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The Weekly Green Scene

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

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Congratulations SFTSD!

At last night's South West Regional Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Excellence Awards, South Fayette Township School District was the winner in the School District category. Thank you to everyone who makes up this amazing district as you all participated in making this recognition possible.

Annual Uncommon Conference Unites More Than Ever

The fifth annual Uncommon Conference on joy, equity, diversity, and inclusion was larger than ever at the High School today with 29 registered schools and more than 400 participating students.



The day started with an opening in the Theatre by Dr. Herring and led into an interview with Ebtehal Badawi regarding her work with Pittsburgh Builds Bridges. SHOUT students then performed "The Exhibit" showcasing a variety of cultures and traditions through dynamic dance performances. Guests then separated into breakout sessions which included opportunities to interact with a therapy pony, meet South Fayette's robotic dog, learn hands-only CPR, talk with a panel of neurodiverse college students, and practice restorative circles. Participants then returned to the

Theatre for an enlightening Religions of the World panel followed by the dynamic keynote speaker Emmet Alaquiva who, after his speech on remixing his life, led the audience in several fun battles on dancing, DJing, and rapping with his partner Selecta. The crowd was hyped and participation was at a maximum throughout the day.

The Uncommon Conference is organized and hosted by SHOUT with the goal of making equity, inclusion, and belonging a reality for the students, faculty, and staff at schools in our region.

Eighth Grade Celebrates Annual "Outsiders" Day

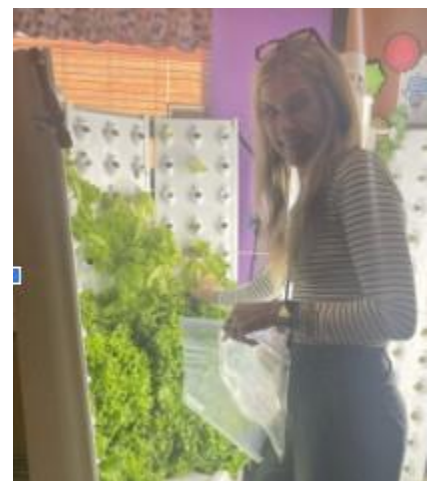
Monday was the annual "Outsiders" Day for 8th Grade as they dressed like their favorite Greaser or Soc and celebrated all they'd learned about the beloved S.E. Hinton novel. Numerous activities throughout the day included a costume contest and watching the movie. Winners and runners up for the best dressed Greasers and Socs included **Josslyn Graham, Ava Quinn, Chloe Young, Molly Grella, Carter Rivera, Aiden Lyons, Jonathan Hoskins, and Connor Eisel.**



New Growth Happening in the ES

Elementary students in **Mrs. Colangelo's** Learning Lab have been working with a new Flex Farm hydroponic system and are excited to begin reaping the benefits of their labors. So far this year, they have successfully planted seeds in the nursery, transplanted them into the Flex Farm, and, most recently, harvested fresh lettuce and basil! This hands-on experience has significantly enhanced the Lion Learners' understanding of plant biology and sustainable agriculture.

It's safe to say these young farmers are looking forward to their next harvest.



Virtual Learning Days Reminders

The District is approved to use Virtual Learning Days to count for an official day of school when weather, an emergency, or other event prevents students from attending school in the buildings. When the District has a Virtual Learning Day, students will be expected to attend virtual instruction using their school-issued devices.

Here are some important reminders regarding Virtual Learning Days:

- A Virtual Learning Day will be announced on the District's website, as a recorded message on the school district's main phone line, and sent as a message to families through School Messenger.
- In order to provide all families with the opportunity to take the necessary measures to prepare for virtual instruction and arrange childcare coverage, all schools will operate on a 2-Hour Delay Schedule on Virtual Learning Days. Building administrators will share specific schedules and instructions with their families, but the following will be virtual start times by grade levels.
 - 9-12 students will begin their day at 9:20 AM.
 - 6-8 students will begin their day at 10:10 AM.
 - 1-5 students will begin their day at 11:00 AM.
 - Kindergarten AM will begin their day at 11:00 AM and end their day at 12:39 PM.
 - Kindergarten PM will begin their day at 1:45 PM and end their day at 3:23 PM.
 - Little Lions Academy will not be in session. Students and parents can complete work in their School Weather Closure Packets.
- In the event that multiple, consecutive days of closure are expected, the District may choose to follow a schedule that begins at the typical start time. If this would occur, the change would be communicated with all families.
- Attendance will be taken on Virtual Learning Days and the process for each building will be shared by building administrators in a follow-up communication.

South Fayette Township School District has been using Canvas as our learning management system. All students have been instructed on how to use Canvas to access assignments, resources, and live meets in anticipation of Virtual Learning Days. The school buildings will each be sending a subsequent message that will share more specific information to their students and families. For questions about Virtual Learning Days in a specific school, please contact that building's administrators.

Reminders

- 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

★ HUGE congratulations to the **Girls Varsity Soccer Team** for winning the WPIAL Class 3-A Championship for the second year in a row! It was a 4-0 victory over Fox Chapel on Saturday, November 2 at Highmark Stadium with two goals scored by **Mia Deramo**, and singles by **Gabby Beinecke** and **Emma Ferrari**. Goaltender **Caitlyn Thompson** had the clean sheet. The Lady Lions went unchallenged again on Tuesday with a 5-0 win over Dubois in the first round of the PIAA 3-A playoffs and will take on Mars in the quarterfinals tomorrow. Goals on Tuesday were scored by **Emma Ferrari, Mia Patel, and Gabby Beinecke** had a hat trick!

★ Congratulations to Students of the Month for October who were selected based on the theme of School Spirit: Freshmen: **Luci LeMendola** and **Jacob Tierney**; Sophomores: **Emma Billing** and **Vomero Omodior**; Juniors: **Angeline Brusco** and **Maria Gabriel**; Seniors **Camryn Hondru** and **Tessa Schwarzmiller**.



★ Way to go, **Juliette Leroux** who was named to the All-WPIAL Girls Volleyball First Team and received All-Section First Team honors. Receiving All-Section Second Team honors were **Charlotte Dzicki** and **Madisyn Jones** and Third Team recognition went to **Lola Jacobs** and **Lanna Thomas**!

★ 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: **Devyn Jordan** and **Zara Khazi Syed**; 4th Grade: **Addilyn Fernandez** and **Nivedh Loveson**; 5th Grade: **Josh Budavich** and **Edward Self**. Congratulations and great job!

Lions in the News

🦁 The front page of this week's *Almanac* features photos of both our **Boys Varsity Golf Team** and **Girls Varsity Cross Country Team**.

🦁 Boys Basketball **Coach Mislán** was highlighted on [KDKA-TV News](#) for his upcoming Musial Award for sportsmanship.

🦁 *Governing Magazine* shared [the article](#) from the *Post-Gazette* showcasing **Mr. Gregg** and the **Honors Civics classes** as they learned about the election.

🦁 Of course, our repeat WPIAL Class 3-A Champion **Girls Soccer Team** received lots of coverage in the local media after their victory last Saturday: [Almanac](#), [Observer-Reporter](#), [Post-Gazette](#), [Tribune-Review](#).

Events Next Week

November 9, 2024

Fall Showcase, 7 pm, HS Theatre

November 11, 2024

Veterans Day
Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive Begins
(through December 6)

November 12, 2024

PTA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

November 13, 2024

ES & IS Picture Make Ups
HS Powder Puff Game, 7 pm,
Stadium

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 16, 2024

Garba Festival, 7 pm, HS Gym

November 19, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

November 21, 2024

PTA Science Fair for ES & IS, 6:30
pm, IS Gym

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

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

Send a **personalized letter** to a special child from Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty or Rudolph! The South Fayette Foundation for Excellence can help make sure your letter arrives from the **North Pole** in time for the Holidays!



**Order by
November 8th**

\$10 per letter

Click for details
& order form.

*Proceeds will be
used for the
Foundation's
Teacher Grants.*

SFHS COSTA RICA TRIP

FUNDRAISING

Event

NOV 5-9TH

Costa
Rica

Eat some delicious empanadas for a good cause! **SFHS students attending the trip to Costa Rica this summer will directly benefit!** To participate, eat some delicious Argentine food from Empanada Company the week of November 5th and save your receipts. Bring receipts to Profe Amato at SFMS. 10% of all sales will go to our travelers.

OPEN TUESDAY TO THURSDAY: 11AM TO 6PM
FRIDAY 11AM TO 7PM - SATURDAY 11AM TO 6PM



**EMPANADA
COMPANY**

3058 WASHINGTON PIKE,
BRIDGEVILLE

Youth Basketball Spirit
Wear Sale

SOUTH FAYETTE
BASKETBALL

PJ Pants Hats
 T Shirts Hoodies

Deadline Nov 10th

<https://southfayettebasketball2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Adult Apparel * Youth Apparel * Lions Apparel * Womens Apparel * Accessories

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

District Events

Garba Dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL GYM
 SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTERING!

SHOUT

[HTTPS://HANDPRINTSHEALFOOTPRINTS.TICKETLEAP.COM/GARBA/](https://handprintshoefootprints.ticketleap.com/garba/)

CONTACT SFSDDIVERSITY@GMAIL.COM FOR ANY INQUIRIES

SOUTH FAYETTE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
 11th Annual
 Purse & Cash Bash

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024
DOORS OPEN @ 6PM
EVENT BEGINS @ 7PM

SOUTH FAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT
 661 MILLERS RUN RD, CUDDY 15031
\$35 Donation includes

9 chances to win a designer purse
 9 cash prizes, a door prize & beverages

FINAL PURSE @ 10PM-LOUIS VUITTON

CHINESE AUCTION, RAFFLES, 50/50, GAMES OF CHANCE ALL AVAILABLE FOR SEPARATE PURCHASE.

Feel free to bring your own food and drink. For tickets email: southfayettewrestling@gmail.com

Must be 18 years old to attend



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

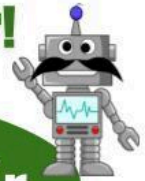


MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @
6:30 P.M.

SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH
SCHOOL THEATRE



Junior Scientists and Inventors, Time to Register!



2024 Science and Invention Fair

Thursday, November 21, 6:00pm-7:45pm, IS Gym
Project drop-off is Wednesday, November 20 6:30-8pm



- *Grades K-5, Individuals or Groups (up to 4)
- *Registration required!
- *Win great prizes - like tickets to the Children's Museum, a signed picture from Cam Hayward, and more!

More Info and Registration at:

<https://forms.gle/HmQKmfRsRqL3pUQ7A>



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

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





South Fayette Township

south beginnings
jungle journey
 designed to be an student book

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
IMCNEILL@SFTWP.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 :

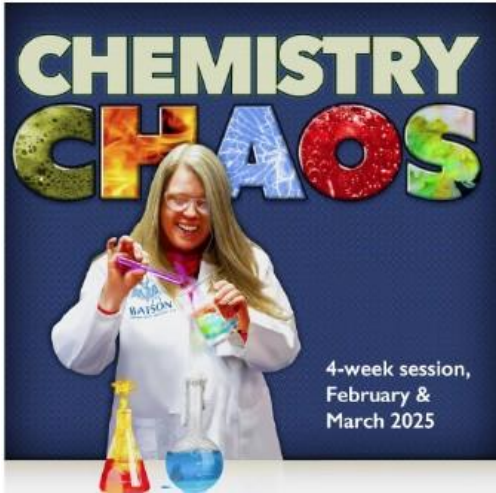
- ✓ Diapering
- ✓ Bottling
- ✓ Feeding
- ✓ CPR/ First Aid
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Activity Planning
- ✓ Resume Building
- ✓ Business Planning

\$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





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

SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation 412-221-8700 EXT.222