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Uniqueness Week Wrap-Up



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On Monday March 10th through March 15th, the students in SMS participated in specific events that are fun but still support a good message—Uniqueness Week.

For example, on Monday it was Pajamas Day where students wore their snuggiest pajamas to show



that they are comfortable in their own skin. Some 6th graders went all out and wore a onesie or a pajama, while others

wanted to be comfortable or had gym that day had baggy sweatpants and a t-shirt or a sweatshirt. It was



great because who doesn't want to wear pajamas to school especially if it supports

a good cause?

The next day was Pride Day and many kids, teachers, and faculty members wore neon colors that showed they respected the gay-straight alliance. Students were searching all over their closets for anything close to neon and rainbow. In the end the hallways were filled with bright clothing! Culture Day was on



Wednesday and everyone had heritage colors that represented their heritage on. The students who were Irish had many green shirts on and girls had clover S earrings or headbands. Boys mostly had jerseys on that had their culture colors or country. Some girls even went all out with tutus.

The next day in Uniqueness Week was Somers Gear Day. This was the day that's most people participated in because all you had to do was wear red and black to represent Somers. Lots of students involved in sports has their jerseys or practice



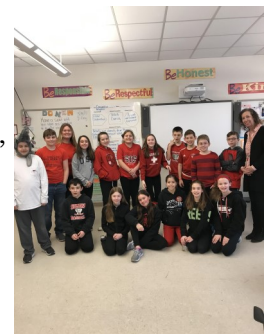
shirt. Others just wore red or black shirts and usually black pants. Another event on Thursday was the dodgeball tournament from the final bell to 5:30. There were many teams with one student from each grade and spectators there to cheer everyone playing on. The final day of uniqueness week was Freedom Friday to wear camouflage or red, white, and blue. This showed



American Patriotism towards all. Some kids went all out in red, white, and blue or even a shirt with a flag. Others were full on camouflage.



Overall, Uniqueness Week was a big hit and a lot of students participated! Just remember that it's ok to be different. Make sure to look for photos of 6th grader who got involved in this fun week. Remember: be U-NIQUE!!!



Students Find More Games Banned on Their Tablets



**By Matthew Hirsch
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Extra! Extra! Read all about it! More games have been banned on school tablets.

The following are games that have been banned: Surviv2.io, Surviv.io, Krunker.io, and all io games including a website called CrazyGames.



Also, The Way of the Ninja has also been banned. Don't bother to check, because if you do, you will see the banned game. This can be a trouble for the students, but it was more trouble for the teachers.

However, new games may come out so be on the lookout for the new games. In the meantime, you can play any game that isn't blocked. It may be hard to find these games, but you can also wait until you get home to play games. I'm Matthew Hirsch, bringing all of the SMS news to you.

The Call



**By Seth Cheung
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On April 10th, 1992, there was a man who called in to a Tennessee police department at 9:30 on a Sunday night.

"911 what is your emergency?"

"Um hello, hi, umm, my neighbors are gone for vacation, but I see lights and movement in the house."

"Ok, do you see any cars around or anyone in sight?"

"No, I don't. Oh wait, the light is moving. I, I, think it's a candle."

A loud crash interrupted the call.

"Um, a chair just came flying out of the window."

"Ok sir I will try to send someone over..."

"OH NO!"

"Uum sir no need to panic but all officers are at a bad accident on Route 40 I'm afraid we

can't help until the accident is cleared."

"Well, I really need help... wait, the light went out."

Just then a figure swooped by the once lit up window. This was followed by a loud bashing sound interrupting them.

"Sir what was that? Sir? Sir?"

"Ttthey are in my house." "Sir listen to me carefully. I want you to get a weapon and hide in your attic!"

"Ok I got a baseball bat and I am climbing into the attic."

"Ok now hide behind something in the attic and stay quiet."

"I hear them moving in the dining room and now they are coming up the stairs. I can't speak, or they will hear me!"

"Ok just whisper."

"Ok they are now moving around in the guest bedroom. I can see a light peering through the hole of the floor. THEY ARE RIGHT UNDER ME I HEAR WEIRD NOISES."

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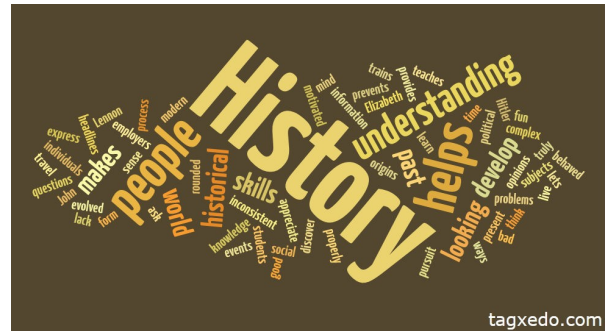
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This Week In History



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Have you ever wondered what happened today ten years ago? Twenty years ago? Fifty? In ***This Week in History***, I will tell you about the events that happened that particular week that could have impacted our everyday lives or are just really interesting to learn about.

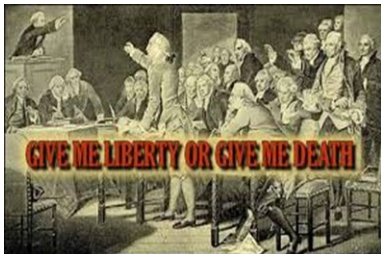


March 21st, 1918

The infamous battle of the Somme began on this date, beginning with German General Erich von Ludendorff commencing a strenuous attack that would help the Germans win the war once and for all. The attack started with a *five hour* artillery barrage followed by a flow of German troops. The battle lasted until April 6th. The Germans gained about 35 miles of territory, and the German and allied casualty figures was almost 500,000.

March 22nd, 1972

On this date, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by senate, and then sent to the states for ratification. It stated that, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex", and that "Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article." Twenty two of the required thirty-eight states ratified the amendment right away, however conflict arose about concerns that women would be subject to the draft and duty in combat. The proposed amendment finally failed in 1982 after it was short of three states to get the required thirty-eight to ratify the law.



March 23rd, 1775

American Patriot Patrick Henry gave an inspiring speech on this date that put hope in the American people before the Virginia convention in the state's capital. A famous line from this speech is, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

March 24th, 1934

The Philippines were granted independence from the United States by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Philippines were islands in the South Pacific that had been under American control for almost fifty years.



Free Agency Moves Hint at Eventful Season



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Free agency in the NFL just began. A lot of trades have also taken place. Some big trades have already been made. Some fans are happy, and some are downright upset. I'll start off with Odell Beckham Jr. This is probably the biggest trade yet. The Giants have traded their superstar wide receiver, Odell Beckham Jr., to the Cleveland Browns. They traded

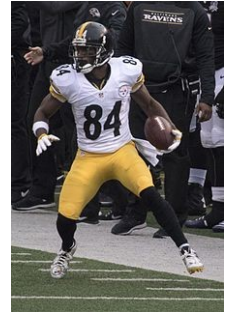


Odell for a first round draft pick, a third-round draft pick, and a safety, Jabrill Peppers. The Giants traded Olivier Vernon for Kevin Zeitler and the Giants lost Landon Collins to free agency.

The next biggest free agent to sign was Le'Veon Bell. Bell, from the Pittsburgh

Steelers, signed with the New York Jets. He was signed for 4 years and \$52.5 million.

The next athlete I will talk about is Antonio Brown, also from the Steelers, who was traded to the Oakland Raiders. This is what basically started all the trades. Of course, with such a talented athlete, the trade caused an uproar. Brown was traded to the Oakland Raiders for a third and fifth-round draft pick.



Mark Ingram from the Saints has now signed with the Ravens. Blake Bortles was cut from the Jaguars and replaced with Nick Foles, who signed with the team during free agency. Finally, Cole Beasley signed with the Bills. This season is going to be crazy.



Duke Looks Good in March Madness 2019



By Lindsay McCullough
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As many people know, March Madness is right around the corner. The brackets have been set up and many people are having competitions with family members, friends, and even co-workers.



Our family started a tradition where every year, my uncle makes a pool for our family and whoever wins gets their name added to the Davis

cup. Last year, I chose Virginia to win the whole thing, but they were out in the first round so I had no chance.

This year I feel that Duke has a very good chance of winning, especially since Zion Williams is back. The other night they played UNC and were down the whole game but came back and won by 1



point. Zion had 31 points on Saturday.

This year, the top teams who are expected to make the final 4 are Duke, UNC, Gonzaga, and Virginia. Each has their own bracket with 16 teams in each bracket. There is the West, Mid-West, South, and East. I expect there will be one big upset.

Last year for the first time in NCAA history, a number 16 team beat a number 1 team. Last year Villanova was relevant and won the tournament and Michigan came in second. This year Villanova has been irrelevant, and many people think they will get out first round.

This year features some teams who didn't make it last year, but who have had great seasons. Many people chose those teams to upset some of the major teams. Who knows, maybe Duke will get eliminated first round. Maybe Zion will get hurt from his foot breaking through his shoe again.

