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Mini-THON Breaks National Record

It was an emotional reveal early Saturday morning when the students, faculty, and staff crowding the high school gym realized that last year's national record of \$336,140.10 had been surpassed by more than \$2,000. Congratulations to the 2024 Mini-THON fundraisers who brought in \$338,205.15! This year's Mini-THON chairs were **Paige Westbrook, Julianna Rossi, Marissa Stock,** and **Tim Danziger**.

This was South Fayette's 12th year hosting Mini-THONs, and the district has raised approximately \$1.8 million for Four Diamonds, an organization dedicated to the fight against pediatric cancer at Penn State Children's Hospital. Four Diamonds covers the cost of treatment that insurance or other means do not cover. The organization also helps with other emergency expenses for the families of children battling cancer, as well as pediatric cancer research aimed at finding a cure and more gentle treatments.

In addition to fundraising throughout the year, Mini-THON is embedded in the Honors Management and Marketing Applications course at the high school. This year, 41 seniors signed up for the course, requiring two sections taught by **Mr. Flannery** and **Mr. G. Smith**.



Reminders

- 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 <u>these instructions</u> when making your purchase.
- The SF Foundation for Excellence is hosting its 11th annual golf outing on July 22, 2024! Create a foursome and <u>register here</u>. And/or help with the <u>multiple levels of sponsorship</u> that are available as all are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for participating!
- Another 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 <u>Dr. Yerace</u> or <u>Mr. Butts</u> at the High School.
 More information about the program can be found <u>here</u>.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

- ★ Congrats to the **Girls Varsity Track & Field Team** for earning your place as 2024 WPIAL Class 3A Section 7 Champions!
- ★ The **Boys Lacrosse Team** is AA Section 1 Champions! Hooray!
- ★ The Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit Program, established to honor female high school students considering careers in Engineering, Technology, or Computer Science, recognized the following students this year: senior **Rishika Somireddy**, junior **Ryan Baldigowsk**i, and sophomore **Rashmita Chekka**. Congrats!
- ★ Way to go, **Kevin Clayton**, for being selected Student of the Month for April 2024 at Parkway CTC in the Carpentry Program!
- ★ Woo-hoo junior **Brooklyn Spruit** for reaching 100 career goals in lacrosse!
- ★ Big shout out to the **Varsity Softball Team** for clinching a spot in the 2024 WPIAL Class 5A Section 3 playoffs!
- ★ Super proud of the **Girls Lacrosse Team** who qualified for the WPIAL AA playoffs!
- ★ Nice job to the **Varsity Baseball Team** who has secured their spot in the 2024 WPIAL Class 5A Section 2 playoffs!
- ★ Three cheers for the **Boys Volleyball Team** for qualifying for the WPIAL AA playoffs!
- ★ 4th grader **Vasudev Nambulli** earned a perfect score and a number one ranking for his grade level in a national math exam. Amazing!
- ★ Congrats to our **Battle Bots Team** who took on the challenge of competing in their first BotsIQ Finals Competition last Saturday at PennWest California's Convocation Center.
- ★ So proud of Ms. Elek who was honored for teaching music for 25 years at the PMEA

All-State Festival and Convention in Erie, PA. She was given a certificate and pin prior to a standing-room-only concert.



Lions in the News

WPXI-TV shared the outcome of this year's **Mini-THON** letting viewers know that SFHS students <u>raised over \$338K for kids with cancer</u>.

WPXI-TV also shared the <u>Pittsburgh-area schools</u> that ranked within the top 200 in PA on *US News & World Report*'s best high schools list which, of course, included South Fayette (#23).

Our **Boys Volleyball Team** was featured by the <u>Post-Gazette</u> for making great strides in their fourth season of competition.

Senior **Tyler Schepis**'s battle with cancer and how baseball has helped him defeat the disease is chronicled in *The Almanac*.

Events Next Week

May 4, 2024 May 6-10, 2024 May 7, 2024

SAT Testing IS Book Fair MS Orchestra Concert

MS Book Fair

May 8, 2024 May 9, 2024 May 10, 2024
MS & HS Jazz Ensemble & Speaker Series welcomes Prom

MS & HS Jazz Ensemble & Speaker Series welcomes
Percussion Ensemble Concert Champions of Hope. Register

<u>here</u>.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 13, 2024 May 16, 2024 May 17-19, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff MS Chorus Concert Junior Washington, D.C. Trip

Development

IS Beginning Band & Strings
Spring Concert

May 18, 2024 May 22-24, 2024 May 23, 2024

ES/IS Sweetheart Dance 6th Grade Camp Kon-O-Kwee (1st Last Day of Little Lions Learning Group) Academy

Algebra Keystone Exams

May 24, 2024

Last Day for Seniors Algebra Keystone Exams

June 4, 2024

Early Dismissal - Last Day of School Commencement May 27, 2024

Memorial Day - District Closed

June 20, 2024 Kennywood Day May 29-31, 2024

6th Grade Camp Kon-O-Kwee (2nd Group)

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 *Submission does not guarantee placement in upcoming issue(s).

Community Resources



Boys & Girls Volleyball Clinic 2024



Grades: 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th

Saturday, May 4th from 9 AM to 12:30 PM Sunday, May 5th from 1 PM to 4:30 PM

This 2-day clinic is tailored for students in grades 6th to 9th eager to enhance their volleyball skills. The focus is on fostering a strong foundation in fundamentals. It's an ideal opportunity for those aspiring to participate in high school-level volleyball.

Location:

South Fayette High School Gym, 3640 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA, 15057

Registration:

https://forms.office.com/r/wtr9JN3Xz6

Cost:

\$ 85

Questions: sfbvb15057@gmail.com

All proceeds support the South Fayette Boys Volleyball program.



Join us for Family Fun!

Hibachi Lou's Food Truck
Basket Auction
Corn Hole
50/50
Special Auction

Where: Helicon

When: Sunday, May 5 @ 3 - 6 PM



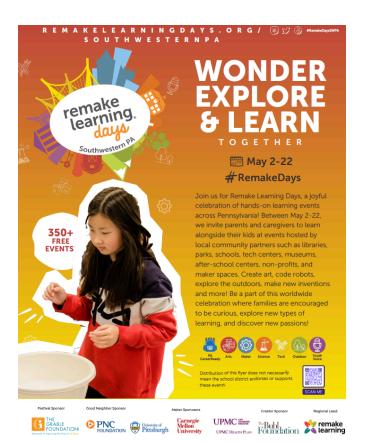
IT'S SPRING FLOWER TIME!

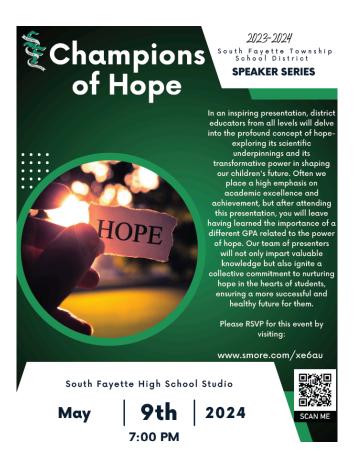
SUPPORT SOUTH FAYETTE CHEERLEADING AND PURCHASE YOUR SPRING FLOWERS TODAY! A VARIETY OF SIZES ARE AVAILABLE. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8.

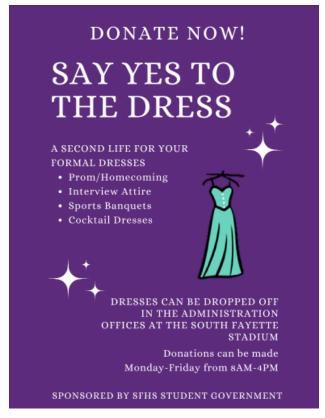
FLOWER PICK UP **MAY 18** FROM 9:00 AM - 11 AM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM LOT

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW: https://forms.gle/rim6fUgnnS9ToPtf6

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









Will you join us?

We're heading to

Japan Summer 2026

Interested?

RSVP for the info meeting to learn more information about our itinerary, everything that's included, FAQs and more:

https://bit.ly/3QkdOFz

Or use your smartphone to scan the QR code:



Spots available: 15

ajmannarino@southfayette.org

Questions? Call EF's Traveler Support Team at 800-665-5364

Enrollment deadline: x

Contact: Mr Mannarino

FALL 2024 REGISTRATION

South Fayette Soccer

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Program	Age Groups	Birth Years	Registration
In House Program	U6 to U12	2013 to 2019	Period: In-House:
Travel Program	U10 to U14	2011 to 2016	May 2 - June 30, 2024
5v5 High School Recreation League	8th to 12th grade		Travel: May 2
More information available Under the Programs			-June 9,

tab at southfayettesoccer.org

How to Register:

Visit southfayettesoccer.org

Click the "Login" or "Register" button at the top right of the page.

More information about Uniforms, Travel Evaluations, and Volunteering is also available online.

Email: southfayettesoccer@gmail.com





AHN Chill Project™ **Summer Program**



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

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

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 emal you when Registration Opens















Monday, July 22, 2024 • 9 am Shotgun Start



Breakfast Sandwiches Lunch Buffet Raffles

Award Presentations

Skill Prizes Hole in One Opportunity

Mulligans 50/50

And More!

\$150 per Golfer \$600 per Foursome

Online Credit Card Payments:

Registration: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_ccf27da4 Sponsorship: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_a942d719

Registration Due by June 28

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





JUNE 10, 11, 12 • 9 - 11:30 AM MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

This camp is specifically designed to introduce and develop fundamental volleyball techniques and skills including passing, setting, hitting, serving, and game play. During each day a different aspect of athletic development will be discussed including flexibility and balance, strength training, movement skills, footwork, and jumping technique. This camp program is intended for all skill levels. No prior experience is necessary.

Coach Scott Sundgren is the head volleyball coach for both the high school and middle school teams. He has held this position for the past 25 years. In that time, the team has made 21 WPIAL playoff appearances, including seven final four matches, two finals, and six PIAA state playoff berths. He has coached all level of players from youth to Division 1.

For information email Coach Sundgren: sesundgren@southfayette.org



Save the Date:

Summer Programming June 24-28, 2024

with Pittsburgh OVR Early Reach

9-12th grade students with disabilities in Allegheny County are invited to a weeklong program with Early Reach!

Come learn skills needed for employment and independent living!

Programming 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM daily.

Location: TBD

Includes: Hands-On Activities, & Community Tours

Early drop off available from: 9:00-10:00 AM.

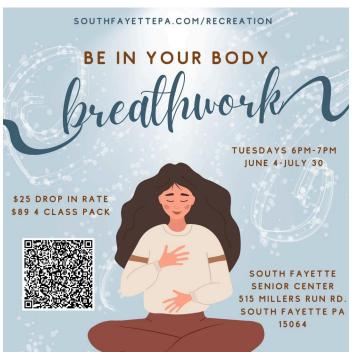
Pickup available from: 2:00-3:00 PM.

To Sign Up or Ask Questions - Email:

ra-li-ovrpghpets@pa.gov



South Fayette families interested in attending should email <u>Dr. Bell</u>.











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\$10 PER AM OR PM REGISTRATION **OPENS**

> MARCH 18, 2024

MONDAY - FRIDAY AM: 9 AM -11:30 AM PM: 12:30 - 3 PM ALL DAY: 9 AM - 3 PM

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

\$10 HALF DAY (OR \$11 NON-RESIDENT) \$20 ALL DAY (OR \$22 NON-RESIDENT)

SouthFayettePA.com/Recreation Each week at various parks

AGES 5 - 12

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT CODE: Family2024

Questions? Ian McNeill: imcneill@sftwp.com, 412-221-8700 x 222

