



Somers Middle School

Weekly Newsletter of March 11th

Important Dates:

3/12-3/14	Seussical Rehearsal (3:15 – 4:30pm)
3/12	Computer Club
3/12	Intramurals – 6 th Grade
3/12	Art Club
3/12	Student Council – after school meeting
3/13	Stage Crew
3/13	Yearbook Club
3/13	Mindfulness and Yoga Club
3/13	Student Council – grade level lunch meetings
3/13	Special Olympics Basketball game @SMS (4:00pm)
3/14	Intramurals – 7 th & 8 th Grade
3/14	Community Club
3/14	Tusker Tribune
3/14	Stage Crew
3/14	Dodgeball Tournament
3/15	*Snow date for Dodgeball Tournament
3/15	Jazz Band (7:30am-8:20am)

UNIQUENESS AWARENESS WEEK

SMS will be celebrating Uniqueness Awareness Week on **Monday, March 11th thru Friday, February 15th**. Tickets for the dodgeball tournament will be sold starting March 4th -12th or until sold out. (\$8.00 to play or attend/\$65 per team, get them early)

- 3/11 **Pajama** Day – (wear your pajamas to show you are comfortable in your own skin)
- 3/12 – **Pride** Day (Wear neon colors to show respect for the gay-straight alliance)
- 3/13 – **Culture** Day (Wear your heritage color to represent your history)
- 3/14 – Somers Gear Day (wear **Red** and **Black** to represent Somers)
- 3/14 – Dodgeball Tournament (3:015-5:30pm) *Food and drinks will be sold by the PTA

- 3/15 – **Freedom Friday** (Wear **camo** or red/white and blue to show American Patriotism)

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The DeMatteo Football Academy dates are set for Monday, July 15th to Thursday July 18th at Somers High School. For the registration form and more information please email ADeMatteo@somersschools.org

PARENT INFORMATION - Somers CSD Annual Spring Wellness

Summit: Parenting in the Digital Age (K-12) - On Wednesday, March 13th from 7-8:30 pm @ SMS. Please see email for Eventbrite RSVP link.

Is managing your kids' screen time and online life causing stress in your home? You are not alone in trying to help your kids handle the allure of social media and gaming. You and your children are invited to get tips and strategies from experts on how to manage technology and screen time. Psychiatrist, professor and author, Dr. Jess Shatkin, will discuss the health effects of media use by children, as well as related issues of sleep, substance abuse, and the most effective, research-based parenting practices. School district professionals will also share resources for managing our kids' online experiences. Our evening will conclude with an open Q & A session with Dr. Shatkin.

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, and no later than Monday, March 11th. Registration is essential so we can determine our physical space requirements and the number of handouts to be printed.

About Dr. Jess Shatkin:

Dr. Shatkin leads educational efforts at the Child Study Center at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone. He is the Vice Chair for Education and Professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the NYU School of Medicine. He is also the founder and director of the nation's largest undergraduate child development program, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Studies (CAMS) at NYU.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Students are not be allowed in the building before 7:25 am. Students should not be dropped off before that time.

YEARBOOK

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

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. Weekly meetings are held Thursday from 3-4 in room 305.

SHS presents MAMMA MIA!

The smash hit musical based on the songs of ABBA comes to SHS on March 15th, 16th and 17th. Please see flyer on our website for further information.

SEPTA

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Front Door Session on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 PM in the Somers Middle School Library. Our March SEPTA meeting will provide an understanding of OPWDD's mission and purpose, as well as outline the process of how you can become eligible for OPWDD supports and services, the types of supports and services available, and where you can go to get assistance. Space is limited to 35 people, so register now at rsvpforsepta@gmail.com. **Registration is required for this meeting.**

9th Annual Somers Magic Show: An Illusion Show For All Ages on Friday, March 22 at the Somers High School Doors open at 6 PM - Show starts at 7:30 PM. Buy your tickets online today for a night of captivating magic and illusion featuring **The Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig**. 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. 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>

Sensory Friendly Showing of *Dumbo*

The SEPTA Social Skills Committee will offer a sensory-friendly showing of *Dumbo* on Friday, March 29th at 10 am at Carmel Cinema 8. Perfect for all viewers with no previews, lower volume and dim lights. \$15 per person includes movie, popcorn, and drink. RSVP by Wednesday, March 27th with your name and number of attendees to SEPTAMOVIE@gmail.com so we know which theater to reserve. All admissions must go through the box office. Seats are limited and will be available to the first 175 people who purchase tickets at the box office. This is not a drop-off event. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. For more information, click on the movie flyer: [Septa Movie Flyer](#)

SMS PTA News

Somers PTA Council - The Somers PTA Council is looking to fill the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Ask the Elephant, Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast Chair, Vice President, Reflections Chair and Camp Night Chair. Descriptions can be found on the [website](#). If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please contact Karen Collura at jetsfins@optonline.net

2019 Recycling Day Celebrates Earth Day - On April 20th, from 9 am to 2 pm, the fifth annual Somers Recycling Day will be held at Somers Intermediate School, 240 Route 202 in Somers. Residents of Somers can dispose of unwanted electronic waste including key boards, monitors, cords, data cabling, TV's and other electronic devices. Small appliances like coffee makers, microwaves and blenders will be accepted. Recyclables also include washers, dryers and scrap metal, such as shelving, fencing or old barbecue grills. A \$5 donation per car for the Somers PTA Council is suggested. See flyer on our website for further information.

Annual SMS Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Please help the SMS PTA say THANK YOU to our wonderful administrators, teachers and staff at the SMS staff appreciation lunching on March 20th. If you would like to help, please see our flyer on the website for further information. Please visit the SMS PTA [website](#) for more events and fundraising information

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEF Night at Play Connection (Formerly SEF Carnival)

Join us on Friday, March 29th for fun and games at Play Connection. Two shifts to choose from: 6-7:30pm or 7:30-9pm. There is a limit of 90 participants per shift. The cost is \$14 per child, per shift. Entry fee includes unlimited games, video consoles, inflatables, and train rides. Each child will receive a complimentary goodie bag from SEF. Pizza, snacks, and beverages will be available for purchase. Please visit <http://www.sefny.org/play-connection-2019/> to register for this fun event. If you have any questions, please contact info@sefny.org.

See flyer on our website for further information for community events including town sports for Girls Softball; Girls Lacrosse; Boys Baseball, AYSO spring soccer and FC academy soccer.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!