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The Weekly Green Scene

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

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SFHS Earns High Honor from College Board

This week, the District learned that the College Board has awarded SFHS with the AP[®] Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to Advanced Placement Computer Science A (CSA). Through its diversity awards, the AP Program is acknowledging 1,153 schools for their work toward improving female representation during the 2023-24 school year. SFHS is one of only 237 schools to achieve this accomplishment for AP CSA.

In their notification, the College Board noted how SFHS is preparing "female students for the in-demand jobs of the future and giving them the opportunity to help solve some of society's most challenging problems."

Also noteworthy, the AP CSA course is taught by female instructor **Ms. McCullough**, and leading up to the AP level, SF students learn from another female teacher, **Ms. Lortz**.

The District is extremely proud of this honor and the efforts of our faculty and staff in growing the computer science program for all students.



2024 **AP[®] CSA**
Female Diversity Award



18 Under Eighteen Honorees Announced

Congratulations to seniors **Nandana Menon** and **Caroline Praveen** who have been named to the Junior Achievement of Western PA (JA) 2025 18 Under Eighteen honoree class, presented by the EQT Foundation.

Both young women have very impressive qualifications which can be viewed on the [district homepage](#).

Since the program's inception in 2022, South Fayette has boasted at least two of the eighteen honorees each year.



Be B-b-b-brrrrave and Join the Polar Plunge!

It's the time of year for the annual Polar Plunge! Consider joining SF's Polar Plunge team to support Special Olympics and Unified Sports. The Plunge takes place on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 9 am to Noon at Acrisure Stadium. Students and staff will travel to the Polar Plunge event and then return to school for hot chocolate. Lunch is also included.

This year, the SF team's theme is "Totally 80s!" Participants are invited to embrace this theme as much, or as little, as they'd like.

[Click here to register or donate to the team.](#)



Post-plunge in 2024.

Top District Jobs



[Apply here](#)



[Apply here](#)



[Apply here](#)



[Apply here](#)



[Apply here](#)

[Click here](#) to view all open employment opportunities within the District.

Attention Students!

HELP SF \$HINE

SUBSTITUTE STUDENT CUSTODIANS NEEDED

EARN EXTRA CASH. GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.



RATE: \$14.00/HOUR

Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Some shifts may vary depending on the School Building.

Express interest at bit.ly/StudentCustodian

Positions available for the remainder of the 2024-25 School Year.
Contribute to the Tradition, Pride, and Excellence of South Fayette Township School District
by keeping our campus beautiful!

Reminders

- [Vote](#) for **Pranita Chakkingal's** "I Voted" sticker by Monday, January 27, 2025. Help her win this contest in Allegheny County.
- **Class of 2025** - don't forget to [order your Cap and Gown](#) through Jostens.
- 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.
- Campus construction updates are available online at a [dedicated page](#) on the district website. Information for submitting bids for the Intermediate School project is now available.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Congratulations to **Angela Zeng** and **Dulaney Schumaker** who both set new school records while participating in the Indoor Track meet at Youngstown State University this past Saturday. Angela finished the 3200-meter race in 11 minutes and 23 seconds, and Delaney completed the 60-meter hurdles in 9.18 seconds.

★ Bravo senior swimmer **Josh Grimenstein** for setting a new school record in the 100 yard butterfly!

★ Cheers to **Boran Bircan** who finished first in SFHS's first Fortnite tournament recognizing the culmination of the first Esports course! Other top players included **Prateek Alwal** who finished second and **Nick Young** in third.




★ Way to go **Ella Trahan** for placing first in her wrestling weight class at the 2025 Blue Devils Girls Winter Classic at Mt. Lebanon last weekend!


★ Lots of Lion Pride for **Sydney Restivo** and the **Boys 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay Team** for qualifying for WPIALS in swimming and diving. **Alex Lou**, **DJ Poe**, and **Abby Poe**, who had already achieved WPIAL qualifications, have added more events to their WPIAL competition lists since last shared in the December 20, 2024, newsletter. Woo-hoo!

★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: **Luca Balla**, **Callie Lapinski**, **Josephine Rossi**, and **Kyla Wilson**; 1st Grade: **Isaiah Flickinger**, **Christian Manly**, **Daisy McCracken**, and **Sreesha Venkatesh**; 2nd Grade: **Tristan Ging**, **Frankie Pavlick**, **Richie Pustovrh**, and **Roman Talotta**. 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

 SF's **Competitive Spirit Team** was featured in the January 12 issue of the *Almanac* to showcase their WPIAL Class 3A championship win.

 **Juju Leroux's** return to the basketball court after an ankle injury was chronicled in both the [Post-Gazette](#) and the [Observer-Reporter](#) last week.

 The [Pittsburgh Union Progress](#) featured multiple photos of the **Lady Lions Basketball** victory over Chartiers Valley.

Events Next Week

January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School for Students

January 21, 2025

Act 34 Hearing, 6:30 pm, HS
Studio
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

January 23, 2025

College Planning Night, HS 6:30
pm

January 24, 2025

Report Cards available on Parent
Portal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 28, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

January 29, 2025

Lunar New Year

February 2, 2025

Groundhog Day

February 5, 2025

5th Grade Drama Club Play, 7 pm,
IS Gym
AP Curriculum Night, 7 pm, HS
Commons

February 10, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students

February 12, 2025

ASVAB Testing, 7:30 - 10 am, HS
PTA General Membership
Meeting, 7 pm, IS Cafeteria
HS Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, &
Jazz Band Concert, 7 pm, Theatre

February 14, 2025

Valentine's Day
ES & IS Valentine's Day Parties

February 17, 2025

School Closed - Presidents' Day

February 18, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

February 19, 2025

HS Parent Info & Scheduling
Night, 7 pm, Theatre

February 25, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

February 27, 2025

MS Musical, 7 pm, MS Auditorium

February 28, 2025

Ramadan
Interim Report Cards Available on
Parent Portal
Best Buddies Mardi Gras Dance, 6
- 9 pm, HS Commons
MS Musical, 7 pm, MS Auditorium

March 1, 2025

MS Musical, 2 pm, MS Auditorium

March 3 - 7, 2025

ES PTA Book Fair

March 3, 2025

ES Family Reading Night, 6:30 pm

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

March 7, 2025

Mini-THON District-Wide “Blue Out”

Mini-THON HS Stall Day

IS Battle of the Books (Grades 4 & 5), 6:30 pm

March 9, 2025

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 10, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students

March 12, 2025

MS PAC Meeting, 9 am

March 14, 2025

Holi

HS Spring Musical, 7 pm, HS Theatre

March 15, 2025

HS Spring Musical, 7 pm, HS Theatre

March 16, 2025

HS Spring Musical, 2 pm, HS Theatre

March 17, 2025

St. Patrick's Day

March 18, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 25, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 27, 2025

End of 3rd Quarter

Early Dismissal for all students

Celebration of Excellence in Learning at all schools

4th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym

March 28, 2025

No School for Students

March 31, 2025

Eid Al-Fitr

No School for Students



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

2025 Blue Out Shirt Orders

Support the kick-off to the 2025 Mini-THON season by purchasing an official shirt to **wear on March 7**, the district-wide "Blue Out."

Short Sleeve: \$15
Sweatshirt (hoodie or crewneck): \$25
Order deadline: Friday, January 24, 2025

Ordering instructions can be found [HERE](#).

Or simply scan
the QR Code



Contact bmflannery@southfayette.org
or glsmith@southfayette.org

mini  thon
— FOUR DIAMONDS —
Conquering Childhood Cancer

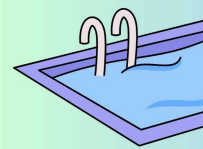
Friday - Saturday
May 2 & 3
6 pm - 6 am

District Events



Kindergarten registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year opens on Saturday, February 1.

Please click the link for detailed information: [Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026](#)



The South Fayette Swim & Dive Team announce their:

POOL PARTY

WHEN: Friday, February 7th, 2025
TIME: 6:30-8:45 pm
WHERE: SF Middle School Pool
(entrance on the left side of the school)
WHO: SF Students in 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADES
COST: \$10 per swimmer (includes slice of pizza)

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

Drop off and pick up inside the pool lobby. Parties are supervised by coaches, lifeguards, swim parents, and members of the swim team.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



DIVING

Comprehensive diving program for all skill levels

- ✓ Practices: 1 or 2 days/week
- ✓ Must be 6 years of age
- ✓ Must be able to swim independently

Winter 2025 Season Begins
Monday, January 6!

www.steelcityaquatics.org

REGISTER TODAY!



LEARN 2 SWIM



WINTER 2025

Class Dates		
Winter 1	January 6	January 8
	January 13	January 15
	January 20	January 22
	January 27	January 29
Winter 2	February 3	February 5
	February 10	February 12
	February 17	February 19
	February 24	February 26

SCAN TO REGISTER!



DESCRIPTION

Progressive level based program that emphasizes water safety and transition to swim team

DETAILS

♦ **LOCATION:** SOUTH FAYETTE MS

♦ **CLASS OFFERING:**
EIGHT, 30 MINUTE CLASSES OFFERED
2X PER WEEK IN A SESSION

CONTACT

Meghan Aitken - Learn2Swim Director
learn2swim@steelcityaquatics.org

www.steelcityaquatics.org

SOUTH FAYETTE HS SOFTBALL TEAM

SOFTBALL CLINIC

LEARN TECHNIQUES
AND SOFTBALL SECRETS
SF SOFTBALL TEAM!

CLINIC SESSION
JAN 20TH, 2025

8:30AM - 2:30 PM

SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 1st-8th

Please bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Equipment needed:
Glove/tennis shoes, (helmet & bat if you have them)

sflionssoftball@gmail.com

\$70

Per Person
includes participation gift

Join Us for an Unforgettable Summer Adventure at the
AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program
...where students are encouraged to thrive in an environment that nurtures their creativity and emotional well-being.
GRADES 1-6 MONDAY-THURSDAY 9-3
South Fayette School District Middle School

WEEKS

Week #1 Together We Can
June 23 - June 26

Week #2 Gratitude Glimmers
June 30 - July 2 (no 7/3)

Week #3 Courage Quest
July 7 - July 10

Week #4 Express Yourself
July 14 - July 17

Week #5 Problem Solving Expedition
July 21 - July 24

*no Summer Program on Fridays

Cost per week (Mon-Thurs): \$225
4th of July week (Mon-Wed): \$175

WHAT OUR FAMILIES ARE SAYING

MY KIDS LOVED IT AND WANTED TO COME DAILY!

EXCELLENT INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

ACTIVITIES: SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, STEAM, SF LIBRARY VISITS, MILLIES AND KONA ICE, WATER GAMES, SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS, DRONES

Sign up now to experience the fun!
SCAN ME

www.ahnchillproject.org


AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program '25 Directors: Kristy Frohlinger, Julia Evans and Izzy Cutler, LSW, HSV, RYT
Contact Kristy Frohlinger: chillsummerprogram@ahn.org for more information

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

Community Activities

**SFBSA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH 1/19**

Youth Baseball Programs

Pre-T-Ball (played as coed): Ages 3-4 (4/30/22 - 5/1/20)

T-Ball: Ages 5-6 (4/30/20 - 5/1/18)

Coach Pitch: Ages 7-8 (4/30/18 - 5/1/16)

Kid Pitch: Ages 9-10 (4/30/16 - 5/1/14)

Little League: Ages 11-12 (4/30/14 - 5/1/12)

Pony League: Ages 13-14 (4/30/12 - 5/1/10)

*Colt League: Ages 15-16 (4/30/10 - 5/1/08)

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**Youth Softball Programs**

Pre T-Ball (played as coed): Ages 3-4 (4/30/22 - 5/1/20)

6U T-Ball Softball: Ages 4-6 (4/30/20 - 9/1/17)

\*\*8U Coach Pitch: Ages 7-8 (8/31/17 - 9/1/15)

\*10U Slow Pitch: Ages 9-10 (8/31/15 - 9/1/13)

10U Fast Pitch: Ages 9-10 (8/31/15 - 9/1/13)

12U Fast Pitch: Ages 11-12 (8/31/13 - 9/1/11)

\*15U Fast Pitch: Ages 13-15 (8/31/11 - 9/1/09)




<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/sfbsa>

**TEEN AFTER HOURS**

# Black Light Paint Night



Come and create a one of a kind florescent and glow in the dark artwork to take home!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24  
@ 6:30PM**

 **SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
LIBRARY**





# storytelling

CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

**Let your voice be heard!...or read.**

In these mini writing workshops, each week we focus on an aspect of storytelling and/or writing that can help you grow your skills as a storyteller. Each participant will be encouraged to work on a unique short story.



**2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS**

GRADES 9-12 @ 3:00PM

GRADES 6-8 @ 6:00PM

**SF** SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
**LIBRARY**



## LEGO, K'NEX, and MagnaTile Building

**2nd & 4th Saturdays**  
**2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**SF** SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
**LIBRARY**

**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

## Jigsaw Puzzle EXCHANGE


**Saturday, February 1**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

For everyone who donated jigsaw puzzles to the Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange - it's time to get your new-to-me puzzles! You can select the same number of puzzles that you donated for the exchange.

**Drop off puzzles for donation during the week of January 27-31**

**SF** SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
**LIBRARY**



  
**PLEASANT HILLS ROLLER HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**SUMMER 2025**


**LEARN TO PLAY DIVISION FOR NEW SKATERS: AGES 4-8**  
**TEAM DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS**  
**ENTERING KINDERGARDEN TO ENTERING 12TH GRADE**

**SEASON RUNS: 5/4/25- 7/27/25**  
**PLEASANT HILLS ROLLER HOCKEY COURT**  
**PLEASANT HILLS, RT. 51/CLAIRTON BLVD**

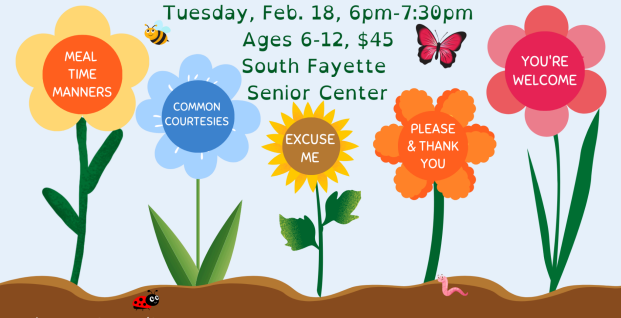
REGISTER BY 2/17/2025 FOR THE EARLY BIRD RATE  
 REGISTRATION CLOSES 4/25/2025

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
 DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN PLEASANT HILLS TO PLAY  
 COACH & SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

**WWW.PHRHL.COM**  
 SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
 MORE INFORMATION




**Mother, May I?**  
**Manners & Etiquette Class**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6pm-7:30pm  
 Ages 6-12, \$45  
 South Fayette  
 Senior Center



[SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation](http://SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation)  
 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>