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Two Views on How to Survive the 7th Grade

Get Involved and Don't Irritate Your Teachers



By Joseph Melillo
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Many of the former 6th-grade students were dreading September 5th 2018. The day that school started again, the day that reintroduced homework to us and the day that had to wake up early to get to the bus.

So, how does one survive 7th grade after a short summer of rest and relaxation?

First, try not to be late to classes. This shows your teacher that you don't take getting to class on time seriously and you will be stuck with a teacher holding a grudge. The only thing worse than a teacher in a bad mood is a principal in a bad mood so don't get in trouble on the first day.

Secondly, eat breakfast, and pack a big enough lunch in the morning so you have something to eat during the day. If you skip breakfast you will be hungry during the day and you won't have energy for class and you will not pay atten-

tion and you will just stare at the clock all period.

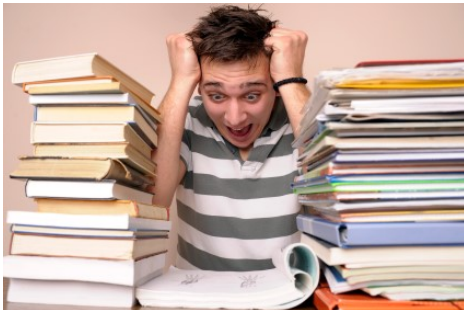
Also, don't deliberately get in trouble. That's just stupid, and as I said before, don't make your teachers or principal mad. Teachers usually have some patience on the first day of school but as the year goes on they are going to start to run out of it.

Furthermore, try to join clubs! If you have nothing to do after school, then a club is the perfect thing

for you! A lot of schools have many interesting clubs. Some of the clubs our school has are, Mr. Sav's Skiing club, Mr. Paulmeno's Intramurals, Mr. Pappas' Tusker Tribune and many more that can be found [here](#), along with the dates of the meetings.

Finally, last but not least, try not to be an introvert. If you have no friends you won't do well in partner work and you might be made fun of because you have no friends.

This, along with some effort on your part, is how you survive 7th grade. Good Luck!



Put Effort into Work and Find Your Way



By Reilly Pittman
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I just started 7th grade and my locker is one the top floor and most of my classes are on the middle floor. This is an issue for most 7th graders but I have found a way to get to class much faster.

Tip #1 – instead of having to go up and down the stairs just for your next class just carry the first half of the day's books with you for all periods. (I've done it and it keeps me from being late to class)

Tip #2 – carry your pencil case with you for all of your classes, so (a) you don't lose your pencils around the hall. And (b)

so that you can have them around if one breaks.

Tip #3 – this one helps out with your tests. Always check your work and think carefully.

Tip #4 – study your Spanish Italian or French vocab every night so you don't have to be nervous for a quiz.

Tip #5 – put an effort for all of your class work.

And that is all for how to survive 7th grade hope you can use them soon.



Safety Day Preps Kids on Lockdowns; Fire Drills



**By Ian Cohen
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When the bell to first period rang last Friday, everyone knew that it would be a different learning day.



Every period they went to would include a fire drill, and afterwards, teachers would show you where your safe spot would be in the classroom during a



lockdown.

Even though it was good not learning academics for a whole day, we still had to learn safety.

The fire bells went off 8 times Friday and they were loud. When the final fire bell went off, everyone was in relief because of no more bells and no more walking to the spot outside where everyone lines up. And last period I had Spanish and we had a good period because we learned some Spanish.

Safety day was better than a normal day of school but being home would be so much better. Also, drills are important, so you know what to do in case something really happens



Safety is Serious Business at SMS



**By Sofia Mancuso
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On September the 14th, Somers Middle school participated in "safety day" which is day to recognize lockdowns, fire plans, and what to do if you are in a potentially unsafe situation.

Somers Middle school is very serious when it comes to keeping its children, and teachers safe from any accidents. Drills were not to be taken a joke, and everyone was to remain silent in every period as the teachers took attendance. Why? Because in a real emergency if a child doesn't stay put or know what to do while



in a situation, real problems can occur. We hear about real emergencies in other schools, and children and teachers getting injuries. Even though the chances are very low, we must unite as a school to keep each other safe.

Here at SMS, safety is our number one priority and we don't mess around.

During the Safety Day, all the 8 periods went over the importance, and procedures of fires and lockdowns and how, and why they happen. Every teacher went over their escape plan for their classroom.

"If there wasn't a safety day, then how were we supposed to know what to do if there was a real emergency?" asks a Somers 7th grader.

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'All Rise!' The 'Judge' Returns



By **Jesse Manginelli**
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Judge is back! Aaron Judge, the Yankee stud, is back after a wrist injury that kept him out of the lineup since July 27.

On Tuesday, September 18 Judge was back in the starting batting order batting second behind leadoff hitter Andrew McCutchen. The first game Judge was back, the Yankees won 3-2 over their rivals, the Red Sox, in the 9th inning. Sadly, Judge went 0 – 4 in his return but did hit a fly ball to the warning track. Hopefully Judge will



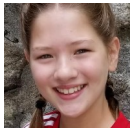
be back in the swing of things, so he can rock through October. Only time will tell.

The Yankees are in 2nd place in their division with a record of 92 – 58. They are first place in the Wildcard Standings. The Yankees and Yankee fans are happy to see him back because he helps the team so much.

Now the Yankees have a great lineup including McCutchen, Stanton, Sanchez, and of course, Judge. A recent statement from Judge says that he is completely ready to get back to playing right field and batting because of his healed wrist. Clearly Judge affects the whole team.

Let's go Yankees!

Tuskers Whip Huskers



By **Alison O'Connor**
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On 9/16/18 The Somers Stampeded girls' soccer team was playing against Yorktown. It was a tough battle on a hot day. There were more free kicks, and penalties than you can imagine.

The Yorktown parents were frustrated at everyone because Somers started fighting back.

Maggie Higgins got a free kick goal, because the other team headed into the goal. After Yorktown was mad they tried shooting so many times, but because of our goalie, none made it past her.

Then we got a goal and that's 2-0 for Somers. Yorktown started pushing hard, but Somers pushed back.

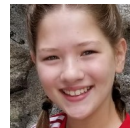
TWEEEEEEET! The game was over, and Somers won. Afterwards, our coach, Zorin Milojevic took them us for ice cream at King Cone.

On 9/17/18 most of us wore our jerseys to school to celebrate our win.

2-0 Somers Won!!!!!!



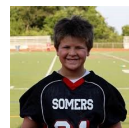
Join The Tusker Tribune!



By **Allison O'Connor**
Tusker Tribune Staff

Tusker Tribune (the newspaper club) is a cool club you get to write about different things. You're allowed to write about sports, clubs, movies, video games, etc. The Tuskers Tribune club advisor is Mr. Pappas. The club is in room 305. The club is held on Thursdays from 3:05-4:00.

The Simpson's Writers Are Geniuses!



By **Sam Sanz**
Tusker Tribune Staff
Seventeen years ago, in the Simpsons episode Bart To the Future, the writers predicted a certain man winning presi-



dent.

That "certain man" was Donald J. Trump our 45th president. They predicted the future. WOW! You might be thinking "Oh that was lucky! Lucky guess!"

Well that was not the only time. Eight years ago, the episode "Boy Meets Curl Homer and Marge Simpson Upset Sweden at the Olympics".

Nerd's Words

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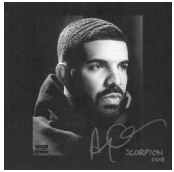


Music Report



By Noah Volkman and Sam Sanz Tusker Tribune Staff

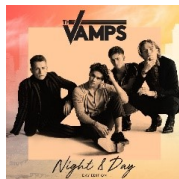
Over the summer while you were at camp, on vacation, or any other summer activities, you might turn on the radio or listen to your favorite Spotify playlist. In other words, summer jams are big part of summer. And since the *Tusker Tribune* does not run during summer vacation, I'll catch you up on some of the highlights of the summer. And trust me, there's a lot of them. Also, in the updated music reports, there will now be YouTube links to listen to the songs.



#1: Scorpion – Drake (Album)
Album Info:
Cover Art:
Title: Scorpion
Artist: Drake (with features from JAY-Z, Michael Jackson, Static Major and Ty Dolla \$ign)

Genre: Hip-Hop/Pop
Released on: June 29, 2018
Links:
Side A
[#2 Nonstop](#)
[#5 God's Plan](#)
Side B
[#4 Nice for What](#)
[#9 In My Feelings](#)
Sam's Rating: 8/10

#2: Night & Day (Day Edition) – The Vamps
Album Info:
Cover Art:
Title: Night & Day (Day Edition)
Artist: The Vamps (with features Machine Gun Kelly, Maggie Lindemann, Sabrina Carpenter and NI)
Genre: Pop/Dance



TI- Sam's Rating: 8/10

Released: July 13, 2018

Links:

[#2 Hair Too Long](#)
[#11 Middle of the Night \(with Martin Jensen\)](#)
[#12 All Night \(with Matoma\)](#)
[#13 Hands \(with Mike Perry and Sabrina Carpenter\)](#)

Sam's Rating: 7/10



#3: ASTROWORLD – Travis Scott
Album Info:
Cover Art:
Title: ASTROWORLD
Artist: Travis Scott (with features from Frank Ocean, Drake, Swae Lee, Juice WRLD, Sheck Wes, The Weeknd, 21 Savage, Gunna, NAV, Don Toliver, Quavo and Takeoff)

Genre: Hip-Hop/Rap
Released: August 3, 2018

Links:

[#1 STARGAZING](#)
[#3 SICKO MODE \(featuring Drake\)](#)
[#5 STOP TRYING TO BE GOD \(feat. James Blake\)](#)
[#12 YOSEMITE \(featuring Gunna and NAV\)](#)

Sam's Rating: 11/10!

#4: Sweetener – Ariana Grande

Cover Art:
Title: Sweetener
Artist: Ariana Grande (with features from Pharrell Williams, Nicki Minaj and Missy Elliott)
Genre: Pop/R&B
Released: August 18, 2018



Links:

[#3 the light is coming \(featuring Nicki Minaj\)](#)
[#5 God is a woman](#)
[#10 no tears left to cry](#)
[#9 breathin](#)

Sam's Rating: 8/10

See you next week!

Simpsons

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Boom! Pyongyang Winter Games, the American men's Curling Team upset Sweden in curling. Now you're probably wondering how the heck do the writers predict all this stuff. One word: Harvard.

Most of the writers or past-writers of the Simpsons went to Harvard. At one point, Matt Groening (creator of The Simpsons) made a rule that all writers must have a Harvard education. Alright, back to the predic-



tions. LIST STYLE!

- They predicted that Prof. Bengt Holmström would the Nobel Prize
 - They predicted that Smart Watches would be a thing.
 - They predicted that Lady Gaga would have a Super Bowl halftime show.
 - They predicted autocorrect on phones.
 - They predicted the Ebola virus outbreaks.
 - They predicted that 20th Century FOX would get purchased by Disney.
- And many more!
Well! That's it. See you later.