



December 2 - 6, 2024

The Weekly Green Scene

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

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Athletics
Weekly Update



District Calendar



High School
Weekly Update



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District Employment



Middle School
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Elementary School
Weekly Update



Lion Athletics Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: Merry Movie Night, scheduled for December 8, 2024 at the HS Theatre has been canceled. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

SFMS Redesignated as School to Watch

The Middle School has earned its third consecutive designation as a PA Don Eichhorn Schools: "Schools to Watch" (PA STW). SFMS was first recognized nine years ago for a three-year period and has since re-applied twice to maintain the designation. Schools are selected for Academic Excellence, Developmental Responsiveness, Social Equity, and Organizational Structures and Processes, along with having strong leadership, teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction, and a commitment to assessment and accountability to bring about continuous improvement.



To be eligible for the Schools to Watch selection process, Drs. Crimone and Maurer submitted a written application to show how the school meets criteria developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. A state team then visited the school to observe classrooms and interview various groups including district administrators, teachers, cafeteria and maintenance staff, and counselors. They also looked at achievement data, suspension rates, quality of lessons, and

student work. Unlike the Blue Ribbon recognition program, “Schools to Watch” requires schools to not just identify strengths, but to also focus on areas for continuous improvement, so after each visit the STW team provides a detailed report of observed strengths as well as considerations for growth. As part of the re-designation process, administrators and teachers needed to demonstrate the school’s continued progress on specific goals since the prior STW recognition.

The MS will be recognized at the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Educations State Conference in February at the Double Tree Pittsburgh-Greentree as well as at the National Forum’s National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, DC in June.

Hot Jobs: Now Hiring



[Click to apply.](#)



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Reminders

- The district is hosting a Custodian Hiring Event on December 12, 2024. [Click here](#) for details. To RSVP, go to bit.ly/SFcustodian
- 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.


Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Congrats to the **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** who defeated Altoona HS (70-38) and Greensburg Central Catholic (58-29) in the North Allegheny Tip-off Tournament over Fall Break.

★ Way to go **Ivan Kalinkou** who had a hat trick in the Varsity Hockey game against Thomas Jefferson on Monday. The final victorious score was 5-4. **Trevor D'Alessandro** scored a goal and had a play maker with 3 assists. A goal was also scored by **Nathaniel Keller**, and **Jackson Ankrum** got the win in net.

Lions in the News

 SF Junior **Juliette Leroux** was named [Athlete of the Week](#) in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Congratulations!

 [The Almanac](#) previewed the **Varsity Girls Basketball Team** as they start a new season after earning the WPIAL championship three years in a row.

Events Next Week

December 10 - 12

Keystone Exam Make-Up Days

December 11, 2024

3rd & 4th Grade Winter Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym
Coffee and Conversation with District Leadership, 9 - 10 am, Pride Room

December 12, 2024

MS Holiday Orchestra Concert, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
MS Holiday Band Concert, 8 pm, Auditorium

December 13, 2024

End of Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive
PTA Holiday Market, 4 - 8 pm, HS Studio & Theatre Corridor
Carols & Cocoa featuring IS Beginning Band, 5th Grade Band, HS Wind Ensemble, 7 pm, IS Gym

December 14, 2024

Breakfast with Santa, 9 - 11 am, HS Commons
PTA Holiday Market, 10 am - 2 pm, HS Studio & Theatre Corridor

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 16, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

December 17, 2024

5th Grade Band, Choir & Orff Ensemble, & Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

December 18, 2024

HS Music Department Holiday Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

December 19, 2024

ES & IS PTA Holiday Parties

December 20, 2024

Early Dismissal for Winter Break

December 21, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning Academy Lottery Request Period Closes

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

School Closed - Winter Break

December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

December 26, 2024

Hanukkah
Kwanzaa

December 31, 2024

New Year's Eve

January 1, 2025

New Year's Day

January 2, 2025

School Resumes

January 3, 2025

Classes resume at Parkway West CTC

January 6, 2025

Little Lions Learning Academy Virtual Lottery Drawing, 2:10 pm, ECD Classroom

January 8, 2025

MS PAC Meeting, 9 am

January 13, 2025

Two-Hour Delay for Students

January 17, 2025

End of Second Quarter

January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School for Students

January 21, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

January 23, 2025

College Planning Night, HS 6:30
pm

January 24, 2025

Report Cards available on Parent
Portal

January 28, 2025

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

January 29, 2025

Lunar New Year



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

PET ADOPTION EVENT!



The SFMS Cheer
Team is partnering
with Pet Search and
Pet Supplies Plus for a
pet adoption event!

December 7th
11 am – 3 pm
Pet Supplies
Plus Bridgeville

Be sure to stop by the Great
Southern Shopping Center to
adopt or to donate.

Click here for a list of donation
items that are needed.



Saturday
December 7th
10am-5pm

20% of your purchase will benefit
South Fayette Cross Country / Track Boosters!

Use Code Word **LION** at check-out.

• Complimentary gift bag or gift wrap with each purchase

3847 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317



Pizza Kit Coupon

\$10 coupon valid for one take home to make pizza kit valued at \$16.95

Coupon sale runs from November 25 to December 12. Coupons will be distributed the week of December 16 and valid for redemption until March 20, 2025.

Ardolino's Pizza
1141 Boyce Rd., Pittsburgh PA
724-942-8888

Sponsored by South Fayette Track and Field Boosters

Contact any member of the track team to purchase

or email us at sftfc.boosters@gmail.com

Fifth Graders and Kindergarteners are Working Together to Kick off a Season of Good Deeds

HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

You can help out by donating to local missions in Pittsburgh, PA

Details:

Who: all students are welcome to participate

What: NEW winter hats and gloves

SIZE: adult sizes only please

Where: homeroom teachers will be collecting donations for their class

*a box will also be available at Holiday Mart

When: Now - December 16

Why: to participate in the giving spirit this holiday season!



South Fayette's 17th Annual Stuff-A-Bus

Nov 11th to Dec 13th

TOYS FOR TOTS

Over 48,000 toys collected since 2008!



Ways to Donate



Bring NEW & UNWRAPPED toys to the ES, IS, MS, or HS After school hours... place in the drop-off box in front of the HS

Ship toy donations directly to the high school: Stuff-A-Bus, SFHS, 3640 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA 15057



Make a monetary donation online or mail checks payable to South Fayette School District We ask that checks arrive no later than Friday, December 6



Sponsored by South Fayette Student Government

Support HS Boys Soccer at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza

Thursday, December 19th between 11 am and 9 pm

Mention SF Boys Soccer Fundraiser for dine-in or when calling for takeout.



Click to RSVP & Commit to Eat!

In chilly weather, Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza can be the perfect place to gather for delicious food and have 20% of sales donated back to South Fayette HS Boys Soccer!

Location: 1810 SETTLERS RIDGE CENTER DR 412.787.3434

District Events

The South Fayette Swim & Dive Team & Flip Turn Club announce their:



HOLIDAY POOL PARTY

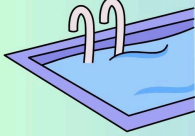


WHERE: SF Middle School Pool
(entrance on the left side of the school)
WHO: SF Students in 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADES
WHEN: Friday, December 6, 2024
TIME: 6:30-8:45 pm
COST: \$10 per swimmer (includes slice of pizza)

Additional PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS and LUCKY DUCKS will be available for sale!

Drop your child off inside the pool. Parties are supervised by coaches, lifeguards, swim parents, and members of the swim team.

Pick up your child promptly at 8:45 inside the pool - or pull down to the pool doors and we will escort your child to the car.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

NEXT POOL PARTY February 2025!

SOUTH FAYETTE
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
PRESENTS

MERRY MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD
TIME WITH SNACKS, GAMES,
AND MORE FESTIVE FUN!

DEC 8TH

CANCELED

ONE
holiday.
at 4:30 PM
ACCEPTED
Suggested donation of \$5 or a toy per
person

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

South Fayette High School Military Information Night!

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE:
US AIR FORCE
US ARMY
US MARINE CORPS
US NAVY
PA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
PA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS
AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @
6:30 P.M.

SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH
SCHOOL THEATRE



TRADITION
PRIDE
EXCELLENCE

HIRING EVENT CUSTODIAN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
6:00 - 8:00 PM

South Fayette Township School District
3680 Old Oakdale Rd., McDonald, PA 15057
Administration Building in the Pride Room

[Click for more details.](#)

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 10, 2024
@ bit.ly/SFcustodian

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with District Leadership

Join District Leadership for Coffee in The Pride Room, located in the Administrative Offices.*

Our District Superintendent and fellow leaders will provide updates on the exciting ways the District is "Future-Focused, Student-Centered, and Innovation-Driven."

**December 11
9 - 10 am**

**To attend,
please register:
bit.ly/4e5E8MY**



*Use the stairs or elevator on the left side of the breezeway to proceed to the 2nd level.

Join SF PTA At Our HOLIDAY MARKET

12/13 4:00-7:00
12/14 10:00-2:00
HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO AND LOBBY

The PTA invites
our K-5 students
to shop for everyone
on their list!

SF teams, clubs and crafters
will sell handmade items.

Most items will be priced \$1-15.
Cash only.

SANTA'S HELPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO SHOP WITH STUDENTS AND WRAP GIFTS.

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

LIONS OF STEEL

**BEGINS
JANUARY
2025**

**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.

**Registration
is open!**

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>

**Race day is
May 3, 2025**

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM, CONTACT:
Mrs. Colangelo (ES) - racolangelo@southfayette.org
Miss Fornella (IS) - cmfornella@southfayette.org

SOUTH FAYETTE YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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 and discover how you can get involved!

Purchase SFYLA Spirit Wear

Register for the 2025 Season at Discounted Rate



South Fayette Township Puzzle Palooza

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

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY BUS TRIP

ENJOY A CHARTERED BUS FOR AN EVENING TRIP TO OGLEBAY RESORT FOR A BUFFET DINNER AND FESTIVE SHOW FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF OGLEBAY'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 2024

3:15 PM - 9:00 PM

DEPARTS FROM SF SENIOR CENTER

3:15pm: Depart South Fayette Senior Center
4:30pm: Arrive Oglebay Resort
4:30pm-5:30pm: Oglebay Shops
5:30pm-7:30pm: Buffet Dinner & Show
7:30pm-8:00pm: Oglebay Lights Tour
Home approx. 9:00pm



HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY



\$125

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIP
AGES 8 - ADULT

BOOK NOW!

Call 412-221-8700 ext. 222 or visit
SouthFayettePA.com/recreation

STORY TIME WITH THE GRINCH AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

ALL
AGES

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 12
@ 6:00 PM**



SF SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY

TEEN AFTER HOURS **AGES 13-18**

Wicked of Oz Party



CALLING ALL OZIANs!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT FULL OF WICKED-LY FUN EVENTS AS WE HEAD OVER THE RAINBOW TO CELEBRATE THE "POPULAR" MOVIE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 6:00 PM

GAMES AND PRIZES, SNACKS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!!!



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

CHRISTMAS MAGNET MAKING EXTRAVAGANZA

WITH GETITFROMNATURE ARTS



AGES 9-18

Monday, December 16 5:00pm-7:00pm



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Program will be held at Getitfromnature Arts, 295 Millers Run Rd.

Paint a Landscape

with a Bob Ross-Certified Instructor



A painting class makes a unique and fun holiday gift for adults and teens!

Cost: \$35 per person

Saturday, December 28 1:00pm-4:00pm



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

South Fayette Township




PARENT & ME MUSIC CLASS
AGES 4 & UNDER
THURS. JAN. 16-FEB.20
10AM-10:30AM
\$110

South Fayette Township Building
 100 Township Drive
 South Fayette Township PA 15017

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION
INCNEILL@SFTVP.COM
412-221-8700 EXT. 222

South Fayette Township KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Baking Class w/
The Pie Place



TUESDAYS, JANUARY 14–FEBRUARY 4

4:15PM–5:45PM, AGES 6–11

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

\$150

SIGN UP @ [SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION](https://SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation)

South Fayette Township

BABYSITTER TRAINING



PROVIDED BY VBW TRAINING

AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSED INSTRUCTOR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00AM -5:30 PM

TRAINING INCLUDES :

- ✓ Diapering
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Bottling
- ✓ Activity Planning
- ✓ Feeding
- ✓ Resume Building
- ✓ CPR/ First Aid
- ✓ Business Planning

\$160

South Fayette Township Building

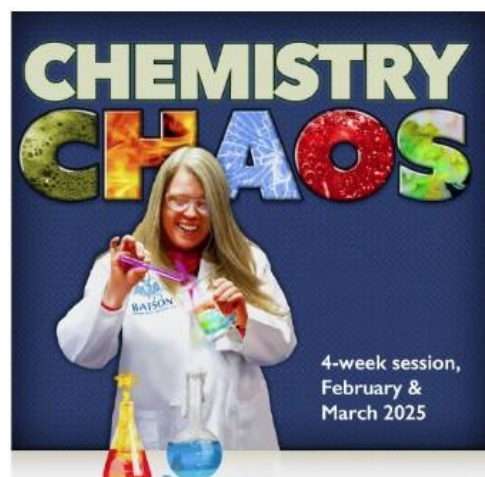
Lafayette Room

100 Township Drive, South Fayette PA 15017

SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation

imcneill@sftwp.com

412-221-8700 ext.222



CHEMISTRY CHAOS

**4-week session,
February &
March 2025**

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/webtrac/web/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=12307413>

Mother, May I?

Manners & Etiquette Class

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6pm-7:30pm
Ages 6-12, \$45
South Fayette Senior Center

MEAL
TIME
MANNERS

COMMON
COURTESIES

EXCUSE
ME

PLEASE
& THANK
YOU

YOU'RE
WELCOME

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