

March 25 - Apr 5, 2024



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District Earns National Music Designation

SFTSD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education for the second consecutive year. Now in its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to school districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for this designation, district administrators completed a detailed application about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and support for the music program and community



music-making programs. Responses were verified and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) and its 15,000 global member companies and individual professionals worldwide. Their mission is to advance active participation in music-making by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs.

IS Kids of Steel Awarded Grant

This morning, **Ms. Fornella**, who coordinates the Kids of Steel program for the IS, accepted a \$250 grant from P3R, the organization that runs the Pittsburgh Marathon and the Kids of Steel program. The grant was presented by Maria DeCello, 2018 South Fayette graduate, who is P3R's Youth Program Coordinator. Ms. Fornella applied for the grant to help fund music and additional supplies to be used while the students participate in their Kids of Steel activities, all of which can benefit the physical education classes at the Intermediate School as well.



SF Hockey Supports Community and Growing Their Sport

On March 24, 2024, members of the South Fayette Hockey Team presented the Southpointe Grizzlies with a donation check of \$1,000 for their organization. The Grizzlies help kids with developmental disabilities, such as Autism, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injuries and other rare genetic disorders, to participate in the game of ice hockey.

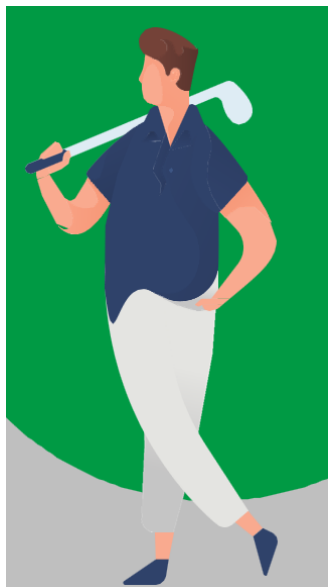
SF Hockey and the Grizzlies have developed a tremendous relationship over the years with SF Varsity and JV players helping coaches with Grizzlies practice sessions.



Parker Zamiska (SF Senior), Scott Fazzone (Grizzlies President/Coach), and Brady Fleck (SF Senior)

The team thanks all who supported their fundraiser on February 24, which helped to make this donation possible.

Annual SFFE Golf Outing Is Looking For You



The SF Foundation for Excellence annually awards grants that fund innovative educational opportunities for students. Last year, over \$20,000 was given to staff as mini-grants for special projects or initiatives. SFFE also funds Scholarships for SFHS seniors pursuing post-secondary educational experiences.

Help continue to make these funds available by supporting the 11th annual golf outing on July 22, 2024! You can 1) create a foursome by gathering friends, family and/or colleagues to golf in the outing. [Register here](#). And/or 2) consider being a sponsor or ask a friend, family member, neighbor, and/or local business to sponsor the golf outing. You can even gather a group to serve as a sponsor together. There are [multiple levels of sponsorship](#) and all are welcome and appreciated.

More details are available in the flyer under Community Resources on p. 9.

Reminders

- Monday, April 8 is now a half day for all schools with no Afternoon Kindergarten. Dismissal times will be High School 10:30 am, Middle School 11:15 am, and Intermediate and Elementary schools (including AM Kindergarten) 12:00 Noon.
- 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.
- The district-wide Penny Challenge runs through April 12, 2024, benefiting SFTSD students with special needs. Homeroom/1st period teachers have plastic containers to collect donations of coins, dollars, and checks.
- 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 at clbell@southfayette.org by April 12.
- 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

★ Hooray for seniors **Rachel Radinovic** and **Anuva Ghosalkar** who received Harry W. Buzzatto Rotary College Scholarships and **Lincoln George** who received the Heinz Endowments Rotary Trade Scholarship at the annual Rotary Club of Bridgeville-South Fayette Middle School Recognition & Scholarship Luncheon this week.

★ A round of applause for Middle School students **Jake McGinn, Ella Belardi, Muhil Suresh, Elizabeth Moore, Morgan Dolence,** and **Abbey Miller** who were recognized for their scholarship and service as part of the Annual Scholar Recognition Program at the Rotary Club of Bridgeville-South Fayette Middle School Recognition & Scholarship Luncheon this week.



★ Three cheers to the **High School** for holding on to their Battle of the Buildings trophy for another year with a two-point win over the IS.

★ **Mr. Violi** deserves a special shout out for his amazing dodgeball victory at the Battle of the Buildings on March 27. While it was for a 3rd place finish in the game, it was an achievement that will go down in BotB history and resulted in bench-clearing mania from the IS fans.

★ Congratulations to three of our orchestra students, **Lily Shuey, Ayaan Soni,** and **CJ Inkenhaus**, who performed at PMEA Western Region Orchestra last month. CJ placed 1st chair and Ayaan placed 4th chair in the bass section, allowing them to move on to states. They will be performing at PMEA All-State Orchestra on April 20!



★ Congratulations to the most recent recipients of the ES Principals' Pride Award! From Kindergarten: **Marco Atiles, Shivesh Gowthaman, Yehor Kolisnyk, and Lucy Monacelli**; from 1st Grade: **Saanvika Champati, Colsen Miller, Ellie Scanlon, and Merit Stoddard**; and from 2nd Grade: **Saanvi Chinthakini, Quinn Daycock, Aashvik Mandal, Robbie Maraso, Saleh Mohammadi, Gavin Walden, and Kennedy Weissert**.

★ The High School Students of the Month for March, based on the theme of Independence, are: Freshmen: **Persephone Barth** and **Cole Froelich**; Sophomores: **Maria Gabriel** and **Braedyn Stites**; Juniors: **Jayce Geib** and **CJ Inkenhaus**; Seniors: **Justin Kaine** and **Delaney Homer**.



★ Congrats to our **JV Hockey** team for winning the PIHL JV Hockey Championships in a shootout over Seneca Valley!

Lions in the News

🦁 **Mrs. Sciotto** was quoted in the [Post-Gazette](#) about her plans to teach her second graders about the upcoming solar eclipse.

🦁 [Kidsburgh.com](#) ran an article discussing South Fayette's involvement, and particularly that of **Dr. Maurer** and **Dr. Herring**, in developing the Parents as Allies family-school engagement project after the pandemic.

🦁 [The Almanac](#) showcased the **SFHS Baseball Team** as they start the new season.

🦁 Girls Basketball Coach **Bryan Bennett** was named WPIAL Class 5A Coach of the Year by [Trib HSSN](#). Congratulations!

🦁 Senior **Alekhya Buragadda** was featured in the [Post-Gazette](#) for being named a 2024 Coca-Cola Scholar.

🦁 [The Almanac](#) listed their Girls Basketball All-stars and as the headline stated, "[South Fayette Dominates](#)" with **Erica Hall** and **Lainey Yater** on First Team, **Juliette Leroux** on Second Team, **Haylie Lamonde** with an Honorable Mention, and **Bryan Bennett** as Coach of the Year. Way to go!

🦁 **Erica Hall** was named to the [Post-Gazette's](#) 2024 WPIAL-City League girls basketball all-section WPIAL Class 5A Section 4 Team.

Events Next Week

April 8, 2024

Early Dismissal - Half Day due to Solar Eclipse

April 9, 2024

Uncommon Conference

April 10, 2024

Senior Exit Interviews,
Kindergarten Preview Sessions -
No School for Students Grades K -
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April 11, 2024

PTA General Meeting

April 13, 2024

ACT Testing

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 18, 2024

Early Dismissal - Celebration of
Excellence in Learning
High School Transition Fair at
Beth El Congregation South Hills

April 19, 2024

No School for Students - Staff
Development

April 25, 2024

Spring Chorus and Orchestra
Concert

April 26 - 27, 2024

Mini-THON

April 29, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff
Development

May 2, 2024

Speaker Series welcomes SF's
Champions of Hope. [Register.](#)
Spring Band-O-Rama Concert

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

NEW!
SF GIRLS BASKETBALL ONLINE STORE
WPIAL 5A CHAMPIONSHIP GEAR!



Order now through April 10 and choose free pick up for May 2nd. Orders will be at the Stadium parking lot 4 - 6pm. For other arrangements please contact Lynne at 412-498-6925.

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Support the fundraising efforts of our 9th and 10th grade classes! Purchase from their apparel sale!

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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](#)

SF Boys & Girls Golf Teams Fundraiser



Fabulous Prizes

- Day 1: Hickory Heights foursome, Top Golf gift card, and lessons ● April 11 Drawing
- Day 2: Foursome for Montour Country Club ● April 12 Drawing
- Day 3: Foursome for Southpointe Country Club ● April 13 Drawing
- Day 4: Titleist T350 Set of Irons and foursome at Longvue Country Club ● April 14 Drawing

Purchase tickets from Mr. Ruffolo
rnuffolo@southfayette.org or
Mr. Violi rvioli@southfayette.org



Prizes are won based on the 7pm
Pick 3 Lottery on the dates listed above.



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.

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



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July 15- July 18

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July 1-July 3 (no 7/4)

Week #5 Problem Solving Expedition
July 22-July 25

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July 8-July 11

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South Fayette Senior
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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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Canonsburg, PA 15241

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.

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Dave Daley at 412-519-7479
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