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Lots of Energy at Social Action Expo!



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This past week on April 12th, Somers Middle School was buzzing with activity. Two major school wide events were taking place; World Language Day and the Social Action Expo.

Thursday's Social Action Expo was an event that everyone in school could enjoy. This expo featured projects created completely by 8th Graders about an issue that they have been studying for about a month.

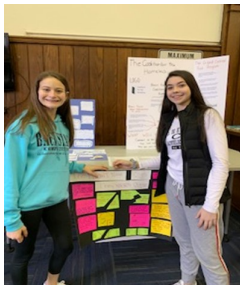
The topics ranged from Child Soldiers in the Middle East to lack

of access to water in poorer cities in the United States. After researching their given issue and

talking about it with their campaign groups, the students composed and sent letters to people who they thought could help with this issue.

Finally, they had a week to put together a project that would be displayed to their peers across the school that would help spread awareness about the issue. Each of the 8th Grade English classes got one period in the library to present, and the 6th and 7th Graders visited during class time.

The event was a huge success, which could not have been pulled off without the incredible 8th Grade English teachers, Mrs. Baldes, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Shillinski, and Mrs. Hayden.



Cultures Thrive at World Language Day



By Ruby Ellison
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As many of you know, Thursday, April 11 was World Language Day.

World Language day is a day to celebrate the cultures of the different languages taught in SMS. Each foreign language class had different foods and games that are eaten and played in that country.

In Mrs. Pepe's Spanish class, kids were making maracas, watching the movie "Coco", and eating yummy foods.

In Mrs. Crispo's Italian class, parents made delicious eggplant parmesan and Sicilian pizza. There were even columns to represent the architecture in ancient Italy.

Each student also had to make a project based on the language they took. For example,

I take Spanish and I partnered up with my friend and we made churros and a ten-slide power point presentation about them. Students also did their projects about the day of the dead, fashion, and professional athletes.

In conclusion, World Language Day was a very educational and fun filled day! ¡Adios!



8th Grade Social Action Day Motivates 6th Graders



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On Thursday April 11th the 8th graders presented their projects on various issues all over the world to make other students aware.

I had to go see the 8th graders for my health class to give feedback to each group and thought it was an extreme success. The students all had remarkably interesting and controversial topics that ranged from child labor, loss of water in Africa and homeless activity to refugees everywhere, and children in war.

One group did a poster on the horrible facts on children, usually all under twelve years old, who are sent to war. They are forced to serve, fight, and cook, with the chances 100 percent that they will die in a few days there. It is an awful situation that shouldn't be happening but the whole point of the event was that now I am aware of this and can tell others so hopefully one day it will end.

Another group did their project on the increases of homeless in America. The poster had everything from percentages of adult homelessness increase which is 150% in NYC to the amount of kids who have to live without a home to go to at night. What I learned while visiting their group was shocking but also beneficial because I now know that I can donate to help them and even write to some higher up people who can help change the odds. That is actually exactly what the group of girls did as part of their project which I thought was a great idea and so cool of them.

A group also did a whole poster on Africa and the unfairness of the quality and quantity of the water they have every day. I learned that more than one third of Africa's population lacks access to safe, drinkable water and that 780 million people live with having to walk extreme amounts to get water or have none at all. Once again, this a devastating situation but now I am aware and can be more careful on how much water I waste that many others aren't as lucky to have. This presentation like many others had an entertaining trivia game that after presenting students could play which is great since then students didn't get bored.

Overall, I think that the social action event that 8th graders worked hard to make was amazing event. Every 8th grader was very nice and eager to answer any questions you had. Also, the students put on amazing posters that were not only entertaining but educational too. Everyone who took part in this wonderful event should be very proud.



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Notre Dame Fire Shows that History is Fragile



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On Monday, April 15, a devastating event occurred in the Notre Dame Cathedral located in France receiving much love and support from all over the world.

While doing roof renovation work, an incident happened breaking out in a fire that burned the wooden roof and toppled Notre Dame's amazing spire. Firefighters were able to stop the fire by Tuesday morning but the there was still a great amount of damage. To understand the tragedy of this, you must first learn what the Notre Dame Cathedral was and had to gain so much importance in everyone's eyes.

The medieval Catholic cathedral has stood for more than 850 years and took more than 200 years to complete. Notre Dame is one of the largest religious buildings in the world and one of France's most popular attractions with 13 million visitors each year. It took an extensive time from 1163 to 1345 due to it being 400 ft long and 140 ft wide with 387 steps reaching the top.

Although built mostly of stone, an estimated 1,300 wooden tresses were used in its construction, which is how the fire grew.



cause of the panic that was felt.

The firefighters all knew their value and tried to save as much as they could before Notre Dame's treasures could be damaged by the growing fire.

The piece believed to be from the cross that Jesus was crucified on and the Crown of Thorns were luckily saved.

The Notre Dame Cathedral is an amazing

structure that symbolizes France and Paris but is adored by people everywhere which is why it was awful to hear about the fire. The fire that caused much damage to the Notre Dame Cathedral was reckless, so it is expected to take



at least five years to rebuild and bring it back to its former beauty.

The fire broke out in the attic and burned the grand cathedral's roof and eight centuries old spire. About 500 firefighters fought to save Notre Dame and only one was seriously injured.

Hundreds of people have already volunteered to help rebuild this majestic cathedral. The Foundation for French Heritage has launched a national collection to raise funds for Notre Dame's reconstruction and billionaires

Bernard Arnault and Francois Pinault donated 300 million euros from their fortunes to the project. French billionaire François-Henri Pinault also gave 100 million euros towards rebuilding Notre Dame.

French President Henri Macron said, "Notre Dame is our history, our literature, part of our psyche, the place of all our great events, our epidemics, our wars, our liberations, the center of our lives ... So, I solemnly say tonight: we will rebuild it together." He vowed to raise funds worldwide and bring the best workers to help rebuild the cathedral. Let us all help in any way so we back bring back Notre Dame's loveliness that many people to come can enjoy this magnificent structure even after the horrible fire it endured.



NFL Draft Begins Tomorrow



**By Jesse Manginelli
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The NFL Draft is right around the corner. I will be going over what picks the NFL teams have and who they might be taking for the upcoming season.



The Arizona Cardinals have the first pick of the draft and are supposedly taking Kyler Murray who is a QB who played for Oklahoma and Texas A&M.



The next pick belongs to the San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers will probably take Nick Bosa who is a Defensive Lineman from Ohio State.

The New York Jets have the 3rd pick and will most likely take Ed Oliver who is a defensive tackle from the University of Houston.



The Oakland Raiders have the next pick and they might take Quinnen Williams who is a defensive tackle from Alabama.



Fifth pick goes to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who will probably take Louisiana State Linebacker Devin White.

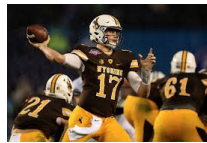
The New York Giants will most likely pick Daniel Jones who is a QB from Duke.



The Jacksonville Jaguars have the 7th pick and are supposedly taking Jawaan Taylor who is a Tackle from Florida.



Next is the Detroit Lions and they'll probably take Josh Allen. Allen is a QB from Wyoming.



The Buffalo Bills might be taking T.J. Hockenson with the 9th pick. Hockenson is a Tight End from Iowa.



Finally, the Denver Broncos have the 10th pick. The Broncos will most likely take Jonah Williams. Williams is a Tackle from Alabama.



I guess we just have to wait and see. Who do you think will be a new addition to your favorite team?

Clippers/Warriors Series Could be Decided Tomorrow



**By Max Yates
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It's the Golden State Warriors vs the Los Angeles Clippers. The Golden State Warriors are up 3-2 in the serie going into Game Six tomorrow night.



The Golden State Warriors are the number 1 team in the west and the projected series winners. The Clippers are the 8th seed in the west and were not even supposed to make the playoffs. They upset the world by making the playoff and shocked the world again by winning two games against the Golden State Warriors when they were supposed to get swept.

The Golden State Warriors have the best team in the league with five superstars on their team. They have two of the best shooters in the league:

Steph Curry and Klay Thompson. They have who is debatably the best player in the league, Kevin Durant. Their power forward is a veteran, Draymond Green, and their center is a all-star Demarcus Cousin.

They play Game Six on their home court. The last time they were at home, they lost to the Clippers. It's a little like 2016 when the Warriors lost the playoffs to the Cavaliers after going up 3-1 in the series.

Could they have a repeat and blow another 3-1 lead? I don't think this will happen because the Golden State Warriors are a power house team that just needs to regroup and come together to win the first round.



Somers Mourns Mr. Narcisco



By Joseph Melillo
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On, Monday, April 15th, Somers lost an important member of our community.

Football coach and Primrose teacher, 39 year old Dominic Narcisco, passed away in his sleep.

A father of a 4 year old son, and a 15 year assistant football coach with Tony Dematteo, Dom will be missed in his community and by the football team.

He started working as a physical education teacher at Primrose Elementary School in 2006 and most recently worked there. Dom Narcisco graduated from Tappan Zee High School and played football for SUNY Cortland before joining



Somers and helping the Class A state championship in 2016.

"We will all miss Dom and we will spend many challenging moments grieving his loss. Over these next days and weeks when you recall Dom, know that he cared very deeply about the success and well-being of every child in his care. Dom approached his passion of teaching with boundless energy and love for the children of Somers. We are fortunate to have called him our colleague," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ray Blanch.

He was a father, a coach, a high school graduate, a physical education teacher, and an important member in the Somers community.

Dominic Narcisco will be missed.

NBA Playoff Update



By Arjun Ojha
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The first round of the NBA playoffs is over. So, I feel like I should update you on which teams won and which teams are out.

The first matchup was the Milwaukee Bucks and the Detroit Pistons. The Milwaukee Bucks swept the Pistons. A sweep means that you beat them 4-0.

The next matchup was the Toronto Raptors vs the Orlando Magic. The Raptors beat the Magic in 5 games. They won the series 4-1.

The next matchup was the Boston Celtics vs the Indiana Pacers. The Celtics also won that series in 5 games. They won the series 4-1.

The last and final matchup in the Eastern Conference was the Philadelphia 76ers vs the Brooklyn Nets. The 76ers won the series once again in 5 games. They won the series 4-1.

So, after those matchups, there are new matchups for the winning teams. The Milwaukee Bucks play the Boston Celtics, and the Toronto Raptors play the Philadelphia 76ers.

The series between the Golden State Warriors and the Los Angeles Clippers is covered in Max Yates' story on Page 4.

Now, on to the Western Conference. The first matchup was Denver Nuggets vs the San Antonio Spurs. This was a highly anticipated series. And, it is. They are in a game 6. Game 6 takes place tonight at 8:00 pm. Game 7 if necessary, takes place on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 pm.

The next game in the Western Conference is the Portland Trail Blazers vs the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Portland Trail Blazers won this series in 5 games. In Game 5, Trail Blazers PG (Point Guard) Damian Lillard hit a 3 pointer from almost half-court to win the game. They won it 4-1. They play the winner of the Nuggets, Spurs series.

The last game was the Houston Rockets vs the Utah Jazz. The Rockets won the series in 5 games. In the NBA playoffs, it

starts of with the 1st round, then it goes to the Eastern and Western Conference semifinals, then it goes to the NBA semifinals and finally, the NBA finals.

The NBA finals start May 30th, 2019. In my opinion, the NBA finals will be between the Milwaukee Bucks and the Golden State Warriors (even though they are in a tight situation). I think the Milwaukee Bucks and emerging star Giannis Antetokounmpo will win the NBA finals. I think Giannis will win MVP and finals MVP this year.

