

October 7 - 11, 2024



The Weekly Green Scene

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

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Lion Athletics Schedule

Honoring Our First Responders

October is Safety Month at South Fayette, and last Friday evening, it was our pleasure to recognize the first responders who so bravely and selflessly serve our community. Prior to the football game, representatives of the South Fayette Township Police Department, local volunteer fire departments, paramedics, and security services, along with their family members, entered the field with the LGM as fans showed their appreciation for their service in protecting the health and welfare of every citizen of South Fayette. Afterward, Police Chief John Phoennik was invited to participate in the game's coin toss.



Dress like your culture

Today was an International Day at SF sponsored by the High School's SHOUT organization. It began with the 3rd annual "Dress Like Your Culture Day" in which students district-wide were invited to express their heritage through traditional attire, colors, or creative interpretations. Participation was overwhelming and beautiful.

Secondly, beginning at noon, the second immersive Virtual Tour of Latin America came to the High School Studio. Students from all schools were invited to visit booths featuring displays and hosted by representatives from multiple Latin American countries to learn more about the rich tapestry of their music, art, and traditions.

In addition to providing a fun day for Lion Learners, these events foster understanding, appreciation, and unity within our diverse South Fayette family.



Seventh Grade is Getting Corny This Season

It is the tradition of one of our 7th Grade MiniTeams to work annually with Light of Life in the North Side of Pittsburgh for their Thanksgiving Basket Opportunity. The Mission provides Thanksgiving dinner baskets to those in need, and the baskets included everything from turkey to pie.

In keeping with South Fayette's #BeTheKindKid initiative, this year, the team is opening its efforts to all District families. As a team, they collected 983 cans of gravy and cranberry sauce in 2023. This year, they have promised to deliver at least 984 cans of corn to Light of Life – but the Mission actually needs 4,600. Let's see how close we can get them to their goal!

Cans of corn must be 15.25 oz, but may be any brand. Donations will be accepted by Mr. Taylor at the Middle School until Tuesday, November 12.



Help Wanted on SF Campus



[Click to apply.](#)



[Click to apply.](#)

Reminders

- Campus construction updates are available online at a [dedicated page](#) on the district website.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Super proud of Senior **Jorrin Williams** who was awarded a scholarship from The Challenge Program in the Community Service category!

★ Best wishes to the High School students attending Allegheny County Chorus at Gateway High School on Tuesday, October 15: **Maria Altares, Mackenzie Concannon, Jayce Geib, Nicholas Geib, Ellena Gibbs, Luke Huffman, Amelya Pinami, and Eliza Siemers.**

★ Congratulations to Students of the Month for September who were selected based on the theme of Best Team Player: Freshmen: **Ellena Gibbs** (not photographed) and **Aarna Pandey**; Sophomores: **Clair Cheng** and **Dean Wolstoncroft**; Juniors: **Nora Davidovich** and **Camdyn Johnson**; Seniors **Zaina Abdelsalam** and **Reagan McLaughlan.**



★ *Felicitations* to the following students who placed at the World Language Competition at Slippery Rock University this week: **Vanessa Ferris**- 1st place French 1, **Sai Pragya Namburu**- 3rd place French 1, **Hamsini Yuvaraj**- 3rd place French 2, and **Persephone Barth**- 1st place Spanish 2.

★ Way to go **Girls Varsity Cross Country** who took first out of 21 schools at The Legends Meet in Ohio last Saturday, and an extra special congratulations to freshman runner **Angela Zeng** who placed first out of 166 female runners in the 5K with a time of 18:23, a new South Fayette school record! Other top 10 finishes that day included **Griffin Martin** with 8th in the boys' 5K; and in the girls' open, **Ryan Baldigowski** came in 3rd and **Elena Hendricks** finished 10th. And though it hasn't been officially announced, when polls closed, **Angela** had 58.84% of the vote (with 18,764 votes!) for PA Athlete of the Week for PennTrackXC. Congrats!







★ Girls Varsity Cross Country also had three top 10 finishers at the Mingo Classic Meet this week as the Lady Lions finished 2nd as a team against a total of 5 teams: **Ryan Baldigowski** finished 2nd overall; **Elena Hendricks**, 4th; and **Bailey Cunningham**, 8th. Great job!

★ Congratulations to the **Boys Varsity Golf Team** for a successful finish at the WPIAL 3-A Team Semi-Finals on Tuesday which allowed them to move on to the Finals on Thursday where they were just 3 strokes shy of a first place finish. What an incredible season, Lions! Team members include **Sam Bishop, Trevor D'Alessandro, Randal Fisher, Isaac Lex, Brady Newman, Noah Nickolas,** and **Jackson Stephens.** **Randal** led the team with a 73 on Tuesday and **Jackson** led on Thursday, also with a 73.

★ 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: **Meadow Kresak** and **Charlie Stiver**; 4th Grade: **Christian Portaro** and **Cole Taylor**; 5th Grade: **Grady Short** and **Reyansh Vantaku.** Congratulations and great job!

★ Congratulations to last week's Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program: Kindergarten: **Madison Pilsner** and **Kellen Stoddard**; 1st Grade: **Charles Heckman** and **Shaarvi Sanghi**; 2nd Grade: **Vedant Gullapalli** and **Eleanor Spink.** 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

-  The **Boys Golf Team** was featured for their WPIAL runner-up finish in [The Almanac](#).
-  Junior **Drew Welhorsky** is being compared to our [Hall of Fame](#) quarterbacks in an article in *The Almanac*.
-  High School physics teacher **Mrs. Shirey** was featured on the “[Teach Me Tuesday](#)” segment on KDKA-TV's *Talk Pittsburgh*.
-  Though the game resulted in the **Lions Football Team's** first loss of the season, it was a hard-fought and exceptionally well-played game versus Upper St. Clair that earned television coverage from all three local stations: [KDKA Game of the Week](#), [WTAE Operation Football](#), and [WPXI Skylights](#).
-  The [Post-Gazette](#) focused its High School Highlights on our Girls Soccer 1-0 win over Thomas Jefferson with goal scored by **Mia Deramo** on an assist from **Gabby Beinecke**.
-  The **Zebo family** is featured in the *Post-Gazette* about the work they are doing with their [Harvest Street Mission](#).

Events Next Week

October 14, 2024

Columbus Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day
No School for Students

October 15, 2024

ES/IS Fun Fest
MS Picture Retake Day
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

October 16, 2024

Picture Day at ES & IS
Coffee & Conversation with
District Leadership, 4 - 5 pm,
Pride Room

October 17, 2024

HS Picture Make Up Day for
Underclassmen
HS Picture Day for Senior
Personalities and Class of 2024

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 21, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

October 22, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

October 31, 2024

Halloween
End of 1st Quarter

November 1, 2024

Diwali
No School for Students

November 3, 2024

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 4-8, 2024

MS PTA Book Fair

November 5, 2025

Election Day

November 7, 2024

HS Club Picture Day

November 8, 2024

5th Annual Uncommon
Conference
Report Cards Available

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

November 21, 2024

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

November 28 - December 2, 2024

School Closed - Fall Break

December 4 - 6, 2024

Keystone Exams

December 10 - 12

Keystone Exam Make-Up Days

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

November 16, 2024

Garba Festival, 7 pm, HS Gym

November 25 - 27, 2024

No School for Students -
 Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving

December 5, 2024

MS Holiday Chorus Concert, 6
 pm, MS Auditorium

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 14, 2024

Breakfast with Santa, 9 - 11 am, HS
 Commons
 PTA Holiday Market, 10 am - 2 pm,
 HS Studio & Theatre Corridor

November 19, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
 HS Studio

November 26, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
 HS Studio

December 2, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning
 Academy Lottery Request Period
 Opens
 School Board Reorganization
 Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

December 6, 2024

End of Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive
 Interim Report Cards Available on
 Parent Portal

December 12, 2024

MS Holiday Orchestra Concert,
 6:30 pm, Auditorium
 MS Holiday Band Concert, 8 pm,
 Auditorium



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

**THE SOUTH FAYETTE
CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK
AND FIELD TEAMS
FUNDRAISER**



Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Bridgeville
Friday, October 11, 2024
4:00 - 8:00 PM

Thank you for supporting the South Fayette
Cross Country/Track and Field Teams!!!

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

South Fayette Business Leaders of America

DATE & TIME:

November 07, 2024 from 04:00 PM - 08:00 PM

LOCATION:

189 Millers Run Road, South Fayette, PA 15017
+1 610-553-5581




SF Blanket Sale



- Support SFYLA by purchasing a Custom SF Lions plush blanket
- 60"x70" XL | 100% soft plush polyester
- Stay warm at home and on the sidelines!
- **Great holiday gift**
- **Orders due by 11/05/2024**, pick up early December
- Link to purchase:
 - <https://south-fayette-youth-lacrosse-association.square.site/>

GO LIONS!

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.

2024 Coach Mislan Fall Basketball Camp

Boys & Girls Grades K - 6th
 4 Sunday morning sessions
 (10/13, 10/20, 10/27 & 11/3)
 Details & registration @
www.sfboysbasketball.com

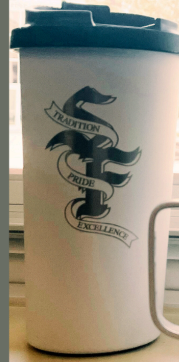


COFFEE & CONVERSATION with District Leadership

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."

To attend,
 please register:
bit.ly/4e5E8MY



October 16
 4 - 5 pm

December 11
 9 - 10 am

*Use the stairs or elevator on the left side of the breezeway to proceed to the 2nd level.



SUPER SMASH BROS.™ ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT

Support the South Fayette Esports Program while having fun with friends, and winning tournament and raffle prizes at Rezzanine Esports in Bridgeville!

October 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Rezzanine Esports
 1025 Washington Pike,
 Bridgeville, PA 15017

REGISTER NOW AT:

www.rezzanineesports.com



*Last day to register is 10/19!

ENTRY FEE:
\$15

SF BOYS IN-HOUSE REG BASKETBALL



DIVISIONS

- 1st & 2nd Grades (Dribbling Cubs)
- 3rd & 4th Grades
- 5th & 6th Grades
- 7th & 8th Grades
- 9th - 12th Grades

REGISTRATION IS
 NOW OPEN UNTIL
 OCTOBER 31st

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? WE ARE SEEKING COACHES AND A 3RD & 4TH GRADE DIVISION COORDINATOR. SIGN UP!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SOUTHFAYETTEBALL@GMAIL.COM

Registration & details @
www.sfboysbasketball.com



Transition Resources



MEET YOUR OVR COUNSELORS!

Lindsay Coulehan
Early Reach Coordinator
(9th & 10th graders)
Cell: 412-500-4717
Email: lcoulehan@pa.gov

Shelia Emerick
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
(11th - 12th+ graders)
Cell: 412-758-2115
Office: 412-392-5985
Email: sheemerick@pa.gov

OVR 101 - CCAC EVENING FOR FAMILIES

Come learn about the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and how to access accommodations in college.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
6:30 - 8:00 PM
SF HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO

RSVP BY OCTOBER 23RD

SERVICES WE OFFER

Pre - Employment Transition Services
(For Students)
Sessions will be offered during periods 1 & 2.

- NOV 6 OVR 101**
- DEC 18 Career Exploration**
- JAN 15 Soft Skills of Employment**
- FEB 5 Summer Employment/ Application Completion**
- MAR 12 Interview Preparation**
- APR 9 Mock Interviews**

TO RSVP FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS OR LEARN MORE, EMAIL DR. BELL AT CLBELL@SOUTHFAYETTE.ORG

5TH ANNUAL

UNCOMMON CONFERENCE

ON JOY - EQUITY - DIVERSITY - INCLUSION (JEDI)

Friday November 8, 2024 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM South Fayette High School

Open Invitation to All Regional Schools! Register by October 11th. Seating is Limited!

UNLOCK THE FORCE OF JOY! JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE!

tinyurl.com/4ash6shd

Reserve Your Spot Today to become One with the FORCE of JOY!



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

Calling all South Fayette Junior Scientists and Inventors!

SAVE THE DATE

For The South Fayette PTA Sponsored Science and Invention Fair 2024

Date: Thursday, November 21st

Time: 6:00pm - 7:45pm

Location: IS Gym

Projects must be dropped off
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Registration information will be released in early October.

Details:

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to showcase their own science experiments, projects, demonstrations, and inventions to their fellow scientists, friends, families, and teachers!

Questions: sciencefair@southfayettepta.org
SouthFayettePTA.org



LEARN 2 SWIM



SOUTH FAYETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Progressive level based program that emphasizes water safety and transition to swim team

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ Trained instructors
- ✓ Safety-focused
- ✓ Progressive curriculum




NEW SESSION ADDED!
October 14-17 and 21-24

CLASS TIMES
5p or 5:30p

REGISTER TODAY!

NOTE:
Learn-2-Swim will be offered again in March 2025.

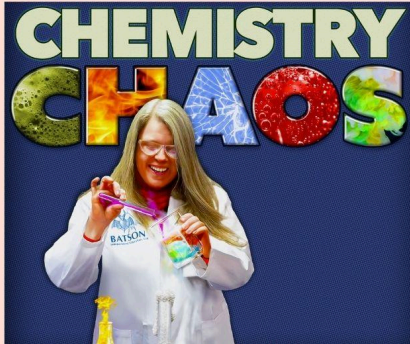
 www.steelcityaquatics.org



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Sea Turtle Explorers

Ages 5-12
4:15pm-5:45pm Tuesdays, Oct 29.-Nov 19.
South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Rd., South Fayette PA 15064
\$175 -4 week session



Chemistry Chaos

Grades 1-3, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Thursdays, Feb. 25-Mar. 18
South Fayette Township Senior Center
100 Township Dr., Bridgeville PA 15017
\$95- four-week session

[Sign up at SouthFayettepa.com/Recreation](https://SouthFayettepa.com/Recreation)

Family & Transition Age Youth:

What's Next & What Do You Need to Know?

Saturday, November 9, 2024
UPMC Health Plan Neighborhood Community Center
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Join us for a special event designed for parents, families & youth ages 14-22!

Sessions & event activities will include:

Ask the Expert: "Why Do I Need to Know You?"
meet leading agency professionals

Plan For The Future
learn about next steps to get set up for success

The Bus Isn't Coming! "Who's Driving!?"
gain essential knowledge, tools, & resources to better understand transportation options

Maximize Your Network: Vendor Walk
meet with vendors within Allegheny County to enhance your network

Click Here to Register

A boxed lunch will be provided by Chick-Fil-A for all attendees!

South Fayette Township Puzzle Palooza

Aug. 27
Back
To
School

Oct. 22
Halloween

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



Canonsburg, PA

Follow us on Facebook!

Sundays 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 @ 3 pm (11/10 Rain Date)

Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School
50 Mayview Rd

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
Dave Daley at 412-519-7479
Canonsburgpa@healthykidst.org

Scan the code to Register Today.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
\$45 FULL SERIES
FIVE WEEK SERIES*
UNTIL THREE WEEKS FROM START DATE

\$50 FULL SERIES* **\$20 SINGLE RACE WALK-UP***
Only offered day-of

Online registration available only. No cash accepted.
*Registration is non-refundable.

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SF YOUTH WRESTLING

REGISTRATION FEE: \$165.00
\$140.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING *PLEASE FILL OUT AN INDIVIDUAL GOOGLE FORM PER CHILD

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: WARMUP GEAR, WRESTLERS ENTRY FEE TO OUR HOME SF TOURNAMENT, AND CONCESSION FEE FOR SF HOME TOURNAMENT.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION EMAIL:
SFTAKEDOWNCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

How to register for the 24/25 season
-Fill out this registration form

-Attend the in person registration/ try it night October 10th @ SF middle School mat room 6:00-8:00pm (to turn in registration fee, checks, meet some of the coaches, and see some moves preformed by SF wrestlers)

-Attend the mandatory parent meeting October 21st @SF middle school cafeteria 6:00 (required for all parents)
practice will start beginning of November - March

Registration will close on 11/1/2024 at 12:00pm, no late registration will be accepted.

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

- 3:30PM DEPART SOUTH FAYETTE SENIOR CENTER
- 4:30PM ARRIVE OGLEBAY RESORT
- 4:30PM-5:30PM OGLEBAY SHOPS
- 5:30PM-7:30PM BUFFET DINNER & SHOW W/SWEET LIPZZ ENSEMBLE
- 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





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



\$160

South Fayette Township Building
Lafayette Room
100 Township Drive, South Fayette PA 15017

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