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



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To the members of our community impacted by the flooding, our thoughts are with you. We are thankful for your safety and for the fast action and safety of emergency responders. Please let us know how we can best offer support.

LGM Earns Grand Marshall Award

This week **Ms. Carranza** was notified that the **Little Green Machine** marching band was declared the recipient of The Grand Marshall Award for best overall entry in Pittsburgh's St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is the first time the LGM has won the top award in the parade and the honor will be presented Monday evening at an award ceremony. Last year, the LGM earned The County Executive's Award for Best School Band from Allegheny County. Congratulations!



Junior Student Earns Opportunity to Be a Disney Dreamer



Nandana in Disney with 4x Olympic gold medalist Sanya Richard-Ross

Junior **Nandana Menon** spent last weekend in Walt Disney World as part of the [Disney Dreamers Academy](#) Class of 2024. It was four days spent with 99 other ambitious, motivated students like herself who were chosen from 10,000 applicants nationwide. They participated in unforgettable career workshops and networking opportunities while forming bonds that will last a lifetime.

Nandana said, “I wish I could stay there forever... The connections we made were out of this world.”

Some highlights for Nandana included participating in a workshop with Daymond John from ABC’s “Shark Tank” and riding on a float in a parade through the Magic Kingdom.

Student Government Earns Gold

For its exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that improve the school and community, the **SFHS Student Government** has been recognized as a 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence by the [National Association of Student Councils](#) (NASC).

This is the sixth consecutive year that our student government has earned this recognition, and, per **Dr. Yerace**, “This award is a testament to all of the hard work our students perform on behalf of others. We are proud that we provide an opportunity for any student at South Fayette to give back to others while developing as leaders.”



“Receiving a National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the amazing dedication of the students and school to make their community a better place,” said NASSP CEO Ronn Nozoe. “South Fayette has gone above and beyond in elevating student voice to ensure they are establishing a positive climate and culture, as well as fostering academic and social growth for all.”

Some examples of the work in which Student Government participates include Mini-THON, Stuff-A-Bus, Homecoming Carnival, voter registration, and Superintendent’s Leadership Advisory Committee.

Uncommon Conference Brought Students Together



April 9, 2024, marked SFHS's fourth annual Uncommon Conference, which, for the first time, was held during the school day instead of on the weekend. A standing-room only crowd included nearly 200 students and advisors from Aliquippa, Deer Lakes, Gateway, Hampton, McKeesport, Mt. Lebanon, Northgate, Penn Trafford, Quaker Valley, Seneca Valley, South Allegheny, Upper St. Clair, and Winchester Thurston high schools in addition to South Fayette.

Organized by the students in **SHOUT**, the Conference is an opportunity to bring students together to celebrate their differences and, in doing so,

recognize just how much they have in common. It included keynote speakers Emma Alaquiva and Selecta who focused on how Hip Hop is a metaphor for life, a religions of the world panel discussion, an art installation with Muslim artist Ebtehal Badawi of Pittsburgh Builds Bridges, dance, music, henna art, and more. The theme for 2024 was "Each of us needs all of us to become the best of us."

"The collective efforts of our students, faculty, and staff not only made this conference a landmark event but also helped plant the seeds of change and progress within Southwestern Pennsylvania," said **Dr. Herring**. "Together, all of the schools represented set a new benchmark for what we can achieve as a community united in diversity and driven by a shared commitment to making our districts more inclusive, equitable, and welcoming places."

Reminders

- PSSA testing will take place in the IS and MS in mid to late April and early May. Please refer to communications from school principals regarding absences and other important testing instructions.
- South Fayette is participating in the 11th annual free Disability & Mental Health Summit on April 18-19, 2024, at Beth El Congregation of the South Hills which includes a Transition Fair for high schoolers on Thursday evening. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [Dr. Bell](mailto:dbell@southfayette.org) at dbell@southfayette.org by April 12.

- The SF Foundation for Excellence is hosting its 11th annual golf outing on July 22, 2024! Create a foursome and [register here](#). And/or help with the [multiple levels of sponsorship](#) that are available as all are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for participating!
- At least one host family is needed for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. If you are interested in volunteering to host a student for a minimum of five months up to the entire 2024-25 school year, please contact [Dr. Yerace](#) or [Mr. Butts](#) at the High School. More information about the program can be found [here](#).
- You can purchase tickets for the district Kennywood Day on June 20 using promo code "southfayette" or buy a Good Any Day Ticket valid through July 14 using promo code "southfayetteflex." Follow [these instructions](#) when making your purchase.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Congratulations to our students who participated in the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, April 7 - April 10, 2024. Big winners were **Twisha Trivedi** with 1st Place in Public Speaking, **Pavithra Dantu** with 3rd Place in Human Resource Management, and **Srishti Swaminathan** with 5th in Business Communication. Both Twisha and Pavithra are now National Qualifiers! The National Leadership Conference takes place at the end of June in Orlando, FL.

★ Way to go **Girls Track Team** on going 6-0 and winning their 4th straight WPIAL Section Championship!

★ Congratulations to the most recent recipients of the ES Principals' Pride Award! From Kindergarten: **Brayden Gensler, Kaia Radicic, and Mokshitha Vonteru**; from First Grade: **Caleb Devereux, Raea Gilbert, and Sisira Koneru**; and from Second Grade: **Luke Bilodeau, Cooper Coble, AJ Collavo, Parker Graham, Lucio Salguero, Avery Scureman, Savannah Statts, Addie Walter, and Keaton Zapf**.




Lions in the News


🦁 *The Almanac* included **Michael Plasko** among its 2024 [Boys Basketball All Stars](#) First Team and **Gavin Orosz** on the Second Team. **Nico Lamonde** and **Gino Satira** received Honorable Mentions.

🦁 **Michael Plasko** was also named to the [Observer-Reporter's](#) 2024 All-District Boys Basketball First Team.

🦁 In the April 7 issue of *The Almanac*, **CJ Inkenhaus, Ayaan Soni** and **Lily Shuey** were

featured for their upcoming participation in the PMEA All-State festival.

 *The Almanac* also ran an article highlighting our district's Best Communities for Music Education designation.

 The [Pittsburgh Union Progress](#) is spreading the word about **Maddie Cavanaugh's** many talents on the softball field.

 An article declaring that "[South Fayette Topples Bethel Park](#)" in **baseball** ran in *The Almanac*.

Events Next Week

April 13, 2024

ACT Testing

April 16, 2024

School Board Meeting

April 18, 2024

Early Dismissal - Celebration of Excellence in Learning
Grade 4 Orchestra Spring Concert
High School Transition Fair at Beth El Congregation South Hills

April 19, 2024

No School for Students - Staff Development
Sensory Friendly Movie Night at IMS showing "Frozen"

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 22, 2024

Passover
Earth Day
PSSA, ELA, Grades 3-8

April 22 - 26, 2024

ES Book Fair

April 23, 2024

PSSA, ELA, Grades 3-8
School Board Meeting

April 24, 2024

PSSA, ELA, Grades 3-8
Coffee & Conversation with District Leadership
NHS Induction Ceremony

April 25, 2024

Take Your Child to Work Day
Spring Chorus and Orchestra Concert

April 26 - 27, 2024

Mini-THON

April 28, 2024

ES/IS PTA Family Bingo

April 29, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff Development
HS Best of Our Best Awards

April 30, 2024

PSSA, Math, Grades 3-8
4th Grade Performing Arts Club Performance

May 1, 2024

PSSA, Math, Grades 3-8
Virtual PAC Meeting, Grade 5 Parents

May 2, 2024

PSSA, Science, Grades 3-8
Speaker Series welcomes SF's Champions of Hope. [Register.](#)
Spring Band-O-Rama Concert

May 3, 2024

PSSA, Science, Grades 3-8

May 6-10, 2024

IS Book Fair

May 8, 2024

MS & HS Jazz Ensemble & Percussion Ensemble Concert

May 10, 2024

Prom

May 13, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff Development

May 23, 2024

Last Day of Little Lions Learning Academy

May 24, 2024

Last Day for Seniors

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day - District Closed

June 4, 2024

Early Dismissal - Last Day of School Commencement

June 20, 2024

Kennywood Day

July 22, 2024

SFFE 11th Annual Golf Outing



Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at jdonovan@southfayette.org
*Submission does not guarantee placement in upcoming issue(s).

Community Resources



STEEL CITY AQUATICS
LEARN-2-SWIM
PROGRESSIVE LEVEL-BASED PROGRAM THAT EMPHASIZES WATER SAFETY AND TRANSITION TO SWIM TEAM **\$150/SESSION**

PROGRAM INFORMATION
All information is accurate unless otherwise noted on our website.

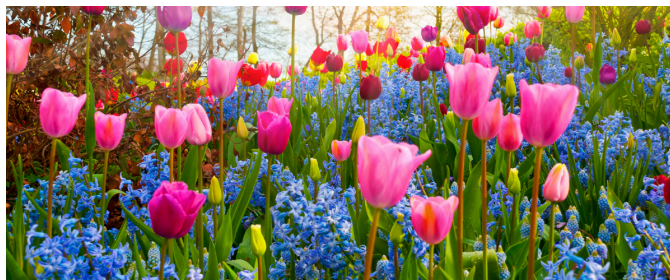
CLASS TIMES 5PM & 5:30PM **CLASS DAYS** MONDAY - THURSDAY

SPRING SESSION DATES
SESSION 1 APRIL 8-11 & 15-18
SESSION 2 APRIL 22-25 & 29-30 & MAY 1-2
SESSION 3 MAY 6-9 & 13-16

LOCATION
SOUTH FAYETTE
MIDDLE SCHOOL NATATORIUM
3700 Old Oakdale Road
McDonald, PA 15057

8 CLASSES INCLUDED IN EACH SESSION

QUESTIONS?
Email: learn2swim@steelcityaquatics.org
www.steelcityaquatics.org



SF CHEERLEADING SPRING FLOWER SALE

IT'S SPRING FLOWER TIME!

SUPPORT SOUTH FAYETTE CHEERLEADING AND PURCHASE YOUR SPRING FLOWERS TODAY! A VARIETY OF SIZES ARE AVAILABLE. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8.**

FLOWER PICK UP **MAY 18** FROM 9:00 AM - 11 AM
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM LOT

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW:

<https://forms.gle/rim6fUgnnS9ToPtf6>

*THE SOUTH FAYETTE CHEER BOOSTERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

It's Time for the Night at The Races!!!!

The South Fayette Touchdown Club is hosting its annual Night at the Races Fundraiser!

Saturday, April 13th at The Oak Ridge Firehall
The Orchard at Oak Ridge 1214 Oakridge Road
McDonald, PA 15057

Tickets are \$25.
Doors open at 6PM
and horse races
begin at 7:00PM.

Food
Basket Auction
Silent Auction
50/50 Raffle
Chances to win
money & prizes.

Don't miss out on the fun!

Purchase tickets and buy horses by emailing, calling, or texting Mike Welhorsky at 412-926-2070 and michael.welhorsky@gmail.com (subject line: Night at the Races).

To donate to our Basket Auction or Silent Auction, please call, text, or email Kathy Watkins at 412-225-8233 and kathyw323@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Fayette Football program.

Save the Date!



April 18-19, 2024

Rep. Dan Miller presents

The Futures Fair

At the Disability & Mental Health Summit

Not the typical transition fair!



Coffee & Conversation with District Leadership



April 24 5 pm Pride Room

[Click to Register](#)

DONATE NOW!

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A SECOND LIFE FOR YOUR FORMAL DRESSES

- Prom/Homecoming
- Interview Attire
- Sports Banquets
- Cocktail Dresses



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OFFICES AT THE SOUTH FAYETTE
STADIUM

Donations can be made
Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM

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Mini THON Event

SF Mini-THON Sponsors

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SF High School Boys Soccer

YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

June 10-13
9 - 10:30 AM
South Fayette HS Stadium
\$100 per child

FOR BOYS OR GIRLS AGE 8-10

Register and pay by **May 20, 2024** to get a camp T-shirt.

Learn soccer skills from the 2023 WPIAL Champs and SF Varsity Coach Rob Eldridge.

For more information email southfayetteboysoccer@gmail.com



at Hickory Heights Golf Club

Monday, July 22, 2024 ● 9 am Shotgun Start

Includes:
Breakfast Sandwiches
Lunch Buffet
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Registration: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_ccf27da4
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Registration Due by June 28

For more information, contact:
Maureen Pedzwater
412.519.4298
mapedzwater@southfayette.org

THE 11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
SOUTH FAYETTE FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE



South Fayette Glow Run

Sat June 1, 2024

Mc Donald, PA 15057 US [Directions](#)

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Benefits Four Diamonds. Registration Feb 15 - May 22. [Click here for info and registration.](#)



AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program

South Fayette School District Middle School

FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 1-6
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9-3

COST PER WEEK (MON-THURS): \$225
4TH OF JULY WEEK (MON-WED): \$175

Coming this Summer!

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| Week #1 Superhero Self June 24-June 27 | Week #4 Challenge Champions July 15- July 18 |
| Week #2 Feelings Detective July 1-July 3 (no 7/4) | Week #5 Problem Solving Expedition July 22-July 25 |
| Week #3 Cultural Kindness July 8-July 11 | |

Interested? Scan the QR
We will email you when
Registration Opens







SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

PICKLEBALL LESSONS


**WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
MAY 1ST-31ST**

BEGINNER 9AM-10AM
ADVANCED BEGINNER 10AM-11AM
INTERMEDIATE 11AM-12PM

RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK \$100,
2 LESSONS/WEEK, \$180

NON-RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK
\$110, 2 LESSONS/WEEK \$200

REGISTRATION: REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED



ADULTS AGE 18 & UP
MORGAN PARK
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SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

MORE INFORMATION
SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION |
412-221-8700 EXT.222

2024 SF PARKS & REC SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

JUMPBUNCH SPORTS: SUPERHERO CAMP

- June 24-28
- Ages 4-6
- 9:30AM-12PM
- Morgan Park
- \$145 (early bird) or \$165 after May 6

JUMPBUNCH SPORTS: FUN IN THE SUN CAMP

- July 8-12
- Ages 4-6
- 9:30AM-12PM
- Fairview Park Rotary Pavilion
- \$145 (early bird) or \$165 after May 6

BRIXOLOGY LEGO® CAMP

- July 22-26
- Rising 1st-5th graders
- 9AM-12PM
- Fairview Park Rotary Pavilion
- \$182

DINO WARS CAMP: BATTLE OF THE BEHEMOTHS

- July 15-19
- Ages 6-12
- 9AM-12PM
- Fairview Park Lafayette Pavilion
- \$180

HOOP STARS BASKETBALL

- May 30-July 11
- Thursdays
- Ages 3-5, 5:45PM-6:45PM
- Ages 6-9, 6:45PM-7:45pm
- Morgan Park
- \$110

SOCCER SHOTS

- June 5-July 24
- Wednesdays, Times vary per age group
- Ages 2-5 : \$130
- Ages 6-8 : \$140
- Boys Home Park

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Sunday @5pm-7pm JUNE 2ND
SOUTHPOINTE FIELD HOUSE



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SOUTH FAYETTE YOUTH FOOTBALL
EMAIL: SFYOUTHFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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SF YOUTH FOOTBALL 2024 REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW

APRIL 1, 2024-JUNE 15, 2024

TACKLE PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BY MAY 1 FOR CUSTOM JERSEY/*5YEAR JACKET IF ELIGIBLE

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| TACKLE DIVISIONS | FLAG DIVISIONS |
| TERMITES K-2ND | K |
| JV 3RD-4TH | 1-2ND |
| VARSITY 5TH-6TH | 3-4TH |

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AUGUST 9**

\$10
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OPENS**
**MARCH 18,
2024**

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PM: 12:30 - 3 PM
ALL DAY: 9 AM - 3 PM

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Little Medical School

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When: 5pm - 6pm,
Wednesdays, 4/25/24-5/29/24
Fee: \$180

Teen Medical School
For: Ages 11-14
When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm,
Wednesdays, 4/25/24-5/29/24
Fee: \$180

South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Road, South Fayette PA 15064
Sign Up Now!
412-221-8700 ext.222
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SouthFayettePA.Com/Recreation



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Multi-Sport and Fitness

Pre-K Classes: Ages 3-5, 5pm-5:45pm, Fee: \$70
School Age Classes: Ages 6-9, 6pm-7pm, Fee: \$80

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4
Fairview Rotary Pavilion, 288 Recreation Rd. South Fayette PA 15017
412-221-8700, imcneill@sftwp.com, southfayettepa.com/recreation



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- Volleyball



More Information 724-773-3700 beaver.psu.edu/youth beaverce@psu.edu



Canonsburgh, PA



Sundays 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 @ 3 pm (6/2 Rain Date)

Hills-Henderson Elementary School
50 Mayview Rd
Canonsburgh, PA 15241

SCORING/DETAILS

- Points awarded based on finish
- T-shirts for ALL runners
- Medals for ALL runners on Week 5
- Scan QR code and check race description on website for trophy details.

| DIVISION | DISTANCE |
|---------------|--------------|
| Pre-K 2/3yr | 50 Yard Dash |
| Pre-K 4/5yr | 75 Yard Dash |
| Challenger | 75 Yard Dash |
| K & 1st | 1/4 Mile |
| 2nd & 3rd | 1/2 Mile |
| 4th & 5th | 1 Mile |
| 6th, 7th, 8th | 1 Mile |

*All races will be the same distances each week.

For more information, please contact
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