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Pep Rally to Wrap Up Spirit Week



By Joseph Melillo
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SCSD Spirit week this week is a week to show your spirit for Somers and your

school.

At SMS, it's in full swing. Monday was Pajama Day, a day where all students wore pajamas to school and relaxed in their classes while the teachers droned on and on about work.

Tuesday was Color Wars! An all-time favorite of the students, 6th grade wore White/Yellow, 7th grade wore Green/Gray, and 8th grade wore Blue/Pink.

In the Color Wars contest, **7th grade took top honors, with 159 students wearing Green/Gray.** Sec-

ond place went to **8th grade, with 150 participants wearing Blue/Pink.** Third place went to **6th grade with 106 students wearing White/Yellow.**

Wednesday was a Red Ribbon Week themed costume. The theme was basically "LIFE IS YOUR JOURNEY, TRAVEL IT DRUG FREE".

Today was THROWBACK THURSDAY!! Kids could wear some old clothes and other retro items from the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s.

Finally, tomorrow, you have to wear Somers Gear. If you play a sport for Somers, wear that jersey! If you bought some spirit gear, wear it! If you don't have any Somers Gear, just wear red and white!



Set your clocks back one hour this weekend! Daylight Savings Time ends 2 a.m. Sunday!



Also, CHECK AND REPLACE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES!

Full Spirit Week Coverage and Photos will be in Next Week's Tusker Tribune!

8th Grade Sets Example for SMS Spirit



By Kaeleigh Picco
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Happy Spirit Week Everyone! This exciting five day period encourages Somers Middle School students to express themselves through fun themes.

Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday is Color Wars (I'm blue and pink :)), Wednesday is Halloween (Wear your costumes!), and also a day



to wear a Red Ribbon Week Theme costume, based on the quote, "Life is YOUR journey, Travel drug free", next up is throwback Thursday, and finally



Friday is the Pep Rally!

Don't forget to wear your Somers gear, or even red and black tomorrow! While Spirit Week is an incredible event for all grades, I would like to talk about it from an Eighth grader's perspective.

Being an Eighth grader at Somers Middle School, or any middle school, is an awesome experience. You go on amazing trips, participate in cool events (Such as Spirit Week!), and make great connections with teachers and fellow peers.



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Brawl Mars Start of NBA Season



By Michael Abrams
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The 2018-2019 NBA season is in full swing as LeBron James scores 20 points, had 5 rebounds, and made 5 assists.

Chris Paul scored 28 points, had 8 rebounds, and made 7 assists.

Three players were ejected; Brandon Ingram for 4 games, Rajon Rondo 3 games, and Chris Paul (CP3) 2 games.

History of Rondo vs Chris Paul

It all started in 2008 when Rondo and his Boston Celtics won the NBA title defeating the Kobe Bryant-lead Los Angeles Lakers 4-2. The USA Olympic team chose CP3 as point guard instead of Rondo. Rondo was infuriated. In the next season, the first game, between the Boston Celtics and the New Orleans Hornets (now the New Orleans Pelicans), Rondo



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punched Chris Paul in the chest.

The Fight

The Houston Rockets shooting guard, James Harden was driving down the court on a Rockets fast break. He got fouled by Brandon Ingram, who shoved him because he thought it was an offensive foul on Harden. Ingram was at half court when Rondo punched Chris Paul and CP3 tried to punch him back. Brandon Ingram came back and punched CP3 while LeBron James pulled Paul out of the fight.



After the Fight

After the game Chris Paul had stated that Rondo had spat in his face after he punched him, that caused him to try to punch back. The Lakers lost the game 124-113.

World Series Wrap-up



By Jesse Manginelli
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Game 5 of this year's World Series started off with Steve Pearce homering off the Dodgers on the first pitch of his at bat. That made Boston's lead 2-0. The Dodgers wouldn't let that homer slide.

David Freese homered to cut the lead to only 2-1. After his slump, Mookie Betts hit a home run in the 6th inning to make the lead 3-1 Boston.

The next inning J.D. Martinez hit a solo

home run to make the lead 4-1. Steve Pearce continued his streak with another home run. This home run was a solo home run in the top of the 8th.

Chris Sale came into pitch in the 9th to finish off the



game. To win the game, he struck out Justin Turner, Keke Hernandez, and Manny Machado.

Many people said that David Price deserved the MVP award, but Steve Pearce deservedly got it after his two home runs. Boston won! Game 5 over.

Although it wasn't a sweep, it was really close to one. Boston only lost one game in the series. That game was only lost by one run. Other than that, they had an amazing series run and ended it with a bunch of World Series rings!

Boo Hoo! It's the Flu!



**By Christian Brooks
Tusker Tribune Staff**

The flu is on the loose. Flu season **starts in October and ends in May**. Even if you're doing the right things to protect yourself, you can still get it! It can put you out of school for one-to-two weeks! This isn't a threat though. You don't have a good chance of getting it if you protect yourself.

Taking the flu shot can be effective, but it might not work.

Even if you give the shot, you could get a separate illness that isn't the flu.

There are three types of the flu: Type A, B, and C. Types A and B are what most people get, which is worse than type C, which can cause the flu, but is less severe.

One way to protect you from the flu, is



WASHING YOUR HANDS! It sounds ridiculous that something as simple as washing your hands can protect you, but it can work. It's not a guarantee, but just do it if you don't want the virus.

If you want, you can get the flu shot. It's available at most pharmacies, like the CVS in the Somers Town Centre. You can still get the flu with the shot, but it is a good chance you won't get the flu.

Feel free to look up ways to prevent or treat the flu. At school, people could have a cold, and if it spreads to you, you could get the flu from even borrowing someone's pencil.

Stay safe, because the flu could strike one of you next!

'Pasta' vs 'Spaghetti' ...?



**By Joseph Melillo
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So, kids have kinda been debating this for a while. Spaghetti, or some penne?

Spaghetti is a long, thin, cylinder shaped, pasta. Penne is wider, and cylinder shaped with a hollow center. Sure, most people think they are the same, and they really are, but, it's not really about the taste unless we're talking about my brother, who insists they taste WAY different.

That's not the point. If you had to choose between



As you may know, there are many different forms of pasta. Technically, Spaghetti and Penne, or macaroni, are all "pasta". However, to

the majority of people, there are two different forms of pasta, spaghetti or some macaroni. Different types of Spaghetti are Fettuccini, Spaghetti, Angel hair, and Linguine.



Some different types of macaroni are Penne, Elbows, Rigatoni, Rotini, Shells, Cavatappi, Farfalle, and Ditalini. Authentic pasta is made with Durum Wheat, but around here it's usually made with Whole Grain Wheat. Honestly, I feel like some people think they taste different, it may be because sometimes they are made with different wheats and that may be the cause of the difference in taste.

In conclusion, Spaghetti is way different than macaroni and I want to know what YOU think about them. So, Macaroni? Or Spaghetti?

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Creepy Classroom

Mrs. Faive's classroom on the third floor was turned into a Haunted House for Halloween, continuing a spooky tradition!



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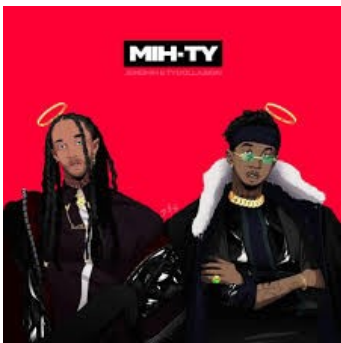
Music Report



By Noah Volkman
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MIH-TY- Jeremih and Ty Dolla \$ign

In interviews leading up to the release of *MIH-TY*, Jeremih and Ty Dolla \$ign were nonchalant about the origins of the album. Apparently, they'd spent so much time bouncing ideas off each other at LA-via-Chicago producer Hitmaka's recording studio that before they knew it, there were enough songs for an entire project. Inspiration came easy and oftentimes, from music they'd both long enjoyed: Lead single "The Light" is built off the unmistakable bassline from Mary Jane Girls' "All Night Long." "Tonight," featuring French Montana, is a reinterpretation of The Notorious B.I.G.'s ode to thug passion, "F*** You Tonight."



The intro to "New Level" is Sisqo singing the chorus to Dru Hill's "In My Bed," before his wails are screwed down (and also sped up) to bleed into the production. *MIH-TY* is more than throwbacks though. Jeremih and Ty Dolla \$ign do well together what they have

always done spectacularly apart. And to that very end, much of the album sounds like seasoned riffing, each verse inspired by the one that precedes it.

With "Take Your Time" and "These Days," the pair sing about they want to be treated by a partner and, alternately, how a partner should interpret the way she is treated, offering unique and complementary perspectives on modern-day courtship. The appreciation the pair have for each other is audible, Ty Dolla \$ign and Jeremih clearly excited to share the spotlight.

Genre: R&B/Hip-Hop

Love Me Now - Tory Lanez

For Toronto native Tory Lanez, more is more. The braggadocious singer/rapper has released more than 20 mixtapes, albums, and Eps, stretching into new styles and building a reputation as a zealous collaborator. On his third proper studio album, he flexes his network. Arriving just a few months after his second album, the shape-shifting *Memories Don't Die*, *Love Me Now* (stylized as "LoVE me NOW") employs bigger mel-



odies, more Auto-Tune, and enough guests to fill a red carpet (Meek Mill, 2 Chainz, Chris Brown, and others).

Together, they pay tribute to Lanez's adopted hometown of Miami—all yachts, Jet Skis, and beautiful women—in breezy, top-down songs about living the high life. "You know

gangstas don't die," Lanez sings, hat-tipping JAY-Z's "Reservoir Dogs." "They get chubby and they move to Miami."

Genre: Rap/R&B

Major Lazer Essentials - Major Lazer

Major Lazer's animated "frontman" might be a bearded, beret-wearing soldier-cyborg who appears to have been lifted from a lost *G.I. Joe* episode, but the group itself is so much more. Beyond core members Diplo, Jillionaire and Walshy Fire, Major Lazer is a moveable feast—the product of all its principals' musical influences, their collaborators, and the places to which they've traveled in their decade of existence.

Essentials is a sprawling introduction to the band's biggest tracks and a glimpse into the vast array of cultures it folds into its cohesive musical vision. Recorded at Bob Marley's Tuff Gong Studio in Jamaica, 2009's "Pon de Floor" mixes dancehall and Brazilian



baile funk with a few choice lines from Kingston deejay Vybz Kartel. A languid house beat underpins "Lean On," their 2015 team-up with France's DJ Snake and Danish singer M.O. And Bruno Mars, Tyga and Mystic feature on 203's more-than-suggestive, hip-hop-inspired dance track "Bubble Butt."

In addition to those and plenty of other key singles, *Essentials* also includes four newer tracks: Collabs with Mr. Eazi, Burna Boy, Kizz Daniel, and Babes Wodumo weave Afrobeats and gqom vibes seamlessly into Major Lazer's borderless sound.

Genre: Electro Dance/Club/Reggae

Christmas Already?



**By Will Underkoffler
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Really?

I cannot believe that some stores already have Christmas decorations up.

I was at K-mart in Yorktown, buying a Halloween costume (A shark costume for my little brother) when I noticed out of the corner of my eye A DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE!!!!

They also had some Christmas ornaments, and this covered a pretty good chunk of the store, so what is this new thing? Are people this ready for Christmas?

I personally think that people should wait at least until after Thanksgiving to start putting Christmas decorations up.

If you are putting up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving, that's perfectly fine with me, but just don't put up Christmas decorations before Halloween!



8th Grade

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However, being the eldest in the school also comes with responsibility. Knowing that 6th and 7th graders are looking up to you, it is important to set a good example so our school continues to be a fun, safe place.

Also, as an 8th grader, there can be stress knowing that you are going to high school next year, and worry on you or your friend's behalf that you aren't ready. However, Spirit Week gives the opportunity to 8th graders to set an example for 6th and 7th graders, and relax and have a week in which they can convey their individuality to their classmates and teachers.

No matter what grade you are in, I hope you enjoy Spirit Week and are grateful for this wonderful event SMS has provided!

6th Grade Student Council Candidates



**By Deanna DeCamp
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Six 6th grade candidates are running for student council.

They are **Olivia Soto, Joseph Dwyer, Jocelyn Klein, Sean Kelly, Lyla Mancini, and Aaron Went.**

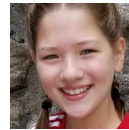
This may be tough for 6th graders to choose because they can only vote for four people out of the six who are running.

I can tell you right now that all of the candidates can help the school in many different ways and will listen to your ideas of how you can help the school. They all have helped the district in many different ways.

Make sure to look at their flyers in the hallway and cast your votes for four of the six 6th grade candidates.

Election day for all three grade levels will be Wednesday, November 7.

7th Graders Show Spirit During Spirit Week!



**By Allison O'Connor
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Spirit Week in 7th grade is a fun week.

On Monday we got to wear our PJs and be comfy the whole day. On Tuesday, we battled with the other grades for a prize in "Color Wars". (7th grade wore green and gray and WE WON!)

On Wednesday (Halloween), we wore our Halloween costumes and today, we went back in time and wore our best throwback outfit.

Tomorrow, you show SMS spirit with Somers gear or red and black, with a pep rally to finish off the day.

To 7th graders, spirit week is a chance to set a good example for the 6th graders. It is a good example because, you can show the 6th graders how you respect school spirit.

7th graders can set a good example by following the days and their directions on what to wear and also, by respecting everyone.

Editor's Note: full coverage of Spirit Week will be in next week's Tusker Tribune!