



January 20 - 24, 2025

The Weekly Green Scene

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

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Lion Athletics Schedule

Safety is not Limited by FID

So far this school year, the District has enacted four Virtual Instruction Days due to weather/road conditions/ dangerously low temperatures. These dates have included January 3, 6, 16, and 22.

While SFTSD has been granted a maximum of five Flexible Instruction Days (FID) through the PA Department of Education, students and families

can be assured that if inclement weather continues to be a challenge this season, the District can utilize virtual instruction as often as needed.

District administration recently consulted with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to confirm that there is nothing in school code that precludes a district from moving from in-person learning to virtual instruction. Therefore, should we use our fifth and final FID and additional virtual instruction days are needed, we can continue offering virtual instruction without adjusting or lengthening the current 2024-25 academic year calendar.

In-school instruction is always the District preference, however, virtual instruction remains a viable option when holding classes in-person presents safety concerns.

South Fayette Township School District

**VIRTUAL
INSTRUCTION DAY**



Wednesday, January 22, 2025



American Heart Challenge Keeps Beating at SF

Our local American Heart Association Representative for School Engagement, and proud SF parent, Ashley Collins, is very excited that all four District schools are participating in this year's American Heart Challenge. Our Middle School students have already done an incredible job with their challenge, and today kicks off the efforts of the ES. The IS will begin their challenge on February 3 with the HS following on Valentine's Day.

Let's see if 100% of our students, staff, and families can learn the critical life saving skill of Hands-Only CPR, utilize the health and wellness resources available, and help kids with special hearts. To participate, register at heart.org/schools and download the free "AHA Schools" app. Then complete Finn's Mission through which you'll learn the life saving skill of Hands-Only CPR and how to recognize a stroke. Complete the 7 steps and be entered to win two Super Bowl tickets!

Did you know we have our very own local Youth Heart Ambassador, **Grayson Cannon**, in the Intermediate school? He and his family have shared his story to spread more awareness, and it's available for you to read above.



The banner features a red and blue background with the American Heart Association logo and the text "KIDS HEART CHALLENGE" and "AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE". A photo of Grayson Cannon, a 4th grade student, is shown on the left. To the right of the photo, his name "Grayson" is written in large red letters, followed by "4th Grade". Below this, a paragraph of text describes his heart condition and his participation in the challenge. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text: "THE KIDS HEART CHALLENGE AND AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE FUNDS RESEARCH THAT HELPS KIDS HAVE LONGER AND STRONGER LIVES. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FAMILIES HAVE HOPE AND FOR THAT THEY ARE SO GRATEFUL. TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING A WORLD OF LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES." and a small copyright notice.

American Heart Association.
KIDS HEART CHALLENGE | **AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE**

HEART HERO

Grayson

4th Grade

I am a student at South Fayette Intermediate School and live with my parents, older brother, younger sister, and new puppy. In my free time I love to play sports. I was born with an Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) and a Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD). The ASD was small and closed on its own a few years ago. The VSD was a larger hole between my lower chambers and recently had to be closed through open heart surgery. I'm still recovering from surgery but am feeling good. I can't wait to get back to playing baseball, hockey and basketball! I am happy my school is participating in the Kids Heart Challenge so everyone can learn about heart health and help kids with special hearts like me! And I want other kids with special hearts to know that even though what they are going through can be scary, the American Heart Association can help them through what they're dealing with and not feel alone.

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Top District Jobs



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

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

★ Good luck to **Owen Chiappetta, Trevor D'Alessandro, Eli Petter, and Nathaniel Keller** who are playing this Sunday, January 26, in the PIHL AAA Hockey All Star game! The puck drops at 7:20 pm at Robert Morris Island Sports Center.

★ Congratulations to **Akshath Giridhar** for winning the Best Delegate Award for Outer Space Affairs at the Duquesne Model UN Conference last Friday, and to the entire SF **Model UN Club** for a great day of competition!

★ Cheers to the Middle School writers who recently learned that their 100-word stories are being published by the Young Writers organization: 8th graders **Ayush Kathale** and **Dolika Yajna Havishya Varadi** and 7th graders **Diya Thirumurugan, Diya Patel**, and **Nithin Raja** all participated in the *Fright Club* Writing Contest, and 6th grader **Anushka Joshi**'s submission to the *Scary Tales* Writing Contest was also chosen for publication.

★ Bravo sixth grader **Vishnu Sreekumar** who finished in third in the 2025 New Year's Music Competition as part of the online Charleston International Music Competition. Vishnu's performance of Concerto No. 2 in G Major Op. 13 by F. Seitz on the violin can be [viewed here](#).

★ At the indoor track meet at Youngstown State University last weekend, new school records were achieved in two events: **Luke Gillen** in the 400-meter race finished at 51.15 seconds and **Angela Zeng** wrapped up the 1600-meter run in 5 minutes and 10.57 seconds. Fantastic!

★ **Ella Trahan** and **Azlynn Dean** finished 3rd and 6th, respectively, in their wrestling weight classes at the 2nd Annual Sharpsville Girls Battle Against Breast Cancer Tournament. Nice work!


★ Way to go to the following Varsity Wrestlers who placed in their respective weight classes at the Allegheny County Wrestling Tournament last weekend: **Luke Dunlap** 2nd, **Talan Mizenko** 4th, **Brock Dennison** 6th, and **Peter Leventis** 7th.

★ Congrats to our **Jr High Wrestling Team** who finished 4-1 at the Bebout Brawl Team Tournament last Saturday, defeating Hampton, Brownsville, Ringgold, and Shaler. **Clark Julius** and **Connor Dean** both went undefeated that day.

★ Announcing the IS Lion Card raffle winners from the past two weeks! Students from each grade who have been proudly making safe, kind, and responsible choices are: 3rd Grade: **Alexa Culp, Gloria Greenwood, Shlok Patel**, and **Brady Quirk**; 4th Grade: **Rosie Manly, Alayna Morton, Nathan Spink**, and **Zane Willy**; 5th Grade: **Mason Forrester, Vienna Monz, Neil Pathak**, and **Garrett Pitts**. Congratulations and great job!

★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: **Alma Fryer, Paisley Mrenak, Remington Reagan**, and **Juno Spears**; 1st Grade: **Adeline Dunn, Diva Lakhani, Valia Silko**, and **Evelyn Tripodi**; 2nd Grade: **Ryan Graham, Brooks Petruska, Adhrit Shah**, and **Milo Sommerer**. 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

 *Pittsburgh Union Progress* highlighted Lady Lions basketball player **Ryan Oldaker** along with her mother, Dori Oldaker, in an [article this week](#).

Events Next Week

January 28, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

January 29, 2025

Lunar New Year

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 2, 2025

Groundhog Day

February 5, 2025

5th Grade Drama Club Play, 7 pm,
IS Gym
Scheduling Information/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 25, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 31, 2025

Eid Al-Fitr
No School for Students

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

March 18, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

March 28, 2025

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

District 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

SOUTH FAYETTE'S 2025 SOUPER BOWL TACKLES HUNGER!

Now through February 10



Bring non-perishable soup donations to the collection boxes in any of the South Fayette Township School District buildings.

Donations benefit Bridgeville Community Food Bank.
740 Washington Ave.
Bridgeville, PA 15017



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!

[Click to watch an amazing student video!](#)



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)

\$70

Per Person

includes participation gift

sflionssoftball@gmail.com



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

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



WHAT OUR FAMILIES ARE SAYING



MY KIDS LOVED IT
AND WANTED TO
COME DAILY!



EXCELLENT INDOOR
AND OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES.



AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program '25 Directors: Kristy Frohlinger, Julia Evans and Izzy Cutler, LSH, 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

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**



**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



**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**

 **SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY**



**SF YOUTH FOOTBALL
SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER
2/2/25 • 12PM-3PM
McCLELLAND'S**



*Super Bowl blocks, & raffle baskets.
A portion of food & drink sales will be
donated to the SFTYFA!*

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

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

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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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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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MORE INFORMATION



2025 SF PARKS & REC SPRING SPORTS LESSONS



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

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>