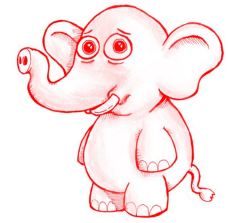


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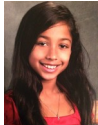


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Horrific Hallways! SMS' Own Rush Hour!



By Julia Wilkinson
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Beeeeeeep! "Run!"
"Come on guys!"
"To the buses!"

"We're going to be late for class?"

"Hurry up!"

"We are going to be LATE!"

Sound familiar? Well, it does to me, and to almost all of SMS. But what is it? There is only



one source of noise that could lead to an explanation of what that sound is.

Hallway Crowds.

Hallway crowds have been in SMS and every other school known for decades. Students pushing and shoving one another, scurrying off to either the bus, or to their classes. This topic has been affecting the majority of students attending SMS.

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No Place for Hate Committee Looking for You!



By Juliana Spano
Tusker Tribune Staff

Do you want to stop bullying for good?

Do you want to make Somers Middle School a better place?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you should join the **No Place for Hate Committee!**

We meet every other Wednesday after school in the library from 3-4 p.m. During these meetings, we talk



about changes we can make in the school to make it better and hate free, organize events and make posters to advertise our message and the events that are coming up. After the meetings you can take the late bus home.

You don't need to sign up; just come to the library after the last bell with your bookbag. Please consider joining our club and helping to make our school a bully free zone where there will be "No Place for Hate!"

How Useful are Sell-by or Expiration Dates?



By Samuel Sanz
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Expiration dates are labels on foods that tell when to not consume a food.

Right?

Well that is wrong. First, if you keep food out of the refrigerator, the item's shelf life would decrease. According to multiple food safety scientists, eggs can be eaten three to five weeks after the expiration date and it would still cause no harm.

Emily Broad Leib, a writer for the Los Angeles Times, wrote: "Even after milk 'spoil', it's still



totally safe to drink. Milk sold in stores is generally pasteurized, a process that kills harmful pathogens and eliminates the risk of food-borne illness, even after the sell-by or use-by date."

Certain states have different laws regarding expiration dates. A past-sell by date item would be legal to sell in New York, but in Massachusetts, that item would end up in the garbage. A survey by the Food Marketing Institute found that 83% of people throw away products after the sell-by date.

Do you think we should keep sell-by dates on food?

The Importance of Treating a Wound



**By Andrew Fusco
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Not treating a wound may not seem like anything big, but if you leave be, it may develop into something horrible.

I play lacrosse and love the wilderness so cuts and scrapes were nothing new. I soon started leaving them untouched and it seemed harmless at the time.

Soon, I came down with a really high fever. No matter what I did, I felt sick and nothing could make it go away. I then had excruciating pain in my leg.

I went to the doctor who tested me for Lyme Disease and infection, but everything came back fine. After waiting longer and longer, the pain only grew worse.

One morning, my leg was swollen and I couldn't move it. I got up and had to hop on one leg to the car. I was driven to the emergency room where they hooked me up to an IV and ran a bunch of tests. I was then rolled into the radiology room when they took x-rays of my leg.

It turns out I had mistaken the pain for my knee, not knowing it was my fibula (the bone under my knee). They then stuck a 5-inch needle in my knee to gather fluid for testing. That test turned out fine. Then they wanted to check my fibula. They shoved another 5-inch needle in my bone and gathered some bone marrow that they took for testing, too.

I stayed in the hospital that night to wait for results. When the results came back, they said my inflammation markers had elevated. They had determined that I had a staph infection which infects 30 million people a year and kills 6 million.

Medicine couldn't stop the growing infection, so they had to perform surgery. During my surgery, they made an incision in my leg and scraped out the infection. I then stayed in the hospital until my fever was cleared. I went home and enjoyed being in my room and in my house.

It bothers me how this whole situation could've been easily avoided. **Wash and disinfect all cuts, no matter how minor they may seem!!!!**



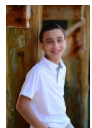
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Music Report



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There is always tons of music released out to the world every single week.

I personally, am a music wiz. I know when my favorite artists release music up to before it even comes out, of course, unless, it doesn't go on pre-order.



Here are some songs and albums that have come out within the last month or so or will be coming out:

Walk on Water by Eminem featuring Beyoncé [Listen to the song here:](#)
This new song from the astounded rapper Eminem. "Walk on

Water" has piano as the instrumentals, which is not like the normal Marshall Mathers.

There have been rumors for a while now about Eminem's new album coming out, *Revival*. It was a banger collaboration with pop star Beyoncé. As for the *Revival* album, as publicity, Eminem has been using fake medication commercials saying "Seize the moment with REVIVAL." Using the trademark backwards 'E' in REVIVAL.



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Music Report

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Tip Toe by Jason Derulo featuring French Montana [Listen to the song here:](#)

This new song by pop singer Jason Derulo is a club hit with a rap flair. It's the third song off of his album coming out soon called 777.

The first song was hip-hop track with rappers Nicki Minaj and Ty Dolla

Sign. The radios blew up with it from March to May. Next came "If I'm Lucky" right with the beginning of September.

Rating: 5 of 5

What If Nothing by WALK THE MOON
Listen to the first song, "[One Foot](#)", [here:](#) Listen to another song, "[Kamikaze](#)", [here:](#) Listen to the fourth track, "[Surrender](#)".

From the band that brought you "Shut Up and Dance", WALK THE MOON is back with a new album and a new hairdo.



Rating: 2.5 of 5

That's it for this week, but I'll be back with more!

Hallways

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What's more, students don't even realize the damage they are cultivating.

But this cause needs to cease. While students are shoving their way to reach where they need to go, while they may arrive in time, other students may not.

As students get shoved, they can topple, and lose their focus. Before they realize what had happened and resume their rush to their destination, it may be too late.

So students, here is something you should ponder on. What is the solution to this? How can we cease this issue from occurring again?

The solution to this is simple. Evidently, there are six tiles that create the student locker wings across the hall.

There is one red tile along each locker. The red tile on each side of the lockers are for students at their lockers to get their books.

That leaves four tiles left.

The two tiles towards the right side of the hall is for going one way, and the other two tiles for another.



Problem solved.

Since there is an easy solution to this, why haven't students thought of this before? They have. But they just haven't been provided with the chance to make that difference. With this article, now they have.

So think about this one question: Will this solution work?

The answer is yes and no, at the same

time. This may not work if people don't realize how much trouble has been caused by this dilemma. This may work if teachers and faculty members take precautions to help with this situation. If they do, then our problem is solved. If they don't, well, you might be the next student that gets trampled. You might be the next student to go onto Infinite Campus

and see you have been tardy to one of your seven classes.

So think: Will I help other people make it to their next class? Because by supporting this idea, you are not only helping others, but yourself as well.