



November 18 - 22, 2024

The Weekly Green Scene

South Fayette Township School District's Primary Source for Campus News

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Lion Athletics Schedule

Seventh Grade Crushes Can Goal

As shared earlier this year, it is the tradition of one of our 7th Grade MiniTeams to work annually with Light of Life in the North Side of Pittsburgh for their Thanksgiving Basket Opportunity. The Mission provides Thanksgiving dinner baskets to those in need, and the baskets include everything from turkey to pie.

This year, the team was able to include participation from every 7th Grade homeroom for tremendous results. With last year's total collection of 983 cans of gravy and cranberry sauce in mind, they promised to deliver at least 984 cans of corn to Light of Life this year. But that goal was too easy for our South Fayette families, as the final total rose to 1,712 cans!

Congratulations 7th Grade, and thank you to everyone who participated. Your contribution is making a significant difference for the Light of Life Mission and the people in need in our region. An extra special thank you is extended to the **Kwiatek family** for delivering the donation to the mission.

As a reminder, Light of Life Thanksgiving Baskets are filled with everything from the turkey to the pie. Light of Life partners with organizations around the city of Pittsburgh that are investing in



families in the community. These families have a home, but they don't have the necessary means to purchase food for a Thanksgiving feast. This year, Light of Life plans to distribute 2,300 Thanksgiving baskets.



Middle School Ranked in Top 0.5%

The *U.S. News and World Report* recently released its 2025 Best Middle School Rankings and South Fayette Middle School was ranked #14 out of 2,387 ranked schools in Pennsylvania, placing our middle schoolers in the top one half percent (0.5%) of educational institutions in the state! Per the [website](#), "Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation, and how well they prepare their students for high school." Congratulations, SFMS and to everyone in the District!

Fifth Grader Wins State-Wide Calendar Contest

In early October, the fifth graders in Mrs. Manley's and Mr. Caprio's classes worked on a special project in which each student entered into the 28th Annual Drug-Free Calendar artwork contest for the Office of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania. To our knowledge, there were thousands of entries overall from across the state, and we have learned that the artwork of SF fifth grader **Yaara Bilal** has been selected to be featured as one of the 12 months in the 2025 calendar!

Yaara has also won money toward a 529 college fund and has been invited to Harrisburg for a luncheon with PA Attorney General Michelle Henry to be honored with the other contest winners. In a letter announcing Yaara's achievement, Ms. Henry wrote, "I hope you enjoyed creating your artwork. I appreciate your helping me to educate your fellow students across Pennsylvania about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and learning to say NO to DRUGS." Congratulations, Yaara!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Varsity Swim and Dive Team** is looking for volunteers to help at home swim meets at the pool in the Middle School.

Volunteers help with running the home swim meets. No experience necessary you will be trained on what to do. Home meets last about 2 hours and typically are weeknights. No weekends needed. You can pick what date or dates work for you. Volunteer for one meet or multiple meets. We would love the help.

If you are interested or would like more information on this convenient way to earn volunteer hours this year, please contact Katie Logan at ktlogan302@gmail.com.

Reminders

- [Nominate/vote](#) for **Mr. Keener** for WPIAL Athletic Director of the Year, a new award available through a partnership with WPIAL and Snap! Mobile. He can win a \$500 gift card for a weekend getaway plus special recognition on the WPIAL website and social channels.
- Information about Virtual Learning Days is available under Flexible Instruction Days (FID) from the QR Code on the “What Every Lion Needs to Know” magnet that all families received at the beginning of the school year.
- Download the WPIAL Official App from both the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#) by searching “WPIAL”, or by visiting the [WPIAL Official App page on the league website](#).
- Campus construction updates are available online at a [dedicated page](#) on the district website.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Congratulations **Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team** on earning 2nd of 15 teams at a competition last weekend at 1st Summit Arena and earning a bid to compete at The National Cheerleading Championship in Disney, at the UCA Regionals!

★ This week’s Lion Card raffle winners at the IS from each grade who have been proudly making safe, kind, and responsible choices are: 3rd Grade: **Teddy Colin** and **Sienna Tanase**; 4th Grade: **Owen Arndt** and **Paisley Duff**; 5th Grade: **Jaxson Barlow** and **Rayna Schirripa**. Congratulations and great job!

★ Congratulations to last week's Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program: Kindergarten: **Madison Pilsner** and **Kellen Stoddard**; 1st Grade: **Charles Heckman** and **Sadie LaMendola**; 2nd Grade: **Liam McClure** and **Brendyn Pike**. These Super Lions showed that they are Safe, Kind, and Responsible and will be entered into the ES monthly drawing for the chance at a class or individual reward of their choice.

Lions in the News

 The sports section of this week's *Almanac* included an article on SF Freshman runner **Angela Zeng** with the headline, "Zeng paces South Fayette to Top 8 showing at states."

Events Next Week

November 25 - 27, 2024

No School for Students -
Parent/Teacher Conferences
MS Student-Led Conferences

November 26, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

November 28 - December 2, 2024

School Closed - Fall Break

November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 2, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning
Academy Lottery Request Period
Opens
School Board Reorganization
Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

December 4 - 6, 2024

Keystone Exams

December 5, 2024

MS Holiday Chorus Concert, 6
pm, MS Auditorium

December 6, 2024

End of Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive
Interim Report Cards Available on
Parent Portal

December 10 - 12

Keystone Exam Make-Up Days

December 11, 2024

3rd & 4th Grade Winter Orchestra
Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym
Coffee and Conversation with
District Leadership, 9 - 10 am,
Pride Room

December 12, 2024

MS Holiday Orchestra Concert,
6:30 pm, Auditorium
MS Holiday Band Concert, 8 pm,
Auditorium

December 13, 2024

PTA Holiday Market, 4 - 8 pm, HS
Studio & Theatre Corridor
Carols & Cocoa featuring IS
Beginning Band, 5th Grade Band,
HS Wind Ensemble, 7 pm, IS Gym

December 14, 2024

Breakfast with Santa, 9 - 11 am, HS
Commons
PTA Holiday Market, 10 am - 2 pm,
HS Studio & Theatre Corridor

December 16, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

December 17, 2024

5th Grade Band, Choir & Orff
Ensemble, & Orchestra Concert, 7
pm, HS Theatre

December 18, 2024

HS Music Department Holiday
Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

December 19, 2024

ES & IS PTA Holiday Parties

December 20, 2024

Early Dismissal for Winter Break

December 21, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning
Academy Lottery Request Period
Closes

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025
School Closed - Winter Break

December 25, 2024
Christmas Day

December 26, 2024
Hanukkah
Kwanzaa

December 31, 2024
New Year's Eve

January 1, 2025
New Year's Day



Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, ads, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at jldonovan@southfayette.org
Deadline: 10 am Thursday prior to release/issue date. Example: newsletter date is Friday, August 30, submission deadline is 10 am on Thursday, August 29.
*Submission does not guarantee placement in upcoming issue(s).

Community Resources

Fundraisers

South Fayette PTA
Holiday Market
Dec 13 4:00-7:00 & Dec 14 10:00-2:00

Calling all South Fayette clubs and teams!
It's time to make and see items for our Holiday Market! Your group earns all the profit, there is no cost to have a table.

Click here for all of the details, gift ideas, & to Sign Up.

Seeking handmade gifts \$1-15. Items for

- parents
- siblings
- grandparents
- aunts/uncles
- teachers
- friends
- pets



South Fayette Mini-THON

20% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED

Monday, December 2nd
11:00 am to 11:00 pm

South Fayette
195 Millers Run Road
Bridgeville, PA, 15017

Order online here and use code **DINE2DONATE** or show this flyer in the restaurant.



PRIMANTI BROS.

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser they must be placed for pick-up only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$250 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

EVERYONES FAVORITE!

LUMINARY SALE

LET'S LIGHT UP SOUTH FAYETTE
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

\$20 PER KIT

Includes 10 flame retardant bags with sand and candles

Burn time 10-12 hours

ORDERS DUE BY 12/4 AND WILL BE
DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

QUESTIONS/ORDERS CONTACT ANY BASKETBALL PLAYER OR
SOUTHFAYETTEGIRLSBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

PET ADOPTION EVENT!



The **SFMS Cheer Team** is partnering with **Pet Search and Pet Supplies Plus** for a **pet adoption event!**

December 7th
11 am - 3 pm
Pet Supplies
Plus Bridgeville

Be sure to stop by the Great Southern Shopping Center to adopt or to donate.

Click here for a list of donation items that are needed.



Ardolino's

pizza - oven baked hoagies - calzones - wings

Pizza Kit Coupon

\$10 coupon valid for one take home to make pizza kit valued at \$16.95

Coupon sale runs from November 25 to December 12. Coupons will be distributed the week of December 16 and valid for redemption until March 20, 2025.

Ardolino's Pizza
1141 Boyce Rd., Pittsburgh PA
724-942-8888

Sponsored by South Fayette Track and Field Boosters

Contact any member of the track team to purchase

or email us at sffxc.boosters@gmail.com

South Fayette's 17th Annual Stuff-A-Bus

Nov 11th to Dec 13th



Over 48,000
toys collected
since 2008!



Ways to Donate



Bring **NEW & UNWRAPPED** toys to the ES, IS, MS, or HS
After school hours... place in the drop-off box in front of the HS



Ship toy donations directly to the high school:
Stuff-A-Bus, SFHS, 3640 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA 15057



Make a monetary donation online
or mail checks payable to *South Fayette School District*
We ask that checks arrive no later than Friday, December 6



Sponsored by South Fayette Student Government



20% of your purchase will benefit
South Fayette Cross Country / Track Boosters!

Use Code Word **LION** at check-out.

- Complimentary gift bag or gift wrap with each purchase

3847 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317

*Fifth Graders and Kindergarteners are
Working Together to Kick off a Season
of Good Deeds*

HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

You can help out by donating to
local missions in Pittsburgh, PA

Details:

Who: all students are welcome to participate

What: **NEW** winter hats and gloves

SIZE: adult sizes only please

Where: homeroom teachers will be collecting
donations for their class

*a box will also be available at Holiday Mart

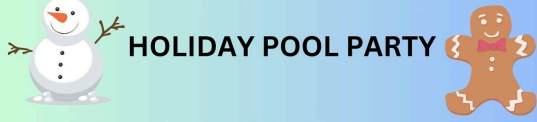
When: Now - December 16

Why: to participate in the giving spirit this holiday
season!



District Events

The South Fayette Swim & Dive Team & Flip Turn Club announce their:



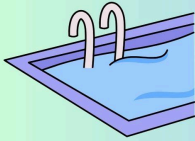
HOLIDAY POOL PARTY

WHERE: SF Middle School Pool
(entrance on the left side of the school)
WHO: SF Students in 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADES
WHEN: Friday, December 6, 2024
TIME: 6:30-8:45 pm
COST: \$10 per swimmer (includes slice of pizza)

Additional PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS and LUCKY DUCKS will be available for sale!

Drop your child off inside the pool. Parties are supervised by coaches, lifeguards, swim parents, and members of the swim team.

Pick up your child promptly at 8:45 inside the pool - or pull down to the pool doors and we will escort your child to the car.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

NEXT POOL PARTY February 2025!

SOUTH FAYETTE
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
PRESENTS

MERRY MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD
TIME WITH SNACKS, GAMES,
AND MORE FESTIVE FUN!

DEC 8TH - 03:30-6:30

SF HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE

CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!
WE WILL BE WATCHING HOME ALONE

A great choice for any winter holiday.
Movie will start promptly at 4:30 PM

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

Suggested donation of \$5 or a toy per person

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

South Fayette High School Military Information Night!

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE:
 US AIR FORCE
 US ARMY
 US MARINE CORPS
 US NAVY
 PA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
 PA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS
AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @
6:30 P.M.

SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH
SCHOOL THEATRE

DONATE NOW! SAY YES TO THE DRESS

**A SECOND LIFE FOR YOUR
FORMAL DRESSES**

- Prom/Homecoming
- Interview Attire
- Sports Banquets
- Cocktail Dresses

**DRESSES CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE
LIBRARY OR AT THE SFHS STADIUM**

Be entered for a chance to win a **FREE
PROM TICKET** and other prizes!

SPONSORED BY SF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

LIONS OF STEEL

BEGINS
JANUARY
2025

JOIN US TO BE PART OF THE KIDS OF STEEL PROGRAM AT SOUTH FAYETTE AND RUN IN THE PITTSBURGH KIDS MARATHON!

Training is in person at both the Elementary and Intermediate schools.



Registration is open!



For more information, visit South Fayette's Lions of Steel websites:
ES - <https://lions-of-steel.webnode.com/>
IS - <https://sites.google.com/view/sfiskidsofsteel>

**Race day is
May 3, 2025**



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM, CONTACT:
Mrs. Colangelo (ES) - racolangelo@southfayette.org
Miss Fornella (IS) - cmfornella@southfayette.org

COFFEE & CONVERSATION *with District Leadership*

Join District Leadership for Coffee in The Pride Room, located in the Administrative Offices.*

Our District Superintendent and fellow leaders will provide updates on the exciting ways the District is "Future-Focused, Student-Centered, and Innovation-Driven."

**December 11
9 - 10 am**

To attend,
please register:
bit.ly/4e5E8MY



*Use the stairs or elevator on the left side of the breezeway to proceed to the 2nd level.

Community Activities

JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GIVING!

How can you help?

Donate new toys ages 2 to 14 boys and girls
Benefits local Bridgeville/South Fayette Area Food Bank families

DROP OFF LOCATION SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP BUILDING	OPERATING HOURS Collecting Now until Nov. 30
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For more info please call Annie 412 292-1342

SOUTH FAYETTE YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing boys and girls in South Fayette Township with the opportunity to play and compete in the sport of lacrosse.

Visit our website and discover how you can get involved!

Purchase SFYLA Spirit Wear

Register for the 2025 Season at Discounted Rate

**South Fayette Township
Puzzle Palooza**



Dec. 10
**Winter
Wonderland**




6:30pm, South Fayette Twp. Municipal Building
Ages 7 & Up, Groups of 2-6, \$5 per group
Sign up at southfayettepa.com/recreation or call 412-221-8700

**SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
HOLIDAY BUS TRIP**

ENJOY A CHARTERED BUS FOR AN EVENING TRIP TO OGLEBAY RESORT FOR A BUFFET DINNER AND FESTIVE SHOW FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF OGLEBAY'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 2024
3:15 PM - 9:00 PM
DEPARTS FROM SF SENIOR CENTER

- 3:15pm: Depart South Fayette Senior Center
- 4:30pm: Arrive Oglebay Resort
- 4:30pm-5:30pm: Oglebay Shops
- 5:30pm-7:30pm: Buffet Dinner & Show
- 7:30pm-8:00pm: Oglebay Lights Tour
- Home approx. 9:00pm






\$125
FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIP
AGES 8 - ADULT

BOOK NOW!
Call 412-221-8700 ext. 222 or visit SouthFayettePA.com/recreation

**STORY TIME
WITH THE GRINCH
AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

ALL AGES



**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 12
@ 6:00 PM**




TEEN AFTER HOURS

AGES 13-18

Wicked of Oz Party

CALLING ALL OZIAN!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT FULL OF WICKED-LY FUN EVENTS AS WE HEAD OVER THE RAINBOW TO CELEBRATE THE "POPULAR" MOVIE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 13
@ 6:00 PM**

GAMES AND PRIZES, SNACKS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!!!






CHRISTMAS MAGNET MAKING EXTRAVAGANZA

WITH GETITFROMNATURE ARTS



Ages 9-18

Monday, December 16
5:00pm-7:00pm

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY



Program will be held at Getitfromnature Arts, 295 Millers Run Rd.

Paint a Landscape

with a Bob Ross-Certified Instructor



A painting class makes a unique and fun holiday gift for adults and teens!

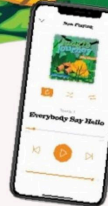
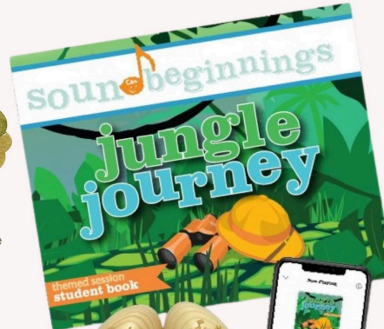
Cost: \$35 per person

Saturday, December 28
1:00pm-4:00pm

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY



South Fayette Township



PARENT & ME MUSIC CLASS
AGES 4 & UNDER
THURS. JAN. 16-FEB.20
10AM-10:30AM
\$110

South Fayette Township Building
100 Township Drive
South Fayette Township PA 15017

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION
INCNEILL@SFTVP.COM
412-221-8700 EXT. 222

South Fayette Township KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Baking Class w/
The Pie Place



TUESDAYS, JANUARY 14–FEBRUARY 4
4:15PM–5:45PM, AGES 6–11
SOUTH FAYETTE SENIOR CENTER
515 MILLERS RUN RD. SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

\$150

SIGN UP @ SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION

South Fayette Township BABYSITTER TRAINING



PROVIDED BY VBW TRAINING
AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSED INSTRUCTOR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
10:00AM -5:30 PM

TRAINING INCLUDES :

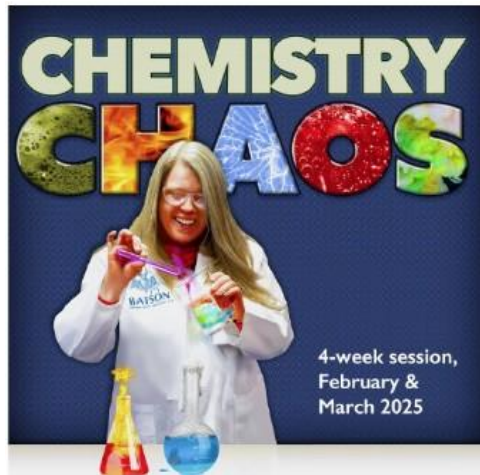
- ✓ Diapering
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Bottling
- ✓ Activity Planning
- ✓ Feeding
- ✓ Resume Building
- ✓ CPR/ First Aid
- ✓ Business Planning

\$160



South Fayette Township Building
Lafayette Room
100 Township Drive, South Fayette PA 15017

SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation
imcneill@sftwp.com
412-221-8700 ext.222



CHEMISTRY CHAOS

4-week session,
February &
March 2025

South Fayette Science Enrichment Program For grades 1–3

Have you ever wanted to perform your own science experiments? Here's your chance! We'll explore chemistry and physics in a very hands-on (MESSY!) way.

You may have played with slime before, but have you ever seen a flying tea bag?

Mrs. Joan Batson will teach this exciting science enrichment series. Join us in Chemistry Chaos as we break out the beakers to mix some oozing and erupting concoctions! Don't miss it!

When: 5:30pm-6:30pm, Tuesdays February 25-March 18

Where: South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Rd.

Program fee: \$95

To register, visit the South Fayette website:

<https://pasfayetteweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=12307413>

Mother, May I?

Manners & Etiquette Class

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6pm-7:30pm
Ages 6-12, \$45
South Fayette Senior Center

MEAL TIME MANNERS

COMMON COURTESIES

EXCUSE ME

PLEASE & THANK YOU

YOU'RE WELCOME

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