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The Weekly Green Scene

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



Last Stop on the Road to the State Championship!



The Girls Varsity Basketball Team as they prepared to leave for Hershey, PA, today to compete in the PIAA Class 5A Championship game tomorrow at 6 pm at the Giant Center.

Annual Celebration of Excellence

At last evening's Celebration of Excellence, our Lion Learners and Educators showcased amazing examples of their learning from throughout the year for families and friends to see. High School and Elementary School sessions ran 5 - 7 pm and the Middle and Intermediate schools welcomed guests between 6 and 8 pm. There was plenty of Lion Pride and excitement all throughout campus. Many thanks to everyone who participated and attended.



Welcoming the League of Innovative Schools

As a long-standing member of the <u>League of Innovative Schools</u>, which seeks to connect "the most forward-thinking leaders of the nation's school districts, South Fayette was honored to host more than 100 administrators on Tuesday morning. These leaders toured the High and Intermediate schools in order to learn more about the programs and initiatives that help South Fayette stand out for innovation in education. Our students guided the tours and spoke about Cybersecurity, the Cavern, Esports, Fly Like A Girl Drone Academy, Arts Alive, the Freight Farm, and more, along with innovative courses like Introduction to Web 3 and Forensic Science. Faculty and staff were also involved in the tour presentations, as well as via their continuous preparation of our students and spaces for occasions such as this. Our Little Green Machine, cheerleaders, and numerous students of

all ages combined for an impressive welcome as the day's guests exited the buses they used to travel from Station Square.

SF students also participated musically during the League's visit to Pittsburgh as part of featured performances that included orchestra, choir, and jazz bands composed of students from each of the Pittsburgh-area districts featured in this year's event.

One particularly stand-out moment was when Dr. P. Erik Gunderson, Superintendent of the Suffern Central School District in New York, recalled the amazing impression he had of two first graders when he last visited South Fayette ten years ago. Those young ladies, **Samantha Boyko** and **Katherine Leya**, are now juniors and took the time to reunite with our district guest, making an even more lasting impression for Dr. Gunderson.

After the visit, **Dr. Miller** received feedback from League colleagues who were impressed by the incredible opportunities our students have and, more importantly, by our Lion Learners themselves, particularly for their ability to communicate professionally, confidently, and authentically.

This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase, on a national scale, the work throughout our district that is truly future-focused, student-centered, and innovation-driven.



Job Opportunities



<u>Apply here</u> <u>Apply here</u>

<u>Click here</u> to view all open employment opportunities within the District.

Reminders

- Kennywood Day is Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Purchase your tickets prior to June 4 for as low as \$31.99 each. Click here for instructions.
- If your family anticipates an extended, international trip during the second semester, you must complete <u>this Google Form</u> for review and pre-approval. This form is also available under the Parents section of the district website.
- South Fayette Township Parks & Recreation is hiring Summer Camp Counselors and Splash Pad Park Attendants at \$13/hr. Must be age 16+. <u>Apply online</u>.
- Kindergarten registration for 2025-2026 is now available online.
- It's time to think about summer activities for your kids! Kidsburgh has released <u>their list</u> of camps and it includes the <u>AHN Chill Project Summer Program</u> 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 <u>dedicated page</u> on the district website.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

- ★ Congratulations to the three members of the Class of 2025 who have been selected as Commencement Speakers: **Ryan Baldiagowski, Carly Garrubba,** and **Raneem Shedeed!**
- ★ Very P-R-O-U-D of 7th grader **Diya Thirumurugan** for finishing 4th in the 75th annual Western Pennsylvania Spelling Bee held at Point Park University last Sunday!
- ★ A big shout out to juniors **Dan Mano** and **Hannah Luo** who challenged themselves to take the local chemistry Olympiad exam through the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) program and have now qualified for the National Exam!
- ★ Much appreciation for the HS students who represented South Fayette at the Eradicate Hate Summit Follow-up meeting on Wednesday: Aanya Angadi, Philipa Adae-Mensah, Bedirhan Bircan, Lucca Gigante, Olivia Ramsey, Pranamaya Rangaraju, Andre Rondon, Samihah Saleem, and Raneem Shedeed.
- ★ So impressed by senior **Bedirhan Bircan** and junior **Aanya Angadi** who traveled to Harrisburg this week, accompanied by **Dr. Herring**, to speak at the capitol about the importance of mental health for students. They participated in the PA Teen Mental Health Coalition. Aanya also spoke about the importance of youth representation in our state government.
- ★ Cheers to our **Lady Lions Basketball Team** for defeating Peters Township in a huge rematch in the semifinal round of the PIAA Class 5-A Playoffs last Saturday at Canon-McMillan High School with a final score of 50-36! They have earned a spot in the PIAA Championship game against Archbishop Wood in Hershey, PA, at the Giant Center tomorrow at 6 pm.
- ★ Way to go senior **Travis Potteiger** for being identified by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as a "Player to Watch" for the spring season of boys volleyball!
- ★ Bravo to the boys lacrosse players who the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* named as a "Players to Watch" this season: **Carter DeWitt, Travis Watkins,** and **Drew Welhorsky**!
- ★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: Bhavik Bora, Adrianna Goncar, Mubina Narzikulova, and Dhruva Pullagurla; 1st Grade: Reagan Dodd, Oliver Hodgins, Anvita Koduru, and Allison McFalls; 2nd Grade: Udhayasuriyan Duraisamy, Mason Gallo, Angelo Sabatini, and Ryan Wagner. 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

There was lots of media coverage this week for our **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** after defeating Peters Township in a very important rematch and as they move on to the state championship game in Hershey: <u>Post-Gazette</u>, <u>Tribune Review</u>, <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress</u>, <u>Observer-Reporter</u>, <u>Almanac</u>. The <u>Trib</u> also named the Lions their <u>Team of the Week</u> for the second time this season.

- 🦁 In addition to all of the team coverage, sophomore Lailah Wright was the focus of an article in the Observer-Reporter as she's contributed the "Wright stuff" to the team as point guard.
- 🦁 Senior **Nandana Menon** was featured on the front page of the *Almanac* as well as in the online newspaper Indica News for her big win at the South by Southwest (SXSW) EDU Expo's Student Impact Challenge.
- 🦁 The Almanac highlighted students throughout their coverage area who have been named National Merit finalists, which includes four students from SF: Andrew Carson, Rohith Galla, Dhruv Kithany, and Srishti Swaminathan.
- 🦁 Our **Girls Softball Team** got a spotlight in the <u>Observer-Reporter</u> as they won several games during their spring training in Myrtle Beach.
- 🦁 **Pranamya Rangaraju** was interviewed by <u>KDKA-TV News</u> while she and several other SF students attended the Eradicate Hate follow-up session at Acrisure Stadium this week.
- 🦁 The <u>Post-Gazette</u> previewed high school lacrosse which included a look at our **Boys Lacrosse Team**'s attempt "to challenge 8-time reigning champion Mars for boys Class 2A supremacy."

Events Next Week

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 7, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

April 9, 2025

Incoming Kindergarten Screenings Day 1

April 10, 2025

Incoming Kindergarten Screenings Day 2

PTA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

April 11, 2025

Battle of the Buildings, 6 pm, HS Gym

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday Passover

April 14, 2025

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, HS Theatre

April 15, 2025

Coffee & Conversation with District Leadership, 9 - 10 am, Pride Room 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

May 1, 2025

MS & HS Jazz and Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

May 1 - 2, 2025

PSSA Grades 4 & 8 Science

May 2, 2025

Interim Report Cards Available on Parent Portal

May 2 - 3, 2025

Mini-THON, 6 pm - 6 am

May 4, 2025

PTA Sweetheart Dance for ES & IS, 6 - 8 pm, HS Gym

May 5, 2025

Cinco de Mayo

May 5 - 9, 2025

MS PTA Book Fair HS AP Exams Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6, 2025

MS Spring Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium

May 7, 2025

MS PAC Meeting (with 5th Grade Parents), 9 am 4th Grade Performing Arts Club Musical, 7 pm, IS Gym

May 8, 2025

Band-O-Rama Concert (IS, MS, & HS), 7 pm, HS Theatre

May 9, 2025

HS Prom

May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

May 12, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students Beginning Band & Strings Spring Concert, 2 pm, IS Gym Third & Fourth Grade Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym

May 12 - 16, 2025

HS AP Exams

May 13, 2025

Fifth Grade Band, Choir, & Orff Ensemble and Orchestra Arts Showcase, 7 pm, HS Theatre

May 14, 2025

Biology Keystone Exams at HS (Asynchronous Day for HS students not testing)

May 15, 2025

Literature Keystone Exams at HS (Asynchronous Day for HS students not testing) MS Spring Chorus Concert, 6 pm, Auditorium

May 16, 2025

Algebra Keystone Exams at HS & MS (Asynchronous Day for HS & MS students not testing)

May 16 - 18, 2025

11th Grade Washington, DC Trip

May 19, 2025

Coffee & Conversation with District Leadership, 9 - 10 am, Pride Room May 19 - 21, 2025

Keystone Exam Make Ups

May 20, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio May 22, 2025

Last Day & Celebration for Little Lions Early Learning Academy Beginning Band Concert, 7 pm, IS

Gym

May 26, 2025

No School - Memorial Day

May 27, 2025

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

Senior Baccalaureate, 7 pm, Theatre

May 29, 2025

Senior Waffle Breakfast, 8 am, Commons followed by Guest Speaker May 30, 2025

Last Day for Seniors ES/IS Track & Field Day Senior Class Picnic May 31, 2025

Glow Run, 5 pm, Stadium

June 1, 2025

Commencement Practice, 7:20 am, Stadium

June 2, 2025

Commencement Practice and Senior Walk, 7:20 am, Stadium Senior Parade, 6 - 8 pm, Campus June 3, 2025

Commencement Practice, 7:20 am, Stadium Senior Sunset, 7 - 9 pm, HS Parking Area

June 4, 2025

Last Day of School, Early Dismissal Commencement Ceremony, 7 pm, Stadium June 5, 2025

Staff Development/Act 80/Professional Duty Commencement Rain Date June 6, 2025

Commencement Rain Date

June 6 - August 8, 2025

District Closed on Fridays

June 15, 2025

Father's Day

June 17, 2025

Report Cards Available on Parent

Portal

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,

HS Studio

June 18, 2025

District Kennywood Day

June 19, 2025

Juneteenth

June 24, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,

HS Studio

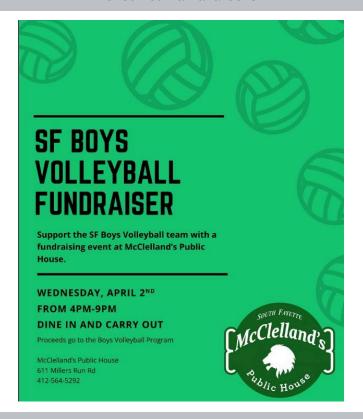


Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, ads, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at

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

District Fundraisers



District Events





South Fayette Boys' Volleyball Intramurals

We will host the South Fayette Middle School Boys' Intramurals in April. The intramurals developmental and designed to introduce the game of volleyball. Each session will cover various aspects of the game including, serving, passing, setting, hitting and game play. No experience is necessary.

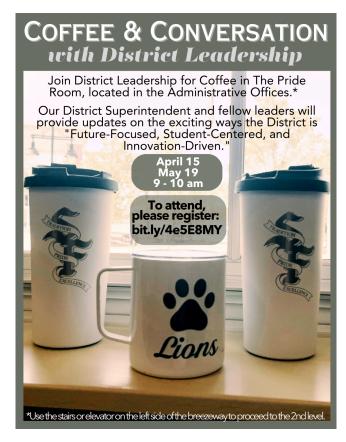
The league is open to all boys in grades 6th - 8th.

Session Dates: April 8, 15, 22, 24 Location: South Fayette Middle School 15 Time: 3:00-5:00

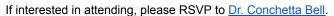
You can sign up by accessing the form scanning the QR Code. https://tinyurl.com/yhymjeew

Please contact Coach Sundgren with any questions. sesundgren@southfayette.org

















Community Activities



