



TUSKER TRACKS

A weekly, trunkated note from Dr. B



The Bronstein Brief

Happy Friday, Somers!

I was so proud to attend the 2026 REGENERON Westchester Science & Engineering Fair last Saturday and the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday.

The hard work and dedication that was on display by all 26 Somers students who presented at the fair is an inspiration to us all, and I was honored to witness the culmination of months and years of research.

Congratulations to all those who received awards on Wednesday. You should be so proud of all you've accomplished. A special thanks to Dr. Maelia and Mr. DeSousa for continuing to be the fearless leaders of Somers Science Research!

A busy weekend at SHS, I was also able to visit the Section 1 Flag Football Jamboree with the New York Giants. A huge thank you to Coach DiFilippo and Coach DiChiaro for organizing such a great event for so many local athletes!

Around the District

Members of the SHS Culture Club recently had the unique opportunity to experience a private, before-hours tour of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), allowing them to explore some of the museum's most celebrated works in an unusually quiet and intimate setting.

With the galleries still closed to the public, students were able to stand just feet away from iconic masterpieces such as *Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh and *The Persistence of Memory* by Salvador Dalí, observing details that are often difficult to appreciate amidst the usual crowds.

In addition to viewing these world-renowned paintings, students also participated in an in-depth analysis of the work of acclaimed photographer Sheba Chhachhi, whose powerful images documented dowry-related violence against women in India during the 1990s. The experience provided students with a rare chance to engage deeply with both the artistic and social impact of modern art while connecting global issues to visual storytelling.

Tusker Pride

SEPTA Magic Show tickets are on sale! Early bird special pricing is valid until April 17th - Visit the link below or QR code below to register.

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Tusker Tidbits

To celebrate Pi Day on 3/14, the SMS Student Council hosted a "Pie in the Face" fundraiser that had students lining up to take part in the fun. For just \$1, students could cast a vote for a teacher or staff member they wanted to see get pied during lunch!

The top two vote-getters from each grade suited up in plastic coverings (with optional goggles!) before bravely stepping up for a face full of pie, much to the delight of the cheering crowd.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make Pi Day at SMS a sweet success!

'Tails' of Triumph

Congratulations to all of our Somers Science Research students who participated in WESEF last weekend, and to the 21 students that won awards!

Somers had the highest winning percentage at the competition, with 81% of Somers participants winning a special award or placed in an "in-category" award. Congratulations to our Somers award winners!

- Akosua Adobebe-Wiredu (Creative Approach to Research)
- Evan Aronoff (ISEF, 1st in ME)
- Regina Ayoubi (New York Invents, 1st in ENV)
- Caleb Carpenter (Dr. Rhea Jezer Energy 21 Student Scholar)
- Lauren Castillo (Association for Women Geo)
- Eli Clavines (Excellence in the Application of AI)
- Molly Cutler (Scientific Inquiry and Research Initiative)
- Sierra Deodhari (4th in NEU)
- Makaila Eagleton (Association for Women Geo, ISEF, 1st in EA)
- Scotty Evans (2nd in CBIF)
- James Gallivan (4th in NEU)
- Anna Huber (3rd in CBIF)
- Brady Janec (U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize)
- Anya Khurana (Excellence in Medical Research)
- Aidan Kimmel (4th in PHAST)
- Rachel Lantz (1st in NEU)
- Leonid Novichenko (Science Research Academy)
- Aurora Riley (Ricoh Sustainable Development)
- Connor Sheldon (Excellence in Medical Research)
- Smera Thekkenmar (Office of Naval Research)
- Isabella Wissa (2nd in ME)

The Week Ahead

3/20-3/22 - SHS Spring Musical - *Chicago, Teen Edition*

3/24 - SIS Science Night

3/26 - Incoming 6th Grade Parent's Night at SMS

3/28 - Pre-ACT (SHS)

3/30 - 4/6 - Spring Recess, Schools Closed

