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Get Set for Finals!



By Juliana Spano
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Hi, I'm Juliana Spano with a very important topic. **FINALS!** This is a public service announcement informing you that finals are approaching at a very fast speed and study should start soon. Reviews in all classes will be starting shortly and no one will be excused from these exams. Also, remember that this counts towards your GPA so study hard and do well!

Study tips



- Keep calm and use breathing techniques to calm you down when you get worked up.
- If you can chew gum, mint chewing gum is very calming and will help you focus.
- Drink water! Drinking water will keep you more awake and alert and it will help you stay focused as well.
- Try listening to calming music when you study. It helps me, so you might as well try it. You don't even have to play music just find some headphones that block out noise.
- Don't forget to eat a good breakfast on testing day, it helps!



Is the Dress Code Fair?



By Amanda Malkin
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Do you like the spring dress code? Do you think these set of rules are fair between girl and boys? Well, those are some of the topics that I will talk about in my article. Now that the sun is starting

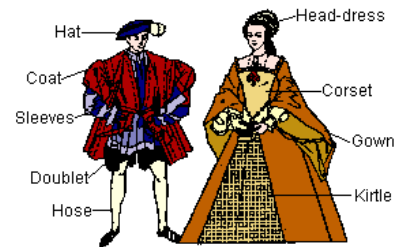
to come out and spring has finally started, our school, Somers Middle School, will start talking about the dreaded spring dress code.

This dress code tells girls not to wear tank tops or no off the shoulder shirts, but what are the boys' rules?

If girls wear these items, we can get detention, be asked to change or could possibly be asked to go home. Boys don't even know what their guidelines are to the dress code.

In 6th grade, girls must watch or are in a fashion show to show examples and rules to the dress code. In addition, they're given names of stores that have some of these clothes that fit the rules.

I believe the boys at Somers Middle School should have an act that shows them what their dress code guidelines are.



What Book Should You Read Next?



By Aleksiana Rukaj
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I surveyed multiple students on what their favorite genres were, and which books were the best from each. Don't know what to read? Hopefully this will give you a clue!



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Realistic Fiction

Drums, Girls And Dangerous Pie, The Midnight Gang, Falling Over Sideways, Notes From The Midnight Driver, Everything, Everything, The Art Of Feeling, Since You've Been Gone, and 13 Reasons Why.

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Music Can 'Change' the World! (Part 2)



**By Donovan Smith
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Please support 7th grade students Michael Abrenica, Eddie Baranowski, Ryan Eade, Evan Carway, Jake Gannon and myself with our community service project to benefit the Community Center of Northern Westchester.

Please consider bringing canned goods and spare change to the Somers Music events listed below as we will be there collecting donations.

Last fall, we collected 271.2 pounds of canned goods which we stocked at the food pantry of the Community Center in December and donated \$580 in spare change! After stocking the shelves, the boys took a tour and learned the support that the Community Center of Northern Westchester provides to those in need in our surrounding commu-



nities.

So, we are back at for Music Can (canned goods) Change (\$) the World and thank you in advance!

If you don't have a student in the schools/in the concerts, please feel free to just stop by and donate if you would like to! We welcome the whole community's support!!

Music Can Change The World
Somers Strong



SIS Band Night May 10th

SMS Band Concert May 23rd

SMS Chorus & Orchestra Concert June 5th

SIS Spring Concert June 14th

Hope to see you there with canned goods and spare change in hand ready to change the world!

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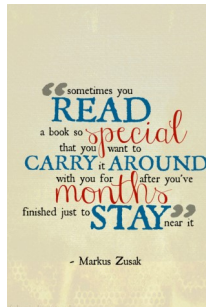
Fantasy

The Red Queen Series, 11 Birthdays, Mr. Lemoncello's Library, The Time Keeper, A Wrinkle In Time, The False Prince, Good-bye Stranger, The Kane Series, The Castle In The Mist, A Long Walk To Water.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss

Mystery

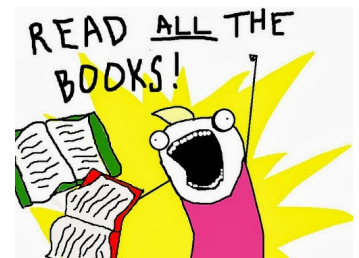
The Westing Game, The Nancy Drew Series, The Black Butler, The 14th Goldfish, It Happened In 6th Grade, Three Times Lucky, Chas-



ing Vermeer, The Wig In The Window, The Rithmatists, Dark Life.

Historical Fiction

Girl In Blue, Weasel, Ida B., Dunkirk, Blood On The River, Once, The War That Saved My Life, Gone With The Wind, The Help, Fever, The Boy In The Striped Pajamas, The Book Thief, The Enchanted, The Good-bye Season.



I hope that this helps you find a great book to read!

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The Great Shoe Review!!!!



By David Jocson
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In our opinion Jordan is the largest shoe brand in America and it is still rising in popularity among kids and adults. My personal favorite shoe from Jordan is the 'Jordan X Kaws retro 4'. The colors are either black or grey both suede all around with a glow in the dark sole. The price ranges from \$1,400-\$2,000 depending on size (retail value). These are very hard to find and are hard to maintain due to the suede everywhere on the shoes besides the sole.



Jordan 1

The Jordan 1 is probably the most talked about shoe. This shoe is very old and still in the shoe game.



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These shoes crease easily but look good when they get creased. They come in many different color ways. The price varies it depends what color way and size you get. The price starts at \$170 and up.



Adidas

Yeezy Wave Runners are probably the most overrated, ugliest shoes on the market as



of now. Designed by Kanye West the Yeezy shoe line has been around for a little while and with multiple different types including

the V2s, which include color ways of Beluga, Beluga 2's, Breds and Frost Yellows. There is also the V1 that comes in Turtle Dove, Tan and Pirate Black. The Wave Runners are the newest type and the most expensive varying from \$500-\$600 dollars depending on size.

The Yeezy V1 is the very first Yeezy with Adidas. Kanye has also made shoes with Nike and he has a collection of Yeezys. For example, there are the Red Octobers, Pure Platinum, and the Black Solar Red. These are all made with Nike. Then he moved over to Adidas then he made the Yeezy V1

The V1 comes in four colors: the Turtle Dove, Pirate Black, Oxford Tan, and the Moonrock. These are the color way. They are very expensive now rather than when it came out.

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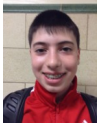
price for a Deadstock pair varies from your size and color and how rare the shoe is but a Deadstock pair will cost

around the thousands. For example a Deadstock pair of the Turtle Dove will cost \$2000-\$3000 on the Stadium Goods website for shoes.

Some people hate these shoes; some love them for the style; others just follow. The shoe is light weight and very comfortable.



Book Fair Had Variety



**By Joseph Melillo
Tusker Tribune**

The 2nd book fair of the 2017-2018 year ended on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The Book Fair is a key fundraiser for the Somers PTA. When it's held, ELA teachers sign up to bring their classes to the fair while it's being held.

The most recent book fair had, of course books, along with UV pens, giant pencils, emoji pens, and fake phones with markers inside.

These were the writing tools the book fair had.

The book fair also had earbuds, Mario t-shirts, and Mario drawstring bags. The categories of books they had were history books, fantasy, thrillers, and horror books.



In addition, they had jewelry, such as necklaces and bracelets. They also had purses and water bottles. They had lock diaries and the gamer's book of world records. This really wasn't a "book fair" it should be called a "book fair with many out of category objects". It wasn't those buy one get one free book fairs. Some students seemed to come to a conclusion that everything was

overpriced, while others found exactly what they were looking for.

Since it was called a "Book Fair", it's appropriate that you could buy two books for the price of one pen.



Music Report



**By Noah Volkman
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Voicenotes – Charlie Puth

His latest project since *Nine Track Mind*, Charlie Puth is back and better than ever. *Voicenotes* is the highlight of the week.

With features from Kehlani, Boyz II Men, and James Taylor, he's not as worried about having some rapper jump on his track.

He had a different album cover, black and white of him sitting in a hotel bed with a piano keyboard. But last week with the release of "The Way I Am", also came the new album cover.



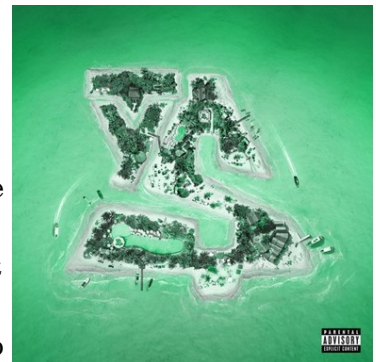
last 35 seconds or so, he goes:

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Scoopy-whoop
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Poop, poop
Scoop-diddy-whoop
Whoop-diddy-scoop
Whoop-diddy-scoop, poop"

I'm worried. Very worried about his new album *Love Everyone* coming out June 1.

Beach House 3 (Deluxe) - Ty Dolla \$ign

When *Beach House 3* came out in October 2017, I wondered when *Beach House 2* came out. But now that about 6 months later a deluxe version with 6 new tracks, it's stupid. *Beach House 3* wasn't that good in the first place, and he's just pushing it for way too long.



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Lift Yourself – Kanye West

I don't know what to say, other than that I question Kanye's mental health. More than I did before. All it is is a old-sounding song that he remixed, and then for the

