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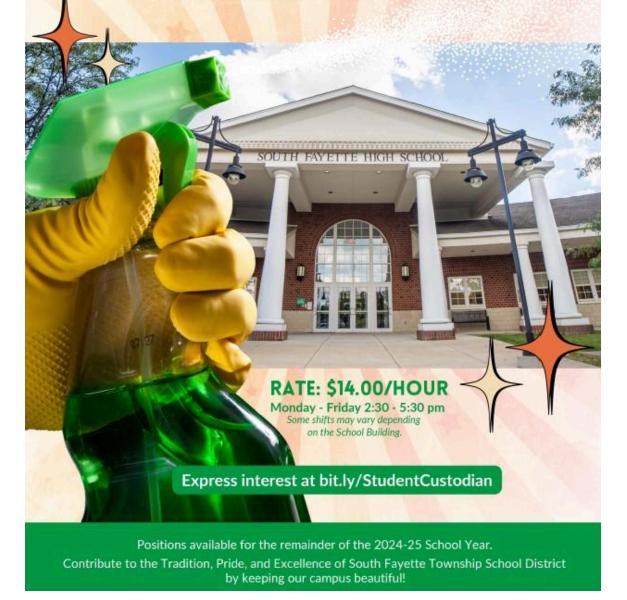


Reminders

- 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 <u>dedicated page</u> on the district website.

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Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Congratulations to **Robert Chiappetta, Trevor D'Alessandro, Nathaniel Keller,** and **Eli Petter** for being selected to play in the 2024-2025 PIHL All-Star games. Class 3A plays on January 26 at the Robert Morris Island Sports Center on Neville Island at 7:20 pm.

★ Way to go **Juju Leroux** on being named to the Class 3A Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association All-State squad for the 2024 season!

★ The Varsity and JV **basketball teams** for both boys and girls are off to a fantastic start. **Boys JV** is 5 - 0, and **Varsity** is 6 - 3 (they were undefeated heading into Winter Break). **Girls Varsity** is now 10 - 1, experiencing their first loss to a team from New York during the Tampa Bay Invitation in Florida over Winter Break, while the **JV** team is 9 - 2. Keep it up, Lions!

★ **Girls Varsity Wrestling** (in a co-op with Fort Cherry HS) competed in the Ram Slam Tournament at Pine Richland during Winter Break and junior **Ella Trahan** finished in 2nd place. Our other Lady Lion wrestler, junior **Azlynn Dean**, won three matches.

★ The Junior High Wrestling Team showed great results at the TRICADA Tournament on Thursday. Overall, the team finished 4th out of 17, and the following wrestlers placed well in their weight classes: Dominic Baiano - 1st at 87; Connor Dean - 3rd at 94; Clark Julius - 3rd at 80; Anthony Kelley - 2nd at 190; and Callan Patton - 4th at 94.

★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for the week before Winter Break: Kindergarten: **Kennedy Cameron, Porter Kovac, Ayaan Naim,** and **Timothy Safarov**; Ist Grade: **Addilyn Bisignani, Kashika Dhawan, Christopher Maldonado,** and **Lucy Marso**; 2nd Grade: **Christopher Bonino, Easton Curtis, Lila DiFrango,** and **Ella Faini**. 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.

★ A big Lion Roar for HS teachers **Ms. Palmer** and **Ms. Crapis-Breth** on their recent recognition as National Board Certified teachers! The time, energy, and passion that they poured into this accomplishment is inspiring.

Lions in the News

Solution of the *Pittsburgh Union Progress*'s weekly "PUP Girls Basketball Notebook" on January 1, the reporter highlighted the **Lady Lions Basketball Team** and their <u>trip to Florida</u> for the Tampa Bay Invitational during Winter Break.

On December 22, the *Almanac* shared the announcement of SFTSD's new Director of Student Support Services, **Dr. Kellee Oliver**, and **Dr. Arleen Wheat** who will be helping to fill the role on an interim basis.

The Almanac shared the story of fifth grader Yaara Bilal's recent achievement in its December 29 issue. Yaara's artwork has been selected to be featured in the state attorney general's 2025 calendar focused on drug-free messaging.

Orew Welhorsky earned a few paragraphs in the *Almanac* article about its <u>high school football</u> <u>all stars</u>.

In an article titled "<u>Singularly significant: Individual efforts shaped outcomes for athletes in 2024</u>," the Almanac included alumnus Justin Watson earning his third Super Bowl ring; **boys golf** finishing as WPIAL and PIAA runner-up this past fall, as well as **boys lacrosse** taking the WPIAL runner-up position; **girls basketball** capturing their third straight WPIAL championship; **girls soccer** winning their second WPIAL in a row; and cross country and track and field accomplishments including 2024 graduate Olivia Renk's WPIAL victories in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Of A special alumni update by the <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress</u> includes interviews with Class of 2023 alumnae Ava Leroux and Grace Howard who are both recovering and making come-backs from a car accident during Winter Break 2023.

Events Next Week

January 6, 2025

Little Lions Learning Academy Virtual Lottery Drawing, 2:10 pm, ECD Classroom January 8, 2025 MS PAC Meeting, 9 am

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 13, 2025 Two-Hour Delay for Students

January 21, 2025 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

January 28, 2025 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

February 5, 2025 5th Grade Drama Club Play, 7 pm, IS Gym AP Curriculum Night, 7 pm, HS Commons January 17, 2025 End of Second Quarter

January 23, 2025 College Planning Night, HS 6:30 pm

January 29, 2025 Lunar New Year

February 10, 2025 Two-Hour Delay for Students **January 20, 2025** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School for Students

January 24, 2025 Report Cards available on Parent Portal

February 2, 2025 Groundhog Day

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

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Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, ads, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at **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



South Fayette Girls Lacrosse Boosters



For online orders to count towards the functiniser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during to hours of, the functiniser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$250 minimum event sales required to receive any constion.



District Events





JOIN US TO BE PART OF THE KIDS OF STEEL PROGRAM AT SOUTH FAYETTE AND RUN IN THE PITTSBURGH KIDS MARATHON!

Training is in person at both the Elementary and Intermediate schools.



For more information, visit South Fayette's Lions of Steel websites: ES - https://lions-of-steel.webnode.com/ IS - https://sites.google.com/view/sfiskidsofsteel







SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION			
South Fayette Soccer			
Program	Age Groups	Birth Years	Registration
In House Program	U6 to U12	2013 to 2020	Period for In-House &
Travel Program	U10 to U14	2011 to 2016	Travel: November
5v5 High School Recreation League	8th to 12th grade		17, 2024 - January 12,
More information available Under the Programs 2025 tab at southfayettesoccer.org			
How to Register:			

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

All registration fees are non-refundable after the registration period closes. Any players approved after the registration period closes will be subject to a 50% late fee of the standard registration fee and require board approval.

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

🖾 Email: southfayettesoccer@gmail.com

SFBSA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH 1/19

Youth Baseball Programs Pre-T-Ball (played as coed): Ages 3-4 (4/30/22 - 5/1/20) T-Ball: Ages 5-6 (4/30/20 - 5/1/18) Coach Pitch: Ages 7-8 (4/30/18 - 5/1/16) Kid Pitch: Ages 9-10 (4/30/16 - 5/1/14) Little League: Ages 11-12 (4/30/14 - 5/1/12) Pony League: Ages 13-14 (4/30/12 - 5/1/10) *Colt League: Ages 15-16 (4/30/10 - 5/1/08)

Youth Softball Programs

re T-Ball (played as coed): Ages 3-4 (4/30/22 - 5/1/20) 6U T-Ball Softball: Ages 4-6 (4/30/20 - 9/1/17) **8U Coach Pitch: Ages 7-8 (8/31/17 - 9/1/15) *10U Slow Pitch: Ages 9-10 (8/31/15 - 9/1/13) 10U Fast Pitch: Ages 9-10 (8/31/15 - 9/1/13) 12U Fast Pitch: Ages 11-12 (8/31/13 - 9/1/11) *15U Fast Pitch: Ages 13-15 (8/31/11 - 9/1/09)

https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/sfbsa





South Fayette Science Enrichment Program For grades 1–3

Have you ever wanted to perform your own science experiments? Here's your chance! We'll explore chemistry and physics in a very hands-on (MESSY!) way.

You may have played with slime before, but have you ever seen a flying tea bag?

Mrs. Joan Batson will teach this exciting science enrichment series. Join us in Chemistry Chaos as we break out the beakers to mix some oozing and erupting concoctions! Don't miss it!

When: 5:30pm-6:30pm, Tuesdays February 25-March 18

Where: South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Rd.

Program fee: \$95

To register, visit the South Fayette website: https://pasfayetteweb.myvscloud.com/web/rac/web/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=12307413



4-week session, February &

March 2025