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## Tusker Tribune "Short Stuff"

### Juul isn't cool



**By Isaac Like  
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Many people all around the world view Juul as an alternative for cigarettes but, is it healthier?

At first, people thought cigarettes were good for them. Then research was done, and it turned out cigarettes are bad for you.



Juuls were created to help smokers quit but now juuls are being used just like a cigarette would be.

People lean toward Juul because they think it's healthier, but we don't even know that. Juuls can be worse and we wouldn't even know! We know Juuls ruin lives so don't let it.

### School clubs



**By Isaac Like  
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School clubs help students all around. Clubs are an educational program that should be taken advantage of.

At SMS, there are a bunch of clubs, but I have some suggestions for new clubs.



Some of the new clubs could be Debate Club, Chess Club, and even a Sports Club in the gym.

I would love to do Debate Club because it can help me when I'm older and I think it would be fun. Even clubs like Chess Club help students because it teaches them strategy and is a good game to know.

Let's get some more clubs!

## All Tied Up (How Do You Tie Your Shoes?)



**By Carly Nestor  
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A while ago, I was talking to my friends while tying my shoes. I was always told that I tied my shoes weird, and that no one else tied them like I do.

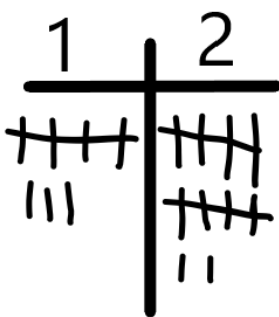
I tie my shoes with 2 bunny ears, while most people (or so I thought) tied them with one bunny ear. When I told my friends, they said that they also tie their shoes with 2 bunny ears, along with Mr. Pappas! That got me thinking... How many people tie their shoes the "Weird way"?



I went around and asked a bunch of friends and some teachers this question. In

total, 20 people were surveyed, and as you can see, we have a clear winner!

40% of people that were surveyed said that they tie their shoes with one bunny ear, which means that 60% of those people tie their shoes with TWO bunny ears! Looks like I'm not the odd one out here!



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← Carly's Scientific Poll



## The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien



**By Maggie Higgins  
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The book *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien is an adventure packed book.

Without spoiling much of the book, it is about a little hobbit named Bilbo. Hobbits are an imaginary race, similar to humans, except they are smaller in size and have very hairy feet.

Bilbo helps the dwarfs reclaim their homeland. This land is being controlled by a fire breathing dragon, named Smaug, who attacked them.

Bilbo joins the dwarves on their mission, and soon after, they are attacked by lots of evil creatures, such as orks, trolls, and goblins. Bilbo, who falls down a tunnel when he is being attacked by the trolls, met a mysterious creature named Gollum, also called Smeagol.

Gollum has two personalities—a happy go-lucky side and an evil murderous side. Gollum talks to himself, a lot. He started out being a River-Folk, but he kills his friend over a gold ring. He becomes



possessed by the ring, and he changes into a frightening creature. The ring becomes the most powerful thing and takes over his whole life. He calls the ring “my precious.”

While Gollum and Bilbo are in the dark cave that Gollum lives in, Bilbo finds the ring and runs away with it. He nearly makes it out without being attacked by Gollum, or rather knowing the ring’s power. The ring originally belonged to a dark lord, and he wants it back. Once the dark lord has the ring in his possession again, he will have all the power and control everyone.

If you want to know how this book ends, whether the dwarves reclaim their homeland or the dark lord gets the ring back, you should go to the library and check this book out. This book is a very good book and I recommend it.



## George Springer Ignites the Astros



**By Jesse Manginelli  
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George Springer is an outfielder for the Houston Astros. Springer is only 29 years old but already has a list of achievements under his belt. He has played in 2 All Star games and is off to a great start this season.

Springer has some insane stats this season with a .323 batting average. He also has 53 hits and 38 RBIs! He also has 136 homeruns in his career with 15 this season.

He also has some other important achievements. He is a World Series Champion and a World Series MVP. Now you may think, “You can’t get any better than that”, but you would be wrong. He also won the Silver Slugger Award in that same year.

Now enough about stats. Let’s take a dive into George Springer’s life before the majors.



Springer’s grandfather immigrated from Panama at age 17 and pitched for four years at Teachers College of Connecticut. Springer’s father played in the Little League World Series and went on to play college football for the UConn Huskies. Springer’s mother was a top tier gymnast. Springer also has two sisters, Nicole and Lena, who both played softball in college. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Springer married Charlise Castro, who played softball in college. Now isn’t that an athletic family?

Springer’s whole family tree is athletic. I guess the apple didn’t fall far from the tree in Springer’s case. Other than baseball, Springer is a spokesperson for the Stuttering Association for the Young. Springer has a stutter and had to develop techniques to help him talk. This proves that hard work can get you anywhere in life, so where will you go?

