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Emily. She was a kind girl.

Emily was in her first year of highschool. She had nice friends and lived in a nice neighborhood. She had the perfect life—she had everything.

One day, she opened her locker and there was a note that said, “A rose for Emily”, and there was a rose as well.



Emily was very weirded out, but she threw out the rose and the note, and went along with the day.

The next day, she opened her locker and there was another note. It said, “Why did you throw out the rose and the note?”

She was very weirded out again, but Emily had this feeling that someone or something was watching her.

When she went home after school, she heard a knock on her door. Emily was confused because her parents weren't home. They had gone out to a school play for one of Emily's younger sisters.

The door creaked opened and then she screamed. When her parents got home they could not find Emily anywhere, but they saw a note that said, “A rose for Emily”

EMPTY



By Emely Cordero
Tusker Tribune Staff

Hands come up suffocating you . . .
That's what I feel now.

It feels like heavy wet snow falling on me with nothing to protect me from the cold;
being on a deserted street with no end;
no left or right turn.
I feel empty inside,
like a withering white rose.

As I bottled up my feelings, all my anger, sadness, and emptiness.

I want to be the person I was before.

But I can't escape the black void pulling me in.

I want to tell someone, but I cannot.

I'd feel like a burden to them.

I feel like I have tuned into someone I am not;
I am a monster.

No, I'm an outsider.

Scurrying to my room to isolate myself from others.

So that my feelings can go on a non-stop rollercoaster,
Of emotions.



UNITY DAY

OCT 20, 2021

WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE TO PREVENT BULLYING AND PROMOTE

kindness
acceptance
inclusion

#UNITYDAY2021
PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY

Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center since 2011

Reporters/Contributors
Akosua Adobea-Wiredu
Eve Clark
Emely Cordero
Anya Khurana
Isabella Noble
Zavier Tejada

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.

Website:

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