February 10 - 14, 2025



The Weekly Green Scene

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



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 <u>district website</u>.

Planning to Travel?

If your family anticipates an extended, international trip during the second semester, you must complete <u>this Google</u> 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. <u>Basket themes/contents and ticket order form can be viewed here.</u>



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 <u>emailed to **Dr. Conchetta Bell**</u>. Cash or checks made out to SFHS are accepted. Your support is sincerely appreciated by SFHS Best Buddies!

Job Opportunities



<u>Click here</u> 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 <u>their list</u> of camps and it includes the <u>AHN Chill Project Summer Program</u> 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 <u>dedicated page</u> 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

- To Don Rebel of the *Tribune-Review* selected **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** as his <u>team of the week</u>. Check out his "Rebel Yell" podcast interview with **Coach Bennett** at the same link.
- The <u>Tribune-Review</u> 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 <u>Pittsburgh Magazine</u> 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 Emmai 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

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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

March 9, 2025

ES Family Reading Night, 6:30

Daylight Saving Time begins

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 10, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students

March 12, 2025

MS PAC Meeting, 9 am

March 14, 2025

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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

April 3 - 6, 2025

April 10, 2025

April 15, 2025

April 20, 2025

April 24, 2025

HS Studio

Easter

No School for Students

HS Music Department Trip

PTA General Membership

Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,

Take Your Child to Work Day

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

March 25, 2025

Theatre

March 16, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, **HS Studio**

HS Spring Musical, 2 pm, HS

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Report Cards Available on Parent

Palm Sunday Passover

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,

HS Spring Chorus and Orchestra

April 30, 2025

March 31, 2025

No School for Students

April 1, 2025

No School for K-11 students Senior Exit Interviews Kindergarten Preview Day

Early Dismissal for all students

Celebration of Excellence in Learning at all schools 4th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym

April Fool's Day

April 4, 2025

Portal

April 13, 2025

April 17 - 21, 2025

Spring Break, No School

April 22, 2025

HS Studio

April 29, 2025

Concert, 7 pm, Theatre

March 17, 2025

St. Patrick's Day

March 27, 2025

End of 3rd Quarter

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 **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).

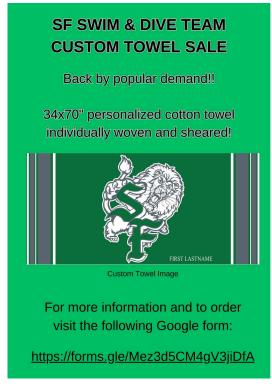
Community Resources

District Fundraisers





Click here for ticket requests and basket descriptions.



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.

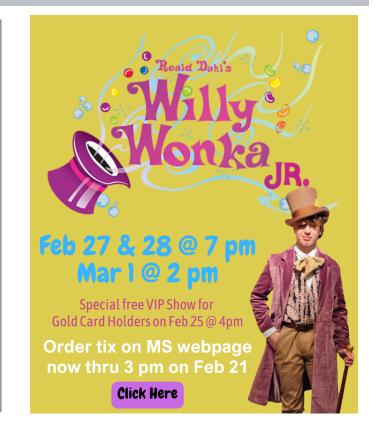
Please contact Coach Sundgren for registration information. sesundgren@southfayette.org

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.)

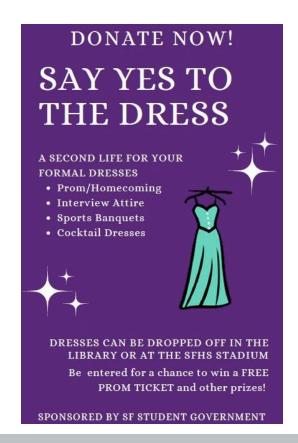




For students and parents. All new students considering Parkway should attend!







Community Activities



