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

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Lion Athletics Schedule

SFTSD Introduces the “South Fayette Way”

With the launch of the 2024-25 academic year, South Fayette is introducing the “South Fayette Way” in all four school buildings, a program based on the principles of PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

The purpose of PBIS is to foster a positive school environment through clear expectations, positive reinforcement, and consistent consequences. Teachers and staff are taking a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports needed for students to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. Students have the opportunity to understand expectations and receive regular recognition for success as opposed to only punishment for behavioral failures. Each school will have its own age-appropriate structure for recognizing achievement. The goal is that the core principles of being safe, kind, and responsible will be instilled in students through daily interactions and lessons.

THE SOUTH FAYETTE WAY

BE SAFE

BE KIND

BE RESPONSIBLE

WHEN & WHERE:

- IN THE CLASSROOM
- IN THE HALLWAY
- IN THE CAFETERIA
- IN THE BATHROOM
- DURING ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL
- WHEN USING TECHNOLOGY
- ON THE BUS
- DURING ACTIVITY PERIOD

PBIS and the South Fayette Way are described by our faculty, staff, and administrators in this [short video](#). If you have questions, please reach out to your building principals.

Coming Home: SF Calendars and Magnets

The 2024-25 District Activities Calendars are being distributed to the youngest Lion Learner in each family. Please be sure to check your student's backpack for your family's calendar. All students should receive them no later than Tuesday, September 3.

Also, new this year, each family is receiving a 3" x 5" magnet featuring a QR code that links to the most used resources like the most up-to-date calendar, athletic schedules, lunch menus, technology Helpdesk, PowerSchool login, and more. Your magnet is being sent home with your calendar – keep it handy so all of your South Fayette information will always be right at your fingertips.



Make your PTA plans for the School Year

SF PTA YEAR AT A GLANCE 24/25

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
9/16 Meeting @ IS 7:00 9/23 Delay 9/23-27 IS Bookfair 9/30-10/4 ES Bookfair	10/16 Picture Day 10/21 Delay 10/31 Fall Festival Parade	11/4 Delay 11/5 Battle of the Book Kick off 11/12 Meeting @ ES 7:00 11/13 Picture re-take 11/21 Science Fair	12/13 & 14 Holiday Market 12/16 Delay 12/19 Winter Party	1/13 Delay
Feb	March	April	May	June
2/10 Delay 2/12 Meeting @ IS 7:00 2/14 Valentine's Party	3/3-7 ES Book Fair 3/3 Family Reading Night 3/7 Battle of the Books 3/10 Delay 3/17-21 IS Book Fair	4/7 Delay 4/10 Meeting @ ES 7:00	5/4 Sweetheart Dance 5/5-9 Staff Appreciation 5/12 Delay 5/23 5th Grade Celebration 5/30 Track & Field Day	6/4 Half Day- Last Day of School! Happy Summer!

TBD: Grade Level Socials, Bingo, Spring Fundraiser, Boys Night Out

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS SUPPORT ALL THE PTA DOES! PLEASE JOIN TODAY!

Be SF Lion Proud with the 2023-24 Annual Report



The first annual report for the South Fayette Township School District was produced this summer as a year-in-review for the 2023-24 academic year. It is [available online](#) (expand to full screen) and is a great way to highlight and share all that our district has accomplished. Be sure to take a look and send the link to family and friends.

The Annual Report and Dr. Miller's Quality Profile are both available under the Communications section of the website. www.southfayette.org > District > Communications > About SFTSD

As Campus Renovations Occur, Stay Current Online

Currently, the School Board and District Administration are discussing three renovation projects for our campus including additions to the Intermediate School, relocation of the Bus Depot, and construction of a new Elementary School which will include demolition of the current structure. These discussions are held during public school board meetings on Tuesday evenings.

A [dedicated page](#) has also been added to the District website which will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. Construction updates can be found under the District tab under Buildings & Grounds. They are also linked from the News section on the homepage as well as the Communications SFTSD News page.

Special Funding to Grow Youth Hockey in SF

The South Fayette Hockey Association is excited to share that, through the generosity of a local family, they are able to reduce this year's fees to make it more affordable for families and kids to fall in love with ice hockey. The family's donation of \$15,000 to the Jr. Lions program reduces fees for the 2024-2025 season from \$875 to \$300. Additionally, the donating family is providing free gear/equipment (\$400 value) to the first seven kids who register for the program and are new to the sport. Their donation was provided to help make youth hockey more



accessible and to help grow the next generation of Middle School, JV, and Varsity hockey players for South Fayette.

The Jr. Lions Program is for kids in Kindergarten through Middle School (8U, 10U, and 12U). Prior experience with hockey and skating is not required. Hockey season runs from September to March, with one-weekend evening practice per week and 10 to 15 games, all local to Pittsburgh. Other activities include a free group outing to an away South Fayette Varsity hockey game and/or an RMU Colonials hockey game (pending game schedules), a holiday party/family skate, and a season-end coaches vs. kids game. For more information about the South Fayette Hockey Association and their winning tradition, follow them on Facebook and Instagram. Registration for the season can be found at: <https://pihlsflions.sportngin.com/register/form/818138403>

STEAM Camps Were Hot this Summer at SF

With an Intermediate STEAM Camp held in the mornings and an Elementary STEAM Camp in the afternoons, the South Fayette Summer STEAM Camps offered an exciting array of activities designed to inspire and educate young minds this summer through hands-on projects and experiments.

The Intermediate STEAM Camp buzzed with activity as students delved into the fascinating world of rocketry. They built and launched straw rockets and two-liter bottle rockets, learning about aerodynamics and propulsion. They also learned principles of force and motion through engineering projects in which they constructed balloon cars and sail cars from recycled materials and engaged in designing carnival games using catapults to launch ping pong balls and cotton balls into targets. Their carnival games expanded to incorporate a foundational understanding of electrical circuits. The creation of straw roller coasters further demonstrated the principles of physics, encouraging teamwork and problem-solving as students worked together to perfect their designs.

The Elementary STEAM Camp focused on different themes, blending scientific exploration with imaginative projects. The young campers learned about bats, constructing paper airplane "bats" and bat boxes from recycled materials. This activity not only taught them about these fascinating creatures but also highlighted the importance of conservation. Their focus also expanded to weather and natural disasters with examinations of sun protection and meteorology. Lastly, fairy tales met STEAM in a series of creative problem-solving activities using upcycled materials to devise solutions to various fairy tale dilemmas.

By the end of the camps, students had developed a deeper appreciation for STEAM and are poised to make significant contributions to the world in the years to come. Thank you to **Mr. Wachter** for serving as the annual STEAM Camp Director; **Mr. Kuglar**, **Mr. Coyne**, and **Ms. Kucerovy** for leading



our Intermediate STEAM Camp; as well as **Ms. Yakish, Mrs. Colangelo, and Ms. Slattery** for teaching the Elementary STEAM camp sessions.

New Summer Program Helped Participants Chill

This was the first summer for the AHN Chill Project Summer Program™ at South Fayette and it was held at the Middle School. The 4-day program was designed to combine a fun and exciting curriculum with emotional wellness concepts for children entering grades 1 - 6, and was offered for five weeks with a different theme each week. Kristy Frohlinger, Behavioral Health School Educator at the Middle School, was the Summer Program Director, and all programs were run by skilled educators in the mental health and education fields.

In addition to positive, growth exercises and discussions, registrants kept busy with arts and crafts, sports, and exciting visits from local community members such as SF Library, Millie's Homemade Ice Cream, and the Drone Academy. Registration for next summer's program is expected to begin in January 2025.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ A huge shout out to all of our **Lion Fans** for being named the #1 Student Section at last week's football game vs. CV by WPIAL Insider! Keep that attendance and energy going all season!



★ Woot! Woot! **Drew Welhorsky** is eligible for Pennsylvania's High School Football Player of the Week with [PennLive](#). Be sure to vote!

★ Way to go **Boys Varsity and JV Golf teams** who both took 2nd at the Chairman's Cup on August 12th!

★ Congrats to **Pavithra Dantu, Sri Koripi, Laasya Pedapati, Pranamya Rangaraju, and Anjali Srinivasan** who placed at the 47th annual HOSA International Leadership Conference in Houston, TX, over the summer!


★ **Twisha Trivedi** was a national finalist in Public Speaking at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, this summer. Way to go on this tremendous accomplishment!

★ The following students were Top 10 finalists in various categories at the 46th annual TSA National Conference this summer in Orlando, FL. Way to go **Nandana Menon, Tvesha Bhatt, Caroline Praveen, Yaashna Praveenkumar, Pranita Chakkingal, and Ria Sijo!**


★ SF is very proud of **Dr. Herring** who is being recognized as one of the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* 2024 Men of Excellence!


★ Congratulations to **Dr. Yerace** for becoming a Certified Master in The Leadership Challenge over the summer!


Lions in the News


 Junior Drew Welhorsky was in the spotlight this week with a great article in the [Post-Gazette](#) and the Week Zero Football Player of the Week recognition from the [Tribune-Review](#).

If you missed it over the summer:


 Senior **Nandana Menon** was highlighted on [KDKA-TV news](#) for creating an app to help children with autism and their families.

 Middle-Schooler **Carter Childs** was featured on the [KD Kids Club](#) on KDKA's Talk Pittsburgh for his accomplishments as a SCUBA diver.

 [The Observer-Reporter](#) and *The Almanac* ran features on Senior **Camryn Hondru** and her work with cancer research and fundraising.

 **Dr. Miller** and the district were featured in an article in [K-12 Dive](#) about the introduction of the World of Work framework.

 **Dr. Herring** was profiled, along with three fellow alumni, in the summer issue of [The BORO](#), PennWest (Edinboro) University's alumni magazine.

 **Mr. Perrott** was quoted in an article in the [Observer-Reporter](#) about the Surgeon General calling for warning labels on social media.

 **Ms. Crapis-Breth** was quoted in a [Post-Gazette](#) article about Pennsylvania's new science standards.

Events Next Week

September 2, 2024

No School - Labor Day

September 4, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning Academy Virtual Parent Meeting, 6 pm

September 6, 2024

Little Lions Virtual Learning Academy Meet & Greet Day
Home Football Game vs. Canon McMillan, 7 pm, Youth Night

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 10, 2024

First Day for Little Lions Early Learning Academy
MS Picture Day

September 11, 2024

9-11 Remembrance Day
Senior Parent Night, 6:30 pm

September 12, 2024

MS Open House/Curriculum Night, 6:30 pm

September 16, 2024

PTA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, IS Cafeteria

September 17, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

September 19, 2024

HS Picture Day
HS Open House/Curriculum Night, 6:30 pm

September 21, 2024

Festival of the Bands, 7 pm, Stadium

September 23, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

September 23 - 27, 2024

IS PTA Book Fair

September 24, 2024

HS Financial Aid Virtual Night, 6:30 pm
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

September 26, 2024

Homecoming Carnival, 4:30 - 8:30 pm, Stadium

September 27, 2024

Home Football Game vs. Baldwin, 7 pm, Homecoming

September 28, 2024

Homecoming Dance, 7 pm, HS Gym

September 30 - October 4, 2024

ES PTA Book Fair

October 3, 2024

Rosh Hashanah
Little Lions Early Learning Academy Picture Day
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, HS Theatre

October 4, 2024

Home Football Game vs. Upper St. Clair, 7pm, Hall of Fame and 1st Responder Recognition

October 9, 2024

MS PAC Meeting, 9 am

October 12, 2024

Navaratri
Yom Kippur



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



**SF CHEERLEADING
FALL MUM SALE**

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR FALL MUMS!

SUPPORT SOUTH FAYETTE CHEERLEADING AND PURCHASE YOUR MUMS TODAY! A VARIETY OF COLORS AND SIZES AVAILABLE. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 6.**

FLOWER PICK UP **SEPTEMBER 14** FROM 9 - 11 AM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM LOT

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW:
<https://forms.gle/UaGTnPMBpCxDS43t5>

THE SOUTH FAYETTE CHEER BOOSTERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Support SFHS Football

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN A WEEKEND THIS FALL AT COVE CREEK LODGE AT DEEP CREEK LAKE, MARYLAND.

Click here for details about the area's first upscale boutique hotel experience.

**\$30/CHANCE
(ONLY 100 CHANCES WILL BE SOLD)**

Contact Kathy Watkins for a chance to win. kathyw323@gmail.com

It's Lion Pride time again!



SF Student Government is selling newly designed Lion Pride apparel for the '24-'25 school year.

Click here to order.

Sale runs through Sept. 13. All items shipped directly to your home the week of Oct. 14.

www.tinyurl.com/sflionpride

SFHS BOYS SOCCER SPIRITWEAR STORE

Check out the South Fayette Boys Soccer team's online store for scarfs, hats, hoodies, t-shirts, jackets, etc. that you can wear for a soccer game or any sporting event!

Expect approximately 3 weeks for shipping.

Click here to order

GO LIONS!

<https://www.homerungraphic.com/south-fayette-soccer>

District Events

SOUTH FAYETTE CHEERLEADING

BACK TO 80'S

Dance Party

SEPTEMBER 7TH
6:30-10:30PM

OAKRIDGE FIREHALL

TICKET: \$25 A PERSON OR \$150 A TABLE
HEAVY APPS, DESSERTS & DRINKS INCLUDED.

WEAR AN OUTFIT FROM THE 80'S, PLAY MUSIC TRIVIA, DANCE, AND WIN BASKETS & PRIZES!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP AND PAY

SOUTH FAYETTE HOMECOMING CARNIVAL

When:
Thursday, September 26, 2024
4:30-8:30 PM

Where:
South Fayette Stadium
Admission is free

What to expect:
Lots of fun carnival games, bounce house, obstacle course, dunk tank, food trucks including Totopo, Pittsburgh Halal, R&G Smokeshack, PittsBurgers, Hibachi Lou, Kona Ice, Millie's, Frio's Pops, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck, a performance by the LGM at 8:00, and more!!

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SOUTH FAYETTE TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Tryouts close September 3rd!

Register at sfboysbasketball.com

Questions?
Email
southfayetteball@gmail.com



LEARN 2 SWIM is hiring!

- Learn how to teach swim lessons
- Help kids become confident swimmers
- Earn some \$\$

Instructors, Aids, and Volunteers needed to teach swim lessons for the Steel City Aquatics Learn 2 Swim program.

Join us at our Open House after school at the South Fayette pool on September 5 to learn more information. This is for anyone that has previously taught lessons or those looking to teach this year.

Earn
\$12/15
per hour

FOR INFORMATION :
learn2swim@steelcityaquatics.com



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP FALL 2024 SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

SIGN UP AT SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION



Monster Menagerie

Grades 1-3, 4:15pm-5:15pm, Tuesdays Sept. 10-24, Oct. 1
South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Rd., South Fayette PA 15064, \$90- four-week session

How to Catch a Crook

Grades 4-6, 4:15pm-5:15pm, Thursdays Sept. 12-26, Oct. 3
South Fayette Township Municipal Building, LaFayette Room,
100 Township Dr., Bridgeville PA 15017
\$90- four-week session



Sea Turtle Explorers

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



Love to Sing?

Ages 8-10 ...
Sign up today - No Audition Needed!



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Fall 2024 Adult Parks & Recreation Programs

sfBFITness

- Adult Fitness Classes
- Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7pm
- Thursdays, 9am-10am
- SNPJ Sygan Lodge No. 6
- \$12/class



Seniors for Safe Driving

- Adults age 55+
- Tuesday, October 8 @ 5pm-9pm
- \$17 per person
- Call 1-800-559-4880 to register
- South Fayette Township Senior Center



Adult Yoga

- Adults age 18+
- Mondays
- 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sturgeon Fire Hall
- \$11/class



Art in the Park

- Adults age 18+
- Wednesday Sept. 4
- 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Fairview Rotary Pavilion
- \$25/class



REGISTER @
SouthFayettePA.com/Recreation
412-221-8700 ext. 222

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
FALL PICKLEBALL LESSONS



**WEDNESDAYS
 AUG. 28 - SEPT. 25**

ADULT BEGINNER
 9AM-10AM OR 5:30PM- 8:30PM

ADULT ADVANCED BEGINNER
 10AM-11AM OR 5:30PM-8:30PM

PRO SUPERVISED MATCH PLAY
 11AM-12:30PM OR 6:30PM-8PM


RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK \$100
 NON-RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK \$110




ADULTS: AGE 18 & UP
MORGAN PARK
 515 MILLERS RUN RD.
 SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

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

MOVIES AT FAIRVIEW




SEPTEMBER 13 OCTOBER 4




Fairview Park - Field D

Bring blankets, chairs, snacks and bug spray, and enjoy a family movie under the stars

Fridays at Dusk

SouthFayettePA.com/Recreation




**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



Steel City Aquatics is a multi-site organization providing world class opportunities for our athletes. We are recognized and respected for the accomplishments and sportsmanship of our athletes and our commitment to the sport of swimming.

PROGRAMS:

- ✓ Competitive Swimming
- ✓ Masters Swimming
- ✓ Competitive Diving
- ✓ Lifeguard Classes
- ✓ Learn-2-Swim
- ✓ Community Swim



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Or visit...

STEELCITYAQUATICS.ORG

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