



**Somers Middle School**  
***Weekly Newsletter of February 11<sup>th</sup>***

**Important Dates:**

2/12-2/14	Seussical Rehearsal
2/12	Computer Club
2/12	Somers Community Club
2/12	Intramurals – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2/13	Yearbook Club
2/13	Stage Crew Club
2/13	NPFH Club – grade level lunch meetings
2/13	Student Council – after school meetings
2/13	Special Olympics – basketball practice
2/14	Special Olympics – Mamaroneck hosts Somers @4pm
2/14	Intramurals – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2/14	Student Council – grade level lunch meetings
2/14	Tusker Tribune
2/14	Maker Space Club
2/15	Jazz Band (7:30am-8:20am)
<i>2/18-2/22</i>	<i>Schools closed – Winter Recess</i>

**HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGE TO PARENTS**

As you may know, a swastika was discovered last week drawn on one of the chairs in the Somers High School library. This symbol, and any other form of bigotry, bias or hatred defy the values we seek to uphold in our district. We want you to know what the high school, specifically, is doing to address the incident, as well as share with you the Human Rights curriculum we follow here at Somers Middle School. You can view the letter on our website that high school Principal Mark Bayer sent home to families.

Students study Human Rights, Respect, and Decision Making in grades 6 through 8 in several different areas...

- Human Rights Project/Universal Declaration of Human Rights - 8th grade ELA

- Civil Rights Movement - 8th gr Social Studies
- Comparing World Religions - 6th gr Social Studies
- Walk in My Shoes - 7th gr Science / Counseling - students experience what it is like to live with different disabilities
- Personal Rights and Respecting Others - Counseling Curriculum
- Respect and Uniqueness - Advisory
- Healthy Interpersonal Relationships, Digital Citizenship, Character Education – Family and Consumer Science
- Decision-making, Respect for Self and Others - Health
- Uniqueness Week - Uniqueness is discussed and celebrated - sponsored by our Student Council

### **REMINDER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Backpacks are **NOT** allowed to be carried by students during the school day. This includes string backpacks or any large bags.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Advisory Penny Wars and Food Drive, brought to you by Student Council - Are you ready for some friendly competition?

- Contest runs from Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> -Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Students can bring in money/non-perishables during Tuesday advisory sessions, or they can drop off with their advisory teachers throughout the week
- Advisory who collects the most money and non-perishables wins a **COOKIE CAKE** to be enjoyed during advisory on February 26<sup>th</sup>!!
- All donations will go to The Food Bank for Westchester, Inc.

### **YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks are now on sale! Only \$40.00. Last date to order is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer on our website for further information on how to place your order. Any questions, please email [castrologo@somersschools.org](mailto:castrologo@somersschools.org) or [kbehling@somersschools.org](mailto:kbehling@somersschools.org)

### **NYSSMA**

The NYSSMA festival registration forms are now available. Please contact Mr. Maino for Strings, Mrs. Malara for band instruments, and Mrs. Williams for classical piano, jazz piano, and voice. **ALL FORMS ARE DUE BACK NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2019.**

### **TUSKER TRIBUNE**

Check out SMS' student-written school newspaper, the Tusker Tribune, by clicking on this link! <https://www.somersschools.org/domain/995>  
The Tusker Tribune is published online every Thursday (except during school holidays) by the Tusker Tribune staff. Any SMS student is eligible to submit stories

for the Tusker Tribune by sending an e-mail to Advisor Dean Pappas at [DPappas@somersschools.org](mailto:DPappas@somersschools.org). Weekly meetings are held Thursday from 3-4 in room 305.

## **SEPTA**

**SEPTA Coffee and Conversation "Ask An Advocate" - Monday, February 11 at 10 am.** Do you have questions related to the IEP process? Do you understand your role at a CSE meeting? Do you know how to discuss your child's needs at the annual review meeting? Join us at our next coffee and conversation and Ask An Advocate! Denise Green, Parent Training and Information Center Coordinator from Westchester & Putnam Independent Living Center, will be with us to answer all of your questions. If you would like to attend, send an email to [rsvpforsepta@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpforsepta@gmail.com) for the meeting location. All are welcome!

**9th Annual Somers Magic Show: An Illusion Show for All Ages - Friday, March 22** at the Somers High School. Doors open at 6 PM - Show starts at 7:30 PM  
Save the date for a night of captivating magic and illusion as **The Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig** takes to the Somers High School stage! Doors open at 6 PM for face painting, game room and Gaga court. Pizza, drinks, ice cream, and souvenirs will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door. Online ticketing available at [www.seatyourself.biz/somerssepta](http://www.seatyourself.biz/somerssepta). All proceeds to benefit the Somers Special Education PTA. For more information about the show, click on the link to the flyer: <https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/1186/March%202019/March%20Magic%20Show%20flyer.pdf>  
Looking forward to a magical night!

## **SMS PTA News**

**Amazon Smile and DeCiccós:** Support the SMS PTA by shopping at Amazon Smile and DeCiccós in Brewster and Katonah. Visit our [website](#) for more information

**Box Tops:** Earn cash for SMS by clipping Box Tops! Clip Box Tops for Education from participating brands, place in envelope and put in Box Tops container in SMS mailroom. No expired ones please. Submit 10 box tops and be entered in the drawing to win a prize. [Click here](#) to see flyer to enter.

## **HAMILTON RAFFLE!**

- Win 2 tickets to see Hamilton on Broadway Friday July 19th at 8pm. Seats are Right Front Mezzanine, Row A, Seats 6 & 8 (first row).
- Raffle tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50. Proceeds go to the SHS PTSA Scholarship Fund.

- Drawing will take place on May 30th (**please note new date**) at the SHS PTSA meeting. You do not have to be present to win.
- Purchase tickets online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). Go to School Store, Browse All Items, and SHS Raffle Ticket. Raffle tickets will be mailed to you.
- For more information or to pay by cash/check, please email [shsptsa.scholar@gmail.com](mailto:shsptsa.scholar@gmail.com)
- Face value of Hamilton tickets is \$750 (\$375 each ticket). Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

### **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY**

The Tech Center at Yorktown is very excited to let you know that it is offering Summer Camp programs for students 12 – 15 years old. It is a great way to learn a skill, make friends, and have fun! We will be offering 4 one week sessions in July; July 1, 2, 3, and 5; July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26, and July 29-August 2. The website is now open for registration. You can go directly to the registration site, or navigate there from the school website at <https://pnwboces.asapconnected.com/?#CourseGroupID=4452> or [www.pnwboces.org/tech](http://www.pnwboces.org/tech). For additional information, please call Gerry Battista at 914-248-2220.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**