



TUSKER TRACKS

A weekly, trunkated note from Dr. B



The Bronstein Brief

Happy Friday, Somers!

This week, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Chris Platania and I went to Heritage Hills to talk with Somers residents about the SCSD budget for the 2026-2027 school year. It was great to share our most updated information from our Board Meetings, answer questions and hear the different perspectives of our community members.

Between now and the vote on May 19th, we will continue to use our Board Meetings to break down the proposed budget and respond to questions and feedback. Please tune in via the [SCSD YouTube page](#) to watch future meetings live, as well as look back at previous budget presentations. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm in the SMS Library.



Around the District

Last week, members of Representatives Inspiring Social Equality (R.I.S.E.) club took part in the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center's Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders at Iona University.

Eight sophomores, selected by their Social Studies and English teachers for their commitment to leadership and human rights, joined peers from across the region to deepen their understanding of both local and global human rights issues. Five returning upperclassmen from the club also contributed and shared their presentation on the topics of gender-based health accessibility in the United States and human rights violations in Palestine.

The experience was a meaningful opportunity for reflection, learning, and dialogue, encouraging students to consider their role as upstanders in the face of injustice. Moving forward, R.I.S.E. students will continue to meet and develop ways to raise awareness and promote action within the Somers community.

We also extend our congratulations to senior Summer Befanis, who was honored with the Richard A. Berman Leadership Award for Human Rights, which recognizes commitment to community service and the education of ethically and socially responsible leaders.

Tusker Pride

Hold music never sounded so good! If you've called the Somers Central School District lately, you may have noticed some special, new music while on hold, and it was created by our very own talented students!

A huge thank you to:
The 7th & 8th Grade Combined Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Gilbert

The 6th Grade Chorus and 7th & 8th Grade Combined Chorus under the direction of Ms. Williams

The Somers High School Concert Choir and 9th Grade Chorus under the direction of Mr. Yapchanyk

Your hard work and musical talents are now the soundtrack of our district. What an incredible way to showcase student artistry and school pride!

Bravo to all involved for making even time on hold something to enjoy.

Tusker Tidbits

Students in Mrs. Kearns' Accelerated Earth & Space Science class at SMS, a course typically taught at the high school level, took a deep dive into the impacts of climate change through collaborative group presentations.

From ecosystem disruptions and extreme weather to melting ice and infrastructure challenges, students explored real-world issues shaping our planet's future, demonstrating both scientific understanding and thoughtful inquiry.

'Tails' of Triumph

What an incredible evening we had at our recent SIS Science Night!

A very special thank you to our amazing fifth grade scientists, who worked so hard to design and prepare their experiments. Their creativity, curiosity, and enthusiasm were truly on display, and they did a fantastic job sharing their learning with others. We are so proud of the way they stepped into the role of scientists and presenters!

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the families of our fifth graders. Your support behind the scenes, helping plan, prepare, and encourage the kids made this event possible.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the high school student mentors who partnered with our fifth graders throughout this process. Their guidance, encouragement, and patience helped our students better understand the scientific process and brought an added level of confidence and excitement to their work.

The evening was filled with discovery, hands-on learning, and lots of smiles. Everyone learned so much and had a great time! We are so proud of our fifth grade scientists and all they accomplished.

The Week Ahead

- 3/28 - Pre-ACT (SHS)
- 3/30 - 4/6 - Spring Recess, Schools Closed
- 4/7 - Board of Education Meeting (SMS)
- 4/9 - Mock College Interviews (SHS)

