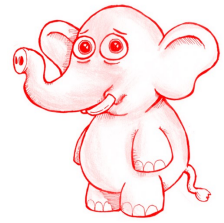


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Making History On The Road to Success!



**By Aleksiana Rukaj
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The Lady Tuskers have done it again! I interviewed Isabella Rukaj (Junior at Somers High School) on the crazy ride that it took to make Somers Girls Varsity history.

"When we had 30 seconds left at regionals, everyone was kind of tearing up," Rukaj says. "We were up significantly so we all knew that we would be excelling to States. It was hard to believe that we were Regional Champs."

Rukaj then explains the rocky but rewarding road to States and how her team bonded and became closer during the time.

"We then had 1 week to practice for our States game. Even though we should have been focusing more so on basketball, the entire team was just so ecstatic and still in awe that we just had made history. Nobody could take this away



from us. We were the first girls in all of Somers history to do this and it felt good."

The Inside Look



Isabella explained that she and the girls really bonded at the hotel for states.

"We just all had a good time and had some girl time. It was fun and we all really got a chance to become closer with each other," Isabella tells us.

Though the girls were tied up and the first and second quarter of the nail biting game, the Lady Tuskers unfortunately lost the semi

final event.

"Both teams played their hardest but at the end of the day, the other team outplayed us but we still had a great time experiencing everything.

Isabella tells us how the team was upset but they are determined to go farther next time.

Some words of the wise from Isabella Rukaj: "Always stay focused in your sport because you will excel and always remember, you will be the future of the Somers High School so don't give up."

To a great team comes hard work and determination. The Varsity Girls do plan on going back to States stronger and harder. Till next time, I am Aleksiana Rukaj, and that was "The Inside Look!" Thanks for reading!

First Advisory Brings Kids Together



**By Caitlyn Stellwagen
Tusker Tribune Staff**

The first advisory was really fun. We dedicated an entire hour to the first advisory.

About three classes got together at the last 30 or so minutes of advisory and had a sing-off. Everyone divided into groups of 5 or 6. Then, we started the competition. The teacher would say a word, and then our group would have to come up with as many songs as possible with that word. The title of the song does not have to include that word, but that word needs to appear at some point in the song.

Before we had the sing off, our class got in



a circle and played a get-to-know-you game. It was really fun. We would go around in a circle and say our name and an action to go with it. But, you would also have to say everyone's name and action who went before you. If you messed up, you had to start over.

Our class had to start over a couple times but it was still really fun. At the very end of advisory, our class wrote letters to their future selves. The letter included things like current hobby, favorite things, how you feel about school, and much more. Overall, I had a great first advisory.

Advisory is held every Wednesday throughout the school year at the start of the school day.

First Two Weeks of School Were Terrific!



**By Bryan Kottmann
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I think the first couple weeks of school were great. This is going to be a great year based on the first couple of weeks.

I have amazing teachers who are very understanding. I was told that seventh grade was going to be



super hard but in fact, it's not. It is just right for me. It is not hard but not super easy.

I have to admit I was a little scared coming into seventh grade. There were so many things running through my mind like what if I'm not prepared and if I am going to like my teachers. But if anyone going into seventh grade is a nervous, don't be!

School Year Already Going Fast



**By Bryce Filippazzo
Tusker Tribune Staff**

School has started. We're into the third week already.

For me, it has been easy getting from class to class and learning new things. For example, learning Italian and other languages is fun but hard.

I think the classes are fun, although that's just my opinion.. It was interesting getting our pictures taken yesterday as SEVENTH GRADERS!.

The year is long but fun so keep doing work and have a good time and it will fly. Bye!

Smooth Start to School Year



**By Grace Stoner
Tusker Tribune Staff**

There is no morning more nerve-racking than the morning of the first day of school.

I have 4 alarms set so I don't sleep in. I can't fall asleep the night before because I am so nervous and excited and I don't know how to feel. There are so many "what if's" going through my mind. What if I can't find my classes, what if my teacher's don't like me, what if I can't find my friend, what if I go to the wrong class... and many other worries.

But back to the morning. My brother has to get up earlier than me because he is in the high school so on a normal morning, I don't see him.



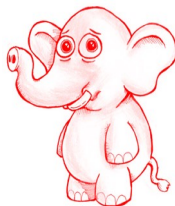
But things are different on the first day of school. My first alarm is set for 6:43, but on the first day of school, I ALWAYS wake up before my alarm. This year, it was only about 10 minutes earlier so it was around 6:30. I sprang out of bed and made my way downstairs to find my brother and parents gathered around the kitchen table talking and eating breakfast.

They were surprised to see me awake! I sat down and ate with them. Every five minutes and another alarm would go off and scare us.

Finally, the last one went off at 7:15. I continued to get ready and then at 7:40, I went outside and my mom took pictures of me in front of a tree in my front yard. Then I was off to the bus stop and then to school!

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