Hello Warriors! I am Elangkathir Elamaran. As you all know, this year, a new administrative staff member came to our awesome school; Mr. Sheffrin! Mr. Sheffrin is our new vice principal at SGS! He has been doing an amazing job. Recently, I interviewed Mr. Sheffrin, and I asked him a few questions. Continue to read more to learn more about Mr. Sheffrin and his vision for SGS in the future!

1. Mr. Sheffrin, before you came to SGS, where did you work? If you worked as a teacher, what subjects did you teach?

Before I came to SGS I worked as a Math Academic Support Teacher at Hillcrest School for grades 4 and 5. Before that I taught grade 3. I worked at Hillcrest School for 8 years.

2. Why did you want to become a Vice Principal?

I wanted to become a vice principal because I knew I wanted to help and work with as many students as possible. As a teacher I was able to work with many different students each year, but as a vice principal I am able to work with the entire school community. I also worked under many amazing administrators throughout my career as a teacher and I knew that this was something that I always wanted to pursue.

3. What is the hardest aspect of being a Vice Principal?

The hardest aspect of being a vice principal is being able to be in so many places at once! I want to be able to visit classrooms, be at lunch and recess, walk around the halls, and attend many after school activities. There are so many amazing things happening at SGS I don't want to miss a single one.

4. What is your favorite part about being a Vice Principal?

My favorite part about being a vice principal is being able to interact with all of the staff and students! I love how warm and welcoming everyone has been since I started here. It is the BEST place to be!

5. What is your vision for SGS in the future?

My vision for SGS for the future is to continue in the same direction as we have been going. I know all students are going to continue growing socially, emotionally, and academically. I love to see all of the fun and exciting things that happen on a daily basis here at SGS, now and in the future!

Thank you so much for reading, guys! Let's give Mr. Sheffrin a shout-out for being an amazing vice principal! The next time you see him around SGS, thank him for his efforts in making SGS an awesome learning environment and a successful school!
SGS Family Welcomes Officer Sully
By: Siya Sanghavi

Officer Sully was interviewed for the school newspaper “The Warrior Times”. Officer Sully is SGS’s new School Resource Police Officer. He has been a police officer for the past nineteen years. Officer Sully knew he wanted to be a police officer in the sixth grade! Wow, that was back in middle school! He, unfortunately, witnessed a murder/robbery on Christmas day and was really impressed at the officer’s ability to stay calm and handle the crimes committed.

Some of Officer Sully’s hobbies include reading, fishing/hunting/outdoor activities, playing with his dog, and sports. His favorite sports teams are the Yankees, Jets, and the Redwings. His favorite sports are baseball, football, lacrosse, hockey, and basketball. He also has a staffie (dog) and Bingo was his nameo.

Officer Sully’s office is on the 300 hallway but you can often see Officer Sully walking the halls so when you see him do not forget to say “HI”.

WELCOME to the SGS family Officer Sully!!

PBIS and YOU
By: PBIS Team

Here is a sample Warrior ticket students get by email.

Things to know:
For October, our students participated in a PBIS poster contest. Students created posters for school expectations in the hallways, buses, cafeteria, bathrooms, and emergency drills. Thank you to Sylinesha Elliott, Sophia Rodriguez, Yasseen Drihmi, Ashraya Tripathee, and Abigail Igbineweka for creating posters for our hallways!

Here is the link for the SGS Leaderboard. This allows students to see how many tickets they have earned.

Click HERE to see our SGS School Store—the Warrior Station and learn how to redeem your Warrior tickets. Check out the new items in the Warrior Station this year.

Clash of the Classes

Congrats to 6th grade for winning the Marking Period 1 challenge!! They had a period where they got to play video games to celebrate.

Marking period 1 was full of challenges for the students to take on! Academically there was the Honor Roll…it does not seem much but when you are coming back to school after the last 2 years we have had this is really BIG! Of course attendance plays a part of each class averaged in the 90%. Way to tackle this new year.

Now for the fun challenges but where are all of you? Where is your school spirit and goofiness? The challenges were: wear blue, wear green, wear a hat, wear team gear, and wear Franklin gear.

Don’t forget to check the weekly updates so you know your team’s standings: SGS-Clash of the Classes

We have to wait to find out the WINNER of Marking Period 2!!! Who will it be???
**Tips and Tricks For School**

**By: Shouryal Patel**

Everyone is having trouble changing from virtual to in person juggling work and outside life. So, here are some tips and tricks for time management. Using time management could help you drastically in your busy day with work and after school activities. Time management is making and organizing time for certain activities by organizing from least important to important. For instance put work and studying first and then your breaks in between. You can also make time slots for yourself. Time slots are like timing things to get done from one time to another time. For instance 1:00-2:00pm- Homework and 2:00-4:00pm- free time. Stuff like that. Just make sure not to overwork yourself! Breaks are important, they give you time to rest and take a break. You can even set up a calendar on google you can set up a calendar you can set up certain times for certain things with timings. They will show you where they overlap and you can even color code things! This directly ties up with Google Classroom. Google Classroom has multiple features for organization and work. If you go into the top left corner of the classroom you will see 3 bars. When you click you will see a to-do list. This will show you work you have completed, missed and currently have to do. You can also go to settings and change the setting in Google Classroom for your emails. This will make it so certain emails and notifications will pop up in your emails. This will cut your clutter into a minimum. These are some tips-and-tricks for helping with your busy school life!

**Governor Elections**

**By: Parharnya Shankar**

On November 2, 2021 Governor Phil Murphy who is 64 years old won the New Jersey gubernatorial for the second time serving his second term as the Governor of New Jersey. Governor Murphy was first sworn into office in 2018 when he beat Kim Guadagno. This year he ran for reelection this year against Jack Ciattarelli age 59. Governor Murphy is from the Democratic party while his opponent Mr. Ciattarelli was a Republican. Governor Murphy is the second Democrat to win reelection since Brendan Byrne in 1977. Governor Murphy got 50.03% of the votes while Mr. Ciattarelli won 49.22% of the ballots. It was a very close race.

Some other candidates were Madelyn Hoffman from the Green Party, Gregg Mele from the Libertarian Party, and Joanne Kuniansky from the Social Workers Party. The majority of people cast their votes for either the Democratic or Republican parties. People were allowed to send in their mail with their votes. Throughout the vote counting both Governor Murphy and Mr. Ciattarelli would get a lead then the other would catch up.

In Somerset County, 50.7% of the population or 53,829 people voted for Governor Murphy. But Mr. Ciattarelli was close behind with 51,635 or 48.6% of the votes. Many people were upset with Governor Murphy’s strong mask policies and voted for Mr. Ciattarelli. In the end though Governor Murphy won by a couple votes.

**Pop-Culture**

**By: Nikita Sharma**

**What is Pop-Culture?**

Pop-Culture is a variety of attitudes, ideas, images, and perspectives. Pop-Culture is heavily influenced by social media like: Tik tok, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.

Pop-Culture primarily is made up of practices, beliefs, objects that influence society. To be more specific: Fashion trends, Entertainment (music, video games, film industry, etc.), technology, and slang.

The countries most commonly thought to have the most influence from pop culture are the United States of America, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

**Fashion Trends via 2021**

In 2021 people are now able to find their own styles and express themselves through clothes, with no restrictions. There are different aesthetics like: Goth, indie, dark/light academia, grunge, cottagecore, and many many more! There are fashion trends that are going around and of course all these different aesthetics can wear them. They might style it differently but clothes are for everyone! Some of the trends are: bucket hats, claw clips, corsets, color blocking, oversized blazers, chunky shoes, etc.
Welcome to this edition of Tech Time! I'm your host, Elangkathir Elamaran! The topic we will be discussing today is T-Mobile planning to pay $20 million after a 12 hour outage in June 2020, which resulted in thousands of failed 911 calls.

T-Mobile to Pay $20M After Outage Led to Failed 911 Calls

To summarize what happened, T-Mobile (a wireless phone carrier) decided to pay $19.5 million in a settlement with the Federal Communications Commission because of a 12 hour nationwide shortage in June 2020, which resulted in tens of thousands of failed 911 calls.

According to the settlement, T-Mobile will also commit centers, along with other measures.

The FCC Agency declared to the public that there were the outage. The cause of this outage was a failure in happened. T-Mobile paid a $17.5 million fine for the day in August 2014.

REFLECTION:

Personally, I believe that T-Mobile did the right thing by agreeing to pay the fine. These types of outages are inevitable in today’s modern world. They suddenly happen, and are often difficult to fix. It was right of T-Mobile to own up to their mistake, pay the settlement money, and seek ways to improve their services and networks.

Thank you for reading this edition of Tech Time! We’ll see you next time!

Fun Facts about…

Fall

By: Sahana Aravindakshan

- Only America calls it Fall. The British use the word autumn.
- Leaves change color because of the lack of sunlight. Due to this, chlorophyll breaks down, and the leaves change color.
- Fall was called Harvest because this was the time of the year where farmers would harvest their crops.

It’s Your Debate

Should School Start Early?

By: Sahana Aravindakshan

In SGS, school starts at 7:20 in the morning. Should it start so early?

Yes!

In the morning, your ideas are fresh. You can think the best then. Besides, if school starts early, it can end early too, leaving more time in the afternoon for extra curricular activities and clubs.

No!

School starting at 7:20 means some people have to wake up as early as 5:00 a.m. Waking up too early can lead to sleep deprivation. This can be a serious problem because not getting enough sleep can affect your learning.

Almost 250 students participated in the survey. Here are the results.

Some students thought that waking up early could help for extra time in the afternoon and training your body to get up early for high school and future jobs. However, most of the students thought that 6a/m is too early for your brain to function properly. The majority says no.
Jokes
By: Nikita amar Shamara

1. You are in a dark room with a box of matches. On a table are a candle, an oil lamp, and a log of firewood. What do you light first?
2. What two words, added together, contain the most letters?
3. Two people were playing chess. They both won. How is this possible?
4. I have 13 hearts, but no lungs or stomach. What am I?

Advice Column
By: JT

If you need advice and would like to ask JT please click on the link and submit your question. JT is waiting to help you. https://forms.gle/4ZMGhZoD8FgTouPl6

Teachers and their WHY???
By: Jalyssa Gurwitz-Brown

Taking a look at new teachers and their WHY? about teaching. I asked a few teachers that work at SGs including Ms. Burrows is a 6th, 7th, 8th grade Science teacher, Mr. Cooper the 6th and 7th grade Social Studies teachers. Here are the answers to each question that I asked during the interview to each teacher.

Cathleen Burrows:

Ms. Burrows used to work at a school in NYC called Robert F. Kennedy School for 5 years. Before that she worked in New Brunswick for 2 years at Woodrow Wilson School. She is so happy to be back in New Jersey working in this awesome middle school. She says, “The facilities are clean, beautiful, and expansive. The staff has been so friendly and helpful. The student population is funny, interesting, proud, and excited to learn. I feel really safe and happy here.” Ms. Burrows loves to go to concerts and music festivals. She will always say yes to chicken fingers and lots of condiments and finally her favorite color is green and yellow.

Mr. Cooper:

Mr. Cooper used to work at South Amboy Middle High School. When asked what he loves about SGS he says he loves “EVERYTHING! The students, the staff, the location, everything!!” He plays the bass guitar and his hobbies are playing video games and watching tons of movies. He loves pizza and finally his favorite color is blue.

Book Reviews:
By: Amaya Balraman

Great Expectations:
by: Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens’s ‘Great Expectations’ is an amazing tale of a young, amiable orphan boy called Philip Pirrip also known as Pip. Set in the early nineteenth century England, it follows his journey from an impoverished childhood to a blacksmith’s apprentice to finding his niche in high-society London. Along the way, we encounter several memorable characters - from the escaped convict, Abel Magwitch to the eccentric Miss Havisham, the kind-hearted Joe to the exquisitely beautiful Estella. Although this novel is fiction, Dickens’ evocative prose somehow makes it seem like we are reading a very personal non-fiction. This was my first Charles Dickens novel and I now truly understand why it has been hailed a masterpiece.

A Little Princess:
by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Published in the late 1800s, ‘A Little Princess’ by Frances Hodgson Burnett, is a rare, timeless gem of a novel that still feels so relevant in our times. Set in Victorian England, it is a moving and uplifting account of a young heiress, Sara Crewe. Even when her fortunes turn, Sara displays inherent intelligence, courage and strength of character. She seeks out the little joys of life and delights in small pleasures, compelling us to turn in reflection on our own lives. Frances Hodgson Burnett’s beautiful prose and the equally beautiful illustrations by Graham Rust makes this book a sheer joy to read.

Where The Red Fern Grows:
by Wilson Rawls

‘Where The Red Fern Grows’ by Wilson Rawls is a touching and heart-breaking story based on true events from the author’s childhood. Set in the Ozark mountains in the 1920s, it tells the story of friendship between young Billy and his beloved Coon hounds, Old Dan and Little Anne. Wilson Rawls’ engaging style of writing takes us along on a ride of boyhood adventures while simultaneously teaching us valuable lessons on loyalty and courage. Warning: This book will make you want to immediately get a pet of your own!
Movie Review:

Who is the best Spider Man?

By: Haleigha Jones

If you haven't heard, a new spiderman movie, Spiderman: No Way Home, it's a spiderman movie that is coming out on December 17th, 2021. There's been a lot of speculation surrounding it as many people are saying that Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield's spider men will appear alongside Tom Holland's spider man as part of the multiverse storyline. Here's how the points will be tallied:

Tobey Maguire was the first spider man to appear in his own movie which came out in 2002 and was simply named “Spider-Man”. He had a trilogy from 2002-2008. The thing is with Maguire's spider man, he was a great Peter Parker, Spiderman’s secret identity. He accurately portrayed the nerdy side of Peter Parker. Compared to Garfield and Holland's spider man, he's the weakest in that area. So while Tobey Maguire's Peter Parker was very comic book accurate, although not bad, he wasn’t the best at portraying spider man.

Andrew Garfield appeared in Mark Webb's Amazing Spider-man 1 and 2. He's notoriously the worst Peter Parker out of the three. While Peter Parker is supposed to be a nerd, in The Amazing Spider-man, he was a cool skater dude. He practically bullied Flash Thompson, who is supposed to be the bully of Peter Parker. Despite all of this, he was an awesome Spider-man. He showed the humor and sarcasm spider man is known for. All in all, Andrew Garfield's Peter Parker was not the most accurate but his spider man was true to the comics.

Tom Holland is the current spider man. He's also the first live action spider man to be part of the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe) so that means he gets to interact with superheroes part of the MCU such as Tony Stark so he gets more high tech gadgets, web slingers, and suits. Tom Holland's spider man appeared in “Spider-Man Homecoming” in 2017 and “Spider-Man Far From Home” in 2019 as well as “Captain America: Civil War” (2016), “Avengers: Infinity War” (2018), and “Avengers Endgame” (2019). Holland's Peter Park is comic book accurate as he accurately portrayed Peter Parker’s geeky side. Holland's spider man is also funny and joyous. There's also the fact that Tom Holland was a teenager when he first appeared as spider man. Maguire and Garfield were both in their 20s when they first appeared as the character. Though, a downside to Holland's spider man is that he's too dependent on Tony Stark (pre-Endgame). He's also involved in a lot more major events than smaller crimes even though spider man is supposed to be the “friendly neighborhood spider man”.

Take all of these points into consideration and ask: Who do you think is the best spider man?

Poet's Corner

Magic of the Forest

By: Praharnya Shankar karthic

Brimming with being
You sense without seeing
Life is teeming
You'll imagine you're dreaming

So many creatures
With enchanting features
Radiating a glee
At being so free

Florets abloom
Make the forests illume
The trees so high
They touch the sky

Birds singing
Their chirps ringing
All their sound
Shall have you astound

The rabbits frolicking
Appear so astonishing
So spriteful
You'll be delightful

Squirrels scurry
Past in a hurry
Oh so meek
Their fur so sleek

The fish swim
Their body so slim
They dive down below
With the river they flow

The frogs bellow
How their calls echo
Seated on a bole
Crouching out their soul

This is the home
Where they can roam
Where they are free
Free to be

Community Life

iReady Challenge: And the WINNERS are...

iReady November Incentive Student All Stars!

Math
Kris Rao 8 lessons passed 89%
Natalie Sanchez Rojas 10 lessons passed 83%
Anthanasios Voudouris 12 lessons passed 86%
Kaileigh Beckford 17 lessons passed 85%
Aadhya Romiyo 43 lessons passed 91%
Nikhil Lal 15 lessons passed 100%

Reading
Joshua Jalloh 12 lesson passed 80%
Siya Sanghavi 12 lessons passed 100%
Jaedon Powell 25 lessons passed 96%
Kaelyn Morris Brooks 14 lessons passed 82%
Laelani Love 22 lesson passed 92%
Hayden Docsol 13 lesson passed 87%
The Franklin Middle School football team represents teamwork, discipline, and perseverance

By: Sarai Styles

The importance of football

Football is more than just a game. From the time the players step out onto the field to when they hang up their cleats. They are taught lessons that they will take with them for a long time to come. Throughout a long week of practice, they learn how to set goals, handle success and failure, time management, and keeping fit. To some the football field is their home, on the field they build a trusting bond with their teammates. Although they did not win all games the players continued to work hard and never give up.

Why football is so important to the players

Yasir Stocks- He says that football is not just a sport it helps him release anxiety and tension. Football makes him feel that he is capable of doing anything in the future. Football is an escape for him, the field is like his second home.

National Jr. Honor Society

By: Saara Pawar

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school’s commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1929. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, and around the world. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Here at Sampson G Smith Middle School, we do our best to impact our community in the best possible ways. In the first week of November, I gathered along with my fellow Honor Society peers, and as a team we stuffed 150 stockings for Homeless Veterans, filled with everyday necessities to make these veterans feel a little bit more congenial. The necessities were all given from people from our communities, who decided to donate to a bigger cause.

We hope this support brings joy to those who protect our freedom, and Happy Holidays!

Hispanic Heritage Month

By: Sirekha Vadapalli

Hispanic Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1968. But, President Lyndon B. Johnson considered it for only a week. After President Ronald Reagan was elected he changed Hispanic Heritage Week into Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated to acknowledge the achievements of Hispanic American title-holders, and people who have motivated others to success. Hispanic Heritage Month is also celebrated to honor the cultures and the collaboration of both Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Every year from September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. People celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by participating in many exciting activities like… a festival! Including Dia De La Raza and other amazing festivals that sometimes include food! Some traditions that people celebrate in Hispanic Heritage Month are “Las Pinatas”. Las Pinatas is when a huge ornament is stuffed with candy! This tradition holds a special religious meaning, in the 13th century it represented Satan. But, now it just means a ton of fun!

Overall, it is important to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the many contributions and the different cultures and their history of the American Latino community. This wonderful month is celebrated all around the world! From festivals to art shows to pinatas! This month shouw how wonderful and beautiful the culture of the Hispanics and the Latino’s is!

I hope you enjoyed reading about how amazing and wonderful Hispanic Heritage month is!

SGS’ Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thinking of expanding your career beyond being a student? Do you like to write? Do you like to research cool topics and share the information? Are you curious about what others think on “Hot Topics”? If so then maybe the Newspaper Club is for you!!! Are you curious?? Think about it! Reach out to either:

Mrs. Holzer @ cholzer@franklinboe.org
Ms. Sloane @ hslone@franklinboe.org

SGS FIELD HOCKEY!

By: Maya Pabuwal

The FMS field hockey team had 9 girls on the team (including me), and Mrs. Francis as their coach. A regular field hockey team has about 20 players for all of the positions plus substitutes. Since the SGS team was small, they didn’t get only practiced on Wednesdays, and from after school. Their on September October 19th. Since most of the players were new to the team, Coach Francis had to teach them how to play. The sport is played with concrete balls and wooden sticks and bigger goals, contrary to what one might have played in school. Field Hockey is a really fun sport and it is highly recommended if you want to try something new.
Community Life

**NEWS FLASH**

Every Friday wear your college or university sweatshirt or t-shirt. Try asking your teachers about their college or university sweatshirts and t-shirts. If you do not want to wear your college swag then show your school spirit by wearing your Franklin Wear.

**Join the fun…**

Jokes (answers)

*By: Nikita amar Shamara*

1. The match! Can't light any of those things without a lit match.
2. post office
3. They were playing two different games, against other opponents.
4. A deck of cards!

**The Real Warriors**

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