



February 10 - 14, 2025

The Weekly Green Scene

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

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Lion Athletics Schedule

High School ROAR Rally Hits the Mark

The first ever ROAR Rally was an amazing success at South Fayette High School on Monday, February 10, 2025. A special student-centered school day, the event was designed to celebrate students, foster school spirit, and create meaningful connections within the school community.

The high school Engagement Team of faculty and administrators created the ROAR Rally which began with a school-wide, high-energy pep assembly that included a series of performances and recognitions. After a break for study hall and lunch, students had the opportunity to participate in pre-selected break-out sessions that were designed from a survey of student interest, such as yoga, board games, coloring, knitting, Esports, reading, taking a campus walk, Zumba, basketball, watching a movie, and so much more. U.S. Marine, Eric McElvenny, who had spoken with high school students during an assembly on Veteran's



Day, returned to lead a popular session on Grit, Perseverance, Resilience, and Character. Not only did the sessions provide opportunities for students to engage in a variety of different activities, they also allowed our Lion Learners to build relationships with peers, teachers, and staff in meaningful ways. Read more about it on the [district website](#).

Planning to Travel?

If your family anticipates an extended, international trip during the second semester, you must complete [this Google Form](#) for review and pre-approval.



Support Best Buddies through the Mardi Gras Basket Raffle

Consider supporting the **SFHS Best Buddies** by purchasing raffle tickets for their Mardi Gras Dance [gift baskets](#). Sales of these items go toward community outings such as the upcoming Polar Plunge and the annual Buddy Walk as well as inclusive social activities for the 60+ members of SFHS Best Buddies!

Baskets are on display in front of the HS Chill Room in the AB Hallway. Tickets can be purchased through February 28. The winning tickets will be drawn at the dance that evening, but winners do not need to be present to claim their prize. [Basket themes/contents and ticket order form can be viewed here](#).



Tickets are 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, or 25+1 bonus ticket for \$20 and can be purchased in **Ms. Kara Pappas'** room (AB 205-right across from the Chill Room) between 7:10 am and 2:40 pm. Ticket requests may also be [emailed to Dr. Conchetta Bell](#). Cash or checks made out to SFHS are accepted. Your support is sincerely appreciated by SFHS Best Buddies!

Job Opportunities



[Apply here](#)



[Apply here](#)

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

Reminders

- South Fayette Township Parks & Recreation is hiring Summer Camp Counselors and Splash
- Pad Park Attendants at \$13/hr. Must be age 16+. [Apply online.](#)
- Kindergarten registration for 2025-2026 is now available [online.](#)
- It's time to think about summer activities for your kids! Kidsburgh has released [their list](#) of camps and it includes the [AHN Chill Project Summer Program](#) at SFMS this summer.
- 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 the **Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team** for placing 3rd in the country at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Florida on Monday! A truly impressive achievement!

★ Good luck to the **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** as they take on Greensburg Salem at 7pm this evening at Home for the first round of the WPIAL playoffs!

★ So excited for our female wrestlers who are competing in the 2025 WPIAL Girls Wrestling Individual Championships this Saturday. With a record of 21-5, **Ella Trahan** is the #1 seed and **Azlynn Dean** (24-14) is #6 in their respective weight classes. Good luck, ladies!

★ Congratulations to Students of the Month for January who were selected based on the theme of Most Resilient: Freshmen: **Josie Taylor** and **Silvia Ulibarri**; Sophomores: **Sawyer MacBride** and **Luke Sinton**; Juniors: **Dara Olexa** and **Nate Willy** (not photographed); Seniors **Claire Mowod** and **Emily Sinton**.



★ Way to go ES for raising over \$2,000 for the American Heart Association, and especially to the winning **First Graders** who brought in 1,437.10!

★ The **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** had a big week – they were ranked #1 seed for the Class 5A WPIAL Playoffs and picked as the *Tribune-Review's* Team of the Week! Way to go!

★ So proud of our Lady Lions who were selected for the 2024-2025 Western PA Big 56 Class 5A All-Section 3 Basketball Team: **Haylie Lamonde**, **Juju Leroux**, and **Ryan Oldaker**. **Ryan** was also named Player of the Year and **Coach Bryan Bennett** earned Coach of the Year honors. Fantastic!

★ Congrats to **Gavin Orosz** for being selected for the 2024-2025 Western PA Big 56 Class 5A All-Section 3 Basketball Team!


★ 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: **Rachel Sepuri** and **Vatsal Verma**; 4th Grade: **Jace Dickerson** and **Briston Orso**; 5th Grade: **Michael Billing** and **Austin Collavo**. Congratulations and great job!




★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: **Maryam Djuraeva**, **Madeline Masci**, **Colton Vo**, and **Benjamin Winans**; 1st Grade: **Madilynn Barksdale**, **Dominic Heiser**, **Katelynn Li**, and **Rooney Simpson**; 2nd Grade: **Reese Marquis**, **Liam Nice**, **Gerald Pihlblad**, and **Anika Sharma**. 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

 Don Rebel of the *Tribune-Review* selected **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** as his [team of the week](#). Check out his “Rebel Yell” podcast interview with **Coach Bennett** at the same link.

 The [Tribune-Review](#) also interviewed **Coach Bennett** about the **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** being the #1 seed in the WPIAL playoffs and jumping right into action with their first game tonight!

 The latest issue of [Pittsburgh Magazine](#) features **Dr. Herring** and his wife on page 13 as part of The American Heart Association Greater Pittsburgh Circle of Red Society. While you're there, flip ahead to page 20 for a profile on Emmaí Alaquiva who regularly emcees the Uncommon Conference at SFHS.

Events Next Week

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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 18, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 28, 2025

No School for Students

April 3 - 6, 2025

HS Music Department Trip

April 10, 2025

PTA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

April 15, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

April 20, 2025

Easter

April 24, 2025

Take Your Child to Work Day

April 30, 2025

HS Best of Our Best Awards Ceremony, 7 pm, Theatre

March 16, 2025

HS Spring Musical, 2 pm, HS Theatre

March 25, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 31, 2025

Eid Al-Fitr
No School for Students

April 4, 2025

Report Cards Available on Parent Portal

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday
Passover

April 17 - 21, 2025

Spring Break, No School

April 22, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

April 29, 2025

HS Spring Chorus and Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Theatre

March 17, 2025

St. Patrick's Day

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

April 1, 2025

No School for K-11 students
Senior Exit Interviews
Kindergarten Preview Day
April Fool's Day

April 7, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

April 14, 2025

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, HS Theatre

April 18, 2025

Good Friday

April 22-23 and 25, 2025

PSSA Grades 3-8 - ELA

April 29 - 30, 2025

PSSA Grades 3-8 - Math



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

District Fundraisers



[Click here for ticket requests and basket descriptions.](#)

**SF SWIM & DIVE TEAM
CUSTOM TOWEL SALE**

Back by popular demand!!

34x70" personalized cotton towel
individually woven and sheared!



Custom Towel Image

For more information and to order
visit the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/Mez3d5CM4gV3jiDfA>

District Events



We will host the **South Fayette Youth Volleyball League** this spring. The league is developmental and designed to introduce the game of volleyball.

Each session will cover various aspects of the game including skills (serving, passing, setting, hitting) and game play. No experience is necessary. The league is open to ALL students in grades 3-6.

Please contact Coach Sundgren for registration information. sesundgren@southfayette.org

Youth League Dates

February 18, 19 and 26; March 7 and 10

Middle School Gym – 3:00-5:00

(Transportation to the MS from the IS is the responsibility of the parent. We know those students will arrive later.)

Willy Wonka JR.

Feb 27 & 28 @ 7 pm
Mar 1 @ 2 pm

Special free VIP Show for
Gold Card Holders on Feb 25 @ 4pm

Order tix on MS webpage
now thru 3 pm on Feb 21

[Click Here](#)

**PARKWAY WEST CTC
OPEN HOUSE**

MARCH 4, 2025 5:00 - 7:00
7101 STEUBENVILLE PIKE
OAKDALE, PA, 15071

WWW.PARKWAYWEST.ORG

For students and parents. All new students considering Parkway should attend!

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](#)

AHN AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program '25 Directors: Kristy Freshiger, Julia Evans and Izzy Culler, LSH, HSN, RYT
Contact Kristy Freshiger: chillsummerprogram@ahn.org for more information

SOUTH FAYETTE BOYS & GIRLS GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025



EVENT DETAILS

1:30 PM SHOTGUN START - SCRAMBLE FORMAT - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:00 PM
\$150 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:
18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART
DINNER 6:30 PM

Family and friends are invited to join the fun with the purchase of a dinner ticket - \$35.00

RESERVE YOUR SPOT



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SFGGBA

MAIL TO: SFGGBA C/O 7013 HIGHLAND
CREEK DRIVE BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR SPONSORSHIP INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:
SFAYETTEGOLF@GMAIL.COM

OR

KIM NIKOLAS 412.398.0334 CAREY FITTIPALDO 412.855.7677 ASHLEY STEPHENS 404.975.7591 JESSICA MENDENHALL 412.915.1393

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE TO WINNING TEAM - RUNNER UP TEAM PRIZE - SKILLS PRIZES

MULLIGANS
AVAILABLE
TO
PURCHASE

50/50
RAFFLE

BASKET
RAFFLE

SILENT
AUCTION

THANK YOU TO HICKORY HEIGHTS AND SOUTH FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS
GOLF PROGRAMS.

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

SOUTH FAYETTE YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

A Program for Boys and Girls Grades K - 8

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 to register for
this season before
Saturday, February 15!*



WWW.SOUTHFAYETTELACROSSE.COM

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



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

TUFTING WORKSHOPS

W/ THE TUFTING STUDIO

Tufting shoots yarn into a canvas to create art. Explore your creativity and craftsmanship through our tufting workshop with an experienced instructor who will teach you how to create a tufted masterpiece.

FEBRUARY 15 4pm-6pm
Tufting w/ your Valentine
 Couples Age 18+

MARCH 16 12pm-2pm
Parent & Me Tufting:
St. Patrick's Day
 Age 10+ w/ Adult

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- Tools and Materials
- Expert Guidance
- Hands-on Practice

Entry Fee \$75 per group of two

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION 412-221-8700 EXT.222 IMCNEILL@SFTWP.COM

SCIENCE NIGHT KALEIDOSCOPIES

GRADES 3-6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 6:00PM

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

TEEN AFTER HOURS AGES 13-18

CLUE MURDER MYSTERY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:30 PM

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Bridgeville Public Library

This event is co-hosted by and will take place at Bridgeville Public Library

Clue Murder Mystery

There's been a murder! Who did it? We need your help to find out!

Teens have the opportunity to play detective in this Clue-themed Murder Mystery. Participants will visit various rooms inside the library where teens from our Teen Advisory Board will be playing the role of one of the iconic Clue characters. The teens will solve puzzles to receive clues leading them to the murderer's identity.

BOOK SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
SATURDAY, MARCH 15
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

EARLY BIRD THURSDAY, MARCH 13
\$5 ADMISSION FEE 4:00-7:00 PM

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Visit our website or scan the QR code to learn more.

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

southfayettelibrary.org

South Fayette Parks & Recreation

PIE MAKING CLASS

Adult Baking Class w/ The Pie Place



THURSDAY, MARCH 20

SIGN UP @ [SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION](https://southfayettepa.com/recreation)

6:30PM-7:30PM ADULTS AGES 18+

Join Jess Gobar of the Pie Place as she guides you through making a 9" deep dish apple pie.

SOUTH FAYETTE SENIOR CENTER 515 MILLERS RUN RD. SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

\$30

LEGO, K'NEX, and MagnaTile Building

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

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

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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SF PARKS & REC SPRING SPORTS LESSONS

2025

SOCCER SHOTS

- March 19-May 14
- Wednesdays
- 5 PM -7:40 PM
- Ages 2-8, prices & time slots vary per age group
- Fairview Park, "The Pit"

TENNIS LESSONS

- April 5-May 31
- Saturdays
- 9 AM-11:30 AM
- Ages 5-6, prices & time slots vary per age group
- Fairview Park

HOOP STARS BASKETBALL

- APRIL 24- May 29
- Thursdays
- Ages 3-5, 5:45pm-6:45pm, \$115/child
- Ages 6-9, 6:45pm-7:45pm, \$115/child
- Morgan Park

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION

**South Fayette Township
Parks & Recreation
Science Enrichment
Programs
Winter & Spring 2025**



SouthFayettePa.Com/Recreation

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Dry Ice Capades

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2025
TIME: 5:00PM - 6:30PM
AGES: 6-12
FEE: \$28/CHILD

DRY ICE CAPADES PROVIDES CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROBE THE SHIFTING STATES OF WATER THROUGH A SERIES OF ENGAGING DEMONSTRATIONS. DRY ICE- THE STAR OF THE SHOW- UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE INSTRUCTOR DEMONSTRATES THE CONCEPT OF SUBLIMATION.

REGISTER NOW AT
[HTTPS://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/](https://southfayettepa.com/)

CHEMISTRY CHAOS

Ages 6-9
\$95/child
4-week session,
February & March 2025

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Walloping Weather

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2025
TIME: 5:00PM - 6:30PM
AGES: 6-12
FEE: \$28/CHILD

IN WALLOPING WEATHER, CHILDREN GET WEATHER-WISE IN THIS CLIMATE-CONTROLLED CLASS. CHILDREN TRY OUT TOOLS THAT METEOROLOGIST USE TO MEASURE WEATHER. THEY CREATE THREE-DAY WEATHER FORECASTS FOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND STAGE A STATISTICALLY CHARGED INDOOR STORM.

REGISTER NOW AT
[HTTPS://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/](https://southfayettepa.com/)

SILLY SCIENCE

Ages 2-6, \$97/ Child, 4/3-5/1 10am-11:30am
South Fayette Senior Center

Mad SCIENCE

Detective Science

Thursday, May 15th, 2025
Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
AGES: 6-12
Fee: \$28/child

In Detective Science, children use science to crack a case! The Crime happens just before the Bustertown bakeoff. Mr. Baker's big, fat, chewy chocolate chip cookie is sabotaged and his recipe is stolen. Analyzing all the evidence is what helps pinpoint the perpetrator.

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[HTTPS://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/](https://southfayettepa.com/)

Oz Tea Party

Enjoy a wicked good afternoon tea with the Witches of Oz!

Event includes tea & lunch, photo opportunities, a sing-along & more

\$40 age 5-15
*must be accompanied by person 16+
\$45 age 16+

Sunday, May 18
12:30 PM-2:30pm
South Fayette Senior Center

[SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation](https://southfayettepa.com/recreation)