



February 3 - 7, 2025

# The Weekly Green Scene

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

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**Lion Athletics Schedule**

## South Fayette Native in Fourth Big Game



There's no home team in this Sunday's Big Game, but lots of South Fayette residents will be tuning in to see their hometown guy, Justin Watson, play in his fourth Super Bowl. Justin is a 2014 graduate of South Fayette High School and played on the 2013 PIAA Champions Lions football team.

From South Fayette, he played for the University of Pennsylvania, winning two Ivy League championships. He was also a two-time finalist for the Walter Payton Award as FCS Offensive Player of the Year.

Justin graduated from Penn's Wharton School of Business before being drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2018. He won his first Super Bowl with the team in 2021. He signed with Kansas City in 2022 and has been with the team for the past two Super Bowl victories.

According to Penn's *Daily Pennsylvanian*, a win for the Chiefs this Sunday will mean that Justin has "the most Super Bowl wins by a player to come out of the Ivy League."

## Top Spellers Face Off in the Middle School

In preparation for the Scripps Spelling Bee, MS teacher Mrs. Donovan offered a written spelling test on Monday to 22 students with the intention that the student with the highest score would move on to represent SFMS at the Bee. However, the test resulted in a five-way tie of perfect scores!

On Wednesday, those five top spellers, which included sixth grader **Sameer Mohamed** and seventh graders **Oviya Yuvaraj**, **Ashwin Raja**, **Soumava Basu**, and **Diya Thirumurugan**, competed in an oral spell-off which crowned Diya as champion! Diya will now represent the district in the local spelling bee in March at Point Park University.



## Job Opportunities



[Apply here](#)



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[Apply here](#)

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





**NOW HIRING!**

Summer  
**Camp Counselors**  
**Park Attendants** @ Splash Pad

**\$13/HR**

Join the summer  
fun by working for  
**SOUTH FAYETTE TWP**  
**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Ages 16+**  
**Apply online:**  
[southfayettepa.com/jobs](https://southfayettepa.com/jobs)



## Reminders

- Bring in your soup donations for the annual Souper Bowl food drive through February 10. Collections boxes are available in each campus building.
- Kindergarten registration for 2025-2026 is now available [online](#).
- It's time to think about summer activities for your kids! Kidsburgh has released [their list](#) of camps and it includes the [AHN Chill Project Summer Program](#) at SFMS this summer.

- 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

- ★ Best of luck to the **Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team** as they compete at the national tournament in Florida this weekend!
- ★ The **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** is currently ranked first in the state for Class 5A. Amazing!
- ★ Congratulations to the **cast and crew of the fifth grade play**, “Twice Upon a Time,” performed on the IS stage on Wednesday evening. Everyone did a fantastic job bringing a collection of fractured fairy tales to life as narrated by a quirky grandmother telling bedtime stories to her grandchildren.
- ★ So proud of our seniors who committed to continuing their educations and athletic careers at colleges this week:
 

<b>Tyler Collins</b> - Duquesne U., football, major: Education	<b>Ryan Mey</b> - Washington & Jefferson College, lacrosse, major: Business
<b>Carter DeWitt</b> - Babson College, lacrosse, major: Economics	<b>Gianna Monzo</b> - U. of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, volleyball, major: Biological Science
<b>Charlotte Dziki</b> - Haverford College, volleyball, major: Political Science	<b>Mia Patel</b> - Penn State Behrend, soccer, major: Engineering
<b>Tessie Frommeyer</b> - John Carroll U., lacrosse, major: Exercise Science/Sports Leadership	<b>Braydon Reighard</b> - Washington & Jefferson College, lacrosse, major: Finance
<b>Lola Jacobs</b> - Washington & Jefferson College, volleyball, major: Business	<b>Emily Sinton</b> - Kent State U., Track and Cross Country, major: Architecture
<b>Chaz Kosko</b> - Norwich U., baseball, major: Cyber Security/Naval ROTC	
- ★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: **Khalid Alobaidli, Savannah Bremner, David Rahimov, and Beckham Walter**; 1st Grade: **Margaret Cook, Brayden Gensler, Jose Montanez, and Charlotte Thomas**; 2nd Grade: **Mila DiCello, Maya Lester, Max Lestitian, and Mireya Madden**. 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 [Almanac](#) interviewed Coach Bennett and issued an article focused on our **Girls Basketball Team's** run for a fourth straight WPIAL title.
- 🏆 The **Girls Basketball** game between the Lady Lions and Chartiers Valley on Monday was highlighted in the [Tribune-Review](#).
- 🏆 The [Observer-Reporter](#) showcased the **Boys Basketball** game last Friday between our Lions and Peters Township.



## Events Next Week

### February 10, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students  
HS Roar Rally

### 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

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### 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 17, 2025

St. Patrick's Day

### March 18, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
HS Studio

### March 25, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
HS Studio

### 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 28, 2025**

No School for Students

**March 31, 2025**

Eid Al-Fitr  
No School for Students

**April 1, 2025**

No School for K-11 students  
Senior Exit Interviews  
Kindergarten Preview Day  
April Fool's Day

**April 3 - 6, 2025**

HS Music Department Trip

**April 4, 2025**

Report Cards Available on Parent  
Portal

**April 7, 2024**

Two-Hour Delay for Students

**April 10, 2025**

PTA General Membership  
Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

**April 13, 2025**

Palm Sunday  
Passover

**April 14, 2025**

National Honor Society Induction  
Ceremony, 7 pm, HS Theatre

**April 15, 2025**

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
HS Studio

**April 17 - 21, 2025**

Spring Break, No School

**April 18, 2025**

Good Friday

**April 20, 2025**

Easter

**April 22, 2025**

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
HS Studio

**April 22-23 and 25, 2025**

PSSA Grades 3-8 - ELA

**April 24, 2025**

Take Your Child to Work Day

**April 29, 2025**

HS Spring Chorus and Orchestra  
Concert, 7 pm, Theatre

**April 29 - 30, 2025**

PSSA Grades 3-8 - Math

**April 30, 2025**

HS Best of Our Best Awards  
Ceremony, 7 pm, Theatre



**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](mailto: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

# 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

**SF BASEBALL BOOSTERS**

## Reverse Raffle

**SATURDAY, FEB. 22**  
DOORS OPEN @ 6  
1214 OAKRIDGE DR.  
MCDONALD, PA 15057

**CLICK HERE**  
for more details about

EVENT REGISTRATION  
RAFFLE NUMBERS  
MUSIC TRIVIA  
BASKET OF CHEER  
AND MORE!

*payment information can also be found at the link above*

### District Events



## 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](http://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](mailto:learn2swim@steelcityaquatics.org)

[www.steelcityaquatics.org](http://www.steelcityaquatics.org)

 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 Frahliger, Julia Evans and Izzy Cutler, LSW, HSW, RYT  
Contact Kristy Frahliger: [chillsummerprograms@ahn.org](mailto:chillsummerprograms@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

## SOUTH FAYETTE BOYS & GIRLS GOLF OUTING

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025



HICKORY HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB

#### EVENT DETAILS

**1:30 PM SHOTGUN START - SCRAMBLE FORMAT - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:00 PM**

**\$150 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:**

**18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART**

**DINNER 6:30 PM**

Family and friends are invited to join the fun with the purchase of a dinner ticket - \$35.00

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT**



\*SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE\*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **SFGGBA** MAIL TO: SFGGBA C/O 7013 HIGHLAND CREEK DRIVE BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR SPONSORSHIP INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:  
[SFAYETTEGOLF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SFAYETTEGOLF@GMAIL.COM)

OR

KIM NICKOLAS 412.398.0334 CAREY FITTIPALDO 412.855.7677 ASHLEY STEPHENS 404.975.7591 JESSICA MENDENHALL 412.915.1393

#### TOURNAMENT PRIZES

**GRAND PRIZE TO WINNING TEAM - RUNNER UP TEAM PRIZE - SKILLS PRIZES**

MULLIGANS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE	50/50 RAFFLE	BASKET RAFFLE	SILENT AUCTION
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THANK YOU TO HICKORY HEIGHTS AND SOUTH FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF PROGRAMS.





**A Program for Boys and Girls Grades K - 8**

We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing boys and girls in South Fayette Township with the opportunity to play and compete in the sport of lacrosse.

*Visit our website to register for this season before*  
**Saturday, February 15!**



[WWW.SOUTHFAYETTELACROSSE.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHFAYETTELACROSSE.COM)

# 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**



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

[SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION](http://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION)

412-221-8700 EXT.222

[IMCNEILL@SFTWP.COM](mailto:IMCNEILL@SFTWP.COM)

# SCIENCE NIGHT

# KALEIDOSCOPES



**GRADES 3-6**

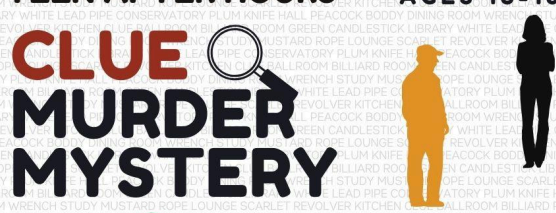
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
**@ 6:00PM**

**SF SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**



TEEN AFTER HOURS **AGES 13-18**


# CLUE MURDER MYSTERY



**Gasp** There's been a murder! Who did it? We need your help to find out!


Teens have the opportunity to play detective in this Clue-themed Murder Mystery. Participants will visit various rooms inside the library where teens from our Teen Advisory Board will be playing the role of one of the iconic Clue characters. The teens will solve puzzles to receive clues leading them to the murderer's identity.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:30 PM**



**SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

*This event is co-hosted by and will take place at Bridgeville Public Library*



# BOOK SALE


**FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
SATURDAY, MARCH 15  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**EARLY BIRD THURSDAY, MARCH 13  
\$5 ADMISSION FEE 4:00-7:00 PM**

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale.  
Visit our website or scan the QR code to learn more.

**FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

[southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org)



## South Fayette Parks & Recreation

# PIE MAKING CLASS

### Adult Baking Class w/ The Pie Place




**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**  
**SIGN UP @ [SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION](http://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION)**  
**6:30PM-7:30PM ADULTS AGES 18+**

**\$30**

Join Jess Gombard of the Pie Place as she guides you through making a 9" deep dish apple pie.

**SOUTH FAYETTE SENIOR CENTER 515 MILLERS RUN RD. SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064**




## LEGO, K'NEX, and MagnaTile Building

**2nd & 4th Saturdays  
2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**







# 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

[WWW.PHRHL.COM](http://WWW.PHRHL.COM)

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
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](http://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION)

## South Fayette Township Parks & Recreation Science Enrichment Programs Winter & Spring 2025



[SouthFayettePa.Com/Recreation](http://SouthFayettePa.Com/Recreation)

### CHEMISTRY CHAOS



Ages 6-9  
\$95/child  
4-week session,  
February & March 2025

### SILLY SCIENCE

Ages 2-6, \$97/ Child, 4/3-5/1 10am-11:30am  
South Fayette Senior Center





### Dry Ice Capades

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2025  
TIME: 5:00PM - 6:30PM  
AGES: 6-12  
FEE: \$28/CHILD

DRY ICE CAPADES PROVIDES CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROBE THE SHIFTING STATES OF MATTER THROUGH A SERIES OF ENGAGING DEMONSTRATIONS. DRY ICE, THE STAR OF THE SHOW, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE INSTRUCTOR DEMONSTRATES THE CONCEPT OF SUBLIMATION.

REGISTER NOW AT  
[HTTPS://SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/](https://southfayettepa.com/)




### Walloping Weather

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2025  
TIME: 5:00PM - 6:30PM  
AGES: 6-12  
FEE: \$28/CHILD

IN WALLOPING WEATHER, CHILDREN GET WEATHER-WISE IN THIS CLIMATE-CONTROLLED CLASS. CHILDREN TRY OUT TOOLS THAT METEOROLOGIST USE TO MEASURE WEATHER. THEY CREATE THREE DAY WEATHER FORECASTS FOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND STAGE A STATISTICALLY CHARGED INDOOR STORM.

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### Detective Science

Thursday, May 15th, 2025  
Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Ages: 6-12  
Fee: \$28/child

In Detective Science, children use science to crack a case! The Crime happens just before the Bustertown bakeoff. Mr. Baker's big, fat, chewy chocolate chip cookie is sabotaged and his recipe is stolen. Analyzing all the evidence is what helps pinpoint the perpetrator.

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**Oz Tea Party**

Enjoy a wicked good afternoon tea with the Witches of Oz!

Event includes tea & lunch, photo opportunities, a sing-along & more

\$40 age 5-15  
 \*must be accompanied by person 16+  
 \$45 age 16+

**Sunday, May 18**  
**12:30 PM-2:30pm**  
**South Fayette Senior Center**

[SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation](http://SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation)

Logos: Fairytale Princess VISITS, The Steeping Leaf

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