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My View of Going to The Renegades



By Alex Torsiello
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We were going to the ball game. The game was far away so we had to wait a while for the busses to take us there.

I was lazy and sat down at the back of Bus 5 while we set off for the ball game. The bus ride lasted until late morning.

As soon as we got to the stadium, which was large and made mostly of wood, there were hundreds of other schools going to the ball game as well.

Concerningly, most of the other kids were small children. As I walked up to the stadium the sky was cloudy and was cool. I was also wearing a hat to keep the sun off my hair. As soon as I crossed the threshold of the stadium ground, I was told to meet under an ad sign at 12:30pm to check in.

After that, I sat down on a high seat with a good view of the entire game. One problem was the cloud cover was moving away from the stadium and the sun was glaring down on the metal seats, turning them into a complete furnace. It was so hot I was forced to stand up after only 20 minutes after sitting down and I had to walk around for the rest of the game.

It was only 11:50 a.m. The young elementary kids weren't helping either. The game makers kept having them make a lot of noise which was super annoying, and they kept putting on music for them. Some of the songs were actual hits, some most of them weren't. They even played "Baby Shark" once around

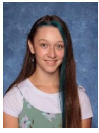
12:10.

I generally considered knocking myself asleep when it was playing.

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Without Pollinators, We WOULD NOT EXIST



**By Alexa Stupplebeen
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Have you noticed a decrease in the number of pollinators, such as bees and butterflies you've seen around in the past couple years? This is because over 40 percent of honeybees aren't surviving through the winter.

Many species of bees have shown huge drops in population. The American bumble bee has exhibited a population decrease of 90 percent and is now a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Pollinator populations are in danger and we need to protect them; they are key to our everyday lives. If pollinators went extinct, all of Earth's ecosystems would crumble and the human race would go extinct as well. This is because over 80 percent of flowering plants require pollination. Plants are at the bottom of the food chain consumed by animals. If plants weren't pollinated, they would not reproduce and would no longer exist, resulting



in all species feeding on those plants eventually dying. This makes pollinators vital to the ecosystem since so many organisms need them for survival.

How can you help pollinators? Even a small action can make a meaningful impact. Create small pollinator gardens with plants that attract pollinators. Build bee hotels or butterfly houses to provide safe spaces for them to rest. Eliminate the use of harsh chemicals in your garden and yard by switching to natural turf builders and fertilizers. Or stop using chemicals in your garden altogether and convert a portion of your yard to a native wildflower garden.

In any case, be sure to check the ingredients on the products used in your yard to make sure they don't contain ingredients harmful to pollinators.

We rely on pollinators for so much; help them out and try to give back. Pollinators are vital to the environment. For more information visit Pollinator.org.

Get Set for Quassy! June 14: 6th grade, June 16: 7th grade



**By Ava Schmidberger
Tusker Tribune Staff**

This year's 6th- and 7th-grade field trip is at Quassy—on June 14th for 6th grade, and June 16 for 7th grade.

What is Quassy? Quassy is a place that has rides, an arcade, and waterslides! There are multiple rides at Quassy.

- The frog hopper: this ride lifts 16 feet



- The Little Dipper: this ride is a thrilling small roller coaster for kids.
- The Big Flush Water Coaster: this ride is a two-person raft ride that plunges you into darkness. You will get

wet, but not soaked.

- The Wooden Warrior: this thrilling ride is fun



Quassy Amusement Park & Water Park
Middletown, CT



for everyone!

Quassy's waterpark may be small but it sure is fun! Here are some of the rides!

- The Tunnel Twisters: these 2 water slides are a fast thrill. Plunge into the darkness on red. Afraid of the dark? No problem! The yellow slide lets all the sunshine in!

- The Bullet Bowl: spin around in tons of water for a

- fun slide down!
- The Rapid Rockets Water Coaster, plunge down this slide with tons of drops, bangs, twists, and turns!

There are tons of rides not listed here but you can look at all of them at Quassy.com Have fun 6th and 7th grades!



These Memories Will Last Awhile



By Akosua Adobea-Wiredu
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Hi guys! I'm really gonna miss saying that when I no longer have to write for this newspaper.

Anyways enough about the sad stuff! Let's get into all the fun memories we've had in Somers. Well specifically for me, I've been here for just a year, but I still have tons of memories.

My first day of school where I made my first friends. The first social. My first CER (Dedicated to Mr. Panetta of course). My birthday in this school (I still have Mrs. Reynolds' birthday pencil). NaNoWriMo (I think the 8th graders genuinely loved

that unit because when we all achieved our writing goals, we all felt so good!) Trip to the

high school (One of my first in person trips ever since Covid).

Our rover car projects and fruit fly projects!

Our book clubs and human rights expo (once again, one of my favs). Going to watch that science experiment show in the auditorium.

Taking the ELA and math state tests (and to us, taking the Regents, FLACS, science written, and social studies essay—we got this!!!)

The baseball trip. Our other social. Joining different clubs (For me track and being able to participate in track meets). Spending Fridays at gym was such a nice version of a new WIN period. FLACS with Ms. Gueli was really unique. Getting passes to go to Ms. Gueli's room. Writing in these newspapers about short stories, weekly recaps, book recommendations, and poems.

Many, many more which will probably come to mind later however I have science homework (lol). Overall, one thing we can all say is that we've made a lot of memories at Somers Middle School. Cheers to that!



How 'STAR' Will You Go?



STAR: Reagan Ciccone.



STAR: Julianna DiScala



STAR: Alisa Asllani



STAR: James McLeod



STAR: Millie McCormack



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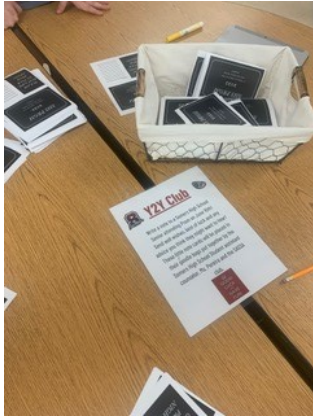
Y2Y Club Sends Good Wishes to SHS Prom Goers



By Eve Clark
Tusker Tribune Staff

On May 25th and May 26th the members of Y2Y club were in the cafeteria collecting notes, with well wishes and positive messages from 6th, 7th and 8th graders to go to the class of 2022.

These notes were being included in the Somers High School prom goodie bags provided by the SAASA (Student Athletes Against Substance Abuse) club. It was a great turnout and we wish the seniors a fun and safe prom night!



SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS...

BAND CONCERT 2022

JUNE 16 6TH GRADE BAND

7TH GRADE BAND **7 PM**

8TH GRADE BAND

JAZZ BAND

COME SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS AT THEIR FIRST CONCERT SINCE 2019!!!
...with special guest appearances you won't want to miss!

Renegades From page 1

Finally, the game was entering a later stage as the Renegades had caught up with their opposing team, after that team had gotten an early lead with a home run after a string of not scoring once for five brackets.

It was finally 12:30 and I went to the ad sign to get accounted for. After I had made a quick stop in the boy's bathroom, I got some food from the concession stand. I got a hotdog, a large, salted pretzel, and a bag of chips.

I had to give the notebook I was writing this down on. (I then copied it to a word document) to one of my chaperones, Mr. Pappas, and I had to sit down in the seats, which were hot after being in the sun for a whole hour.

The food was OK and as soon as I was done eating it, I took my notebook back. I walked around for a bit, and then decided to get some merchandise. However, I was getting scammed as one shirt cost over \$100. This caused me to get nothing. As the game neared its end, and the stadium slowed down, it was much quieter as the small kids had already left.

The game had ended and me and the rest of the 8th graders were leaving. I was given a team water bottles. I went back onto the bus, glad to finally be somewhere air conditioned and cooled. I fell asleep as we began the drive back to the school and woke up just before we got there. I didn't like the game as much as I would have, I think. It was just too hot and the little children were just to annoying.

