

March 11 - 15, 2024



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



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Student of the Year Finalist

The Challenge Program Inc. honors three finalists annually for its Student of the Year Award. This is South Fayette's first year partnering with The Challenge Program, and we are proud to share that sophomore **Dan Mano** is one of this year's finalists. The Student of Year will be announced at the 16th Annual Crystal Owl Gala on April 25, 2024, at the Omni William Penn Grand Ballroom in Pittsburgh. To enter the Student of the Year competition, Dan needed to complete a survey explaining how The Challenge program affected him, as well as answer the questions, "Why Not Me? Why Not Now?"



A crew from The Challenge Program will be on campus on Monday, March 18 to film a video with Dan that will be featured on their social media and website showcasing what makes him a finalist for this award.

Visit and Donation from PA State Rep For The Kids



On this past Monday afternoon, we were pleased to have caught the awareness and interest of PA State Representative Jason Ortitay who stopped by the High School to visit with the students in the Honors Management and Marketing class. These students are annually responsible for running the Mini-THON event, and were especially proud to show Mr. Ortitay what their class has contributed toward helping kids. They were able to share with him what they are doing this year to raise awareness and hopefully break last year's fundraising record of \$336,140.10. Mr. Ortitay made a contribution to help them on their way. All funds collected through Mini-THON are contributed to Four Diamonds, an organization focused on conquering childhood cancer.

HOSA Awardees are Ready to Go International



Several SFHS students competed successfully this week and were awarded podium finishes at the 2024 Penn HOSA State Leadership Conference in Lancaster, PA.

Sri Koripi, Laasya Pedapati, Pranamya Rangaraju, and Anjali Srinivasan earned first place for Mental Health Promotion.

Dharini Maruthu earned second place for Behavioral Health and **Pavithra Dantu** took second in Medical Spelling.

Vidhisha Chahande earned a third place finish in Prepared Speaking.

As a result, these students are also now qualified to compete in the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Houston, TX coming up in June. Congratulations!

Additionally, **Vidhisha Chahande** was also awarded a \$2,000 Penn HOSA Foundation Scholarship designed to

encourage deserving HOSA members in Pennsylvania to pursue healthcare professions that enhance the delivery of compassionate care and meet the needs of the community.

Furthermore, SFHS's HOSA chapter was recognized at the state conference with the highest fundraising award for their efforts in raising money for Be the Match National Marrow Donor Program. They are now in the running for national recognition for their work with this organization.

IS and MS Students Prep for PSSAs

Throughout mid to late April and early May, students in both the IS and MS will be participating in PSSA testing. Please refer to communications from the school principals that were shared via email this week and that included several important instructions regarding test prep, absenteeism, electronics, snacks, and more.

Make Plans for Summit and Transition Fair

South Fayette is participating in PA State Representative Dan Miller's 11th Annual free Disability & Mental Health Summit. The event brings resources to the people who need them, and will be held this year on April 18-19, 2024, at Beth El Congregation of the South Hills.

Included in the event is a Transition Fair for high schoolers on Thursday evening. It is expected to be a busy night as there will also be another special event beginning at 4 pm that day, Festiv-ALL, a celebration of art and music created by local artists from the disability and mental health community.

Keynote speakers include Governor Josh Shapiro on April 18 and County Executive Sara Innamorato, Lt. Governor Austin Davis, and State Senator Devlin Robinson all speaking on April 19.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Dr. Bell at clbell@southfayette.org by April 12. More information can be found at disabilitysummit.org.

Please note that the Disability Summit is taking the place of the Transition Fair South Fayette was initially planning to host on April 11, 2024.



Save the Date!

Disability & Mental Health Summit

11th Annual

Hosted by Representative Dan Miller

April 18-19, 2024

Rep. Dan Miller presents

The Futures Fair

At the Disability & Mental Health Summit

Not the typical transition fair!

Get Your Coffee While Supporting Multiple Causes

Please consider supporting the South Fayette Interact Club, as well as the 2024 Mini-THON (and thereby Four Diamonds Childhood Cancer Organization), by making a purchase through their annual coffee sale. The coffee comes from Building New Hope, a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit that assists farmers in Nicaragua. It is fair trade, shade-grown, USDA-organic, and Smithsonian-certified bird-friendly. The beans are roasted by 19 Coffee Company located in Washington, PA.

The sale runs through Sunday, March 31, and orders will be delivered in mid-April. There is no charge for shipping for South Fayette residents as Interact Club members will deliver the coffee to your home. [All ordering details can be found here](#). Questions may be emailed to [Dr. Yerace](#).

South Fayette Interact receives 30% of net sales which will be used to support the 2024 Mini-THON along with their Interact Peacebuilder Club program.



It's Time for the Annual District-Wide Penny Challenge!



Next week marks the beginning of the annual district-wide **Penny Challenge** which will last through April 12, 2024. It is a three-week competition between all K-12 homerooms/1st period teachers to collect the most money for SFTSD students with special needs. Traditionally, competition between buildings had gotten intense!

Teachers will have plastic containers to collect donations of coins, dollars, and checks. Parents will receive additional information regarding mailing in checks and what to do for children in cyber school.

All students are encouraged to participate. Every penny counts!

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.

- You can purchase tickets for the district Kennywood Day on June 20 right away 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

★ Congratulations to **Braden Jenks, Preetam Jukalkar, and Luke Miller** who, as a team, defeated the teams from private schools Winchester Thurston and Ellis School with a score of 315 over 295 and 190 respectively on KD Quiz last Saturday morning on KDKA-TV. They will return for the playoffs later this season.

★ So proud of **Zoe Poe** for placing 6th at the PIAA State Championship in the 500 Freestyle which beat her own varsity record! She also took 13th in the 200 Freestyle! Way to go!



★ Congrats to **Erica Hall, Michael Plasko, Gavin Orosz, and Lainey Yater** for being honored at the Big 56 basketball banquet this week for earning first-team all-section honors.

★ Awesome job to the **Middle School Hockey Club** who won their first round playoff game vs. Ringgold this week with a score of 3-2!

★ Congratulations to the most recent recipients of the ES Principals' Pride Award! From Kindergarten: **Carter Boyd, Cole Gardner, Nora Katich, Joe Kurpiel, Christopher Maldonado, Sophia Moreno, Colton Nanz, Cadee Ott, and Kyle Xi**; from First Grade: **Natalie Barzanty, Miles Cerrone, Megan Hall, Austin Lyons, Keegan May, Kierra Merwede, Niko Mustakas, Sisira Rammavanthu, Shanaya Shah Reyna, Theodore Shipp, Mahika Valdia, Wyatt Wojno, and Willow Yurchick**; and from Second Grade: **Theodore Donald, Addison Lutz, Mila O'Rourke, and Westin Sipos.**




★ While our **Lady Lions Basketball Team** is not continuing beyond the second round in the

PIAA playoffs, it was a phenomenal season with a 3rd consecutive WPIAL championship! Ladies, it was an honor to cheer you on – thank you for the thrill!

★ A huge congratulations to our ES STEAM teacher who successfully defended her dissertation this week to become **Dr. Melissa Unger!**

★ One of our High School Lion Educators, **Mr. Robert Ramsey** recently passed the Pennsylvania 7-12 Computer Science (CS) certification exam and is among the first teachers in the Commonwealth to become certified in 7-12 CS.

Lions in the News

 [WPXI-TV](#) highlighted the 15 local principals (aka MVPs) who will be recognized at this Sunday's Penguins game, including our very own Middle School Associate Principal **Dr. Maurer**.

Events Next Week

March 16, 2024

HS Musical - Beauty and the Beast

March 17, 2024

HS Musical - Beauty and the Beast
St. Patrick's Day

March 19, 2024

First Day of Spring
School Board Meeting

March 21, 2024

End of 3rd Quarter
World Down Syndrome Day

March 22, 2024

No School for Students - Staff Development

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 25, 2024

Holi

March 27, 2024

Battle of the Buildings

March 28 - April 1, 2024

Spring Break - District Closed

March 29, 2024

Good Friday

March 31, 2024

Easter

April 4, 2024

Speaker Series welcomes Zach Betz. [Register here.](#)

April 8, 2024

Early Dismissal - Half Day due to Solar Eclipse

April 10, 2024

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

April 18, 2024

Early Dismissal - Celebration of Excellence in Learning

April 19, 2024

No School for Students - Staff Development

April 22, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff Development

April 26 - 27, 2024

Mini-THON

May 2, 2024

Speaker Series welcomes SF's Champions of Hope. [Register.](#)

May 24, 2024

Last Day for Seniors

June 20, 2024

Kennywood Day

May 13, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff Development

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day - District Closed

May 23, 2024

Last Day of Little Lions Learning Academy

June 4, 2024

Early Dismissal - Last Day of School



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



Fri, March 15
7 pm

Sat, March 16
7 pm

Sun, March 17
2 pm

"Gold Card" Members can receive one complimentary ticket to March 17 performance only.

\$10 per ticket. Visit southfayette.org for details.

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 ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AT THE SOUTH FAYETTE STADIUM

Donations can be made Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM

SPONSORED BY SFHS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Coffee & Conversation *with District Leadership*



March 26 1 pm Pride Room

[Click to Register](#)

BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS

Use this QR code to donate to Mini THON



HIGH SCHOOL GYM | MARCH 27 @ 6:00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEAR YOUR YELLOW

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
WEAR YOUR RED

MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEAR YOUR BLUE

HIGH SCHOOL
WEAR YOUR ORANGE



COME TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AT 5:30 TO PLAY SOME FUN GAMES!!

SOUTH FAYETTE TWP HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH FAYETTE TRACK & FIELD
SPIRITWEAR

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THROUGH MARCH 18

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

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CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THAT THEY HAVE AVAILABLE.



Useful Tools for Helping Students Understand the World of Social Media in Constructive Ways

Many of us are "always on" scrolling through social media, checking email, or searching the web. Media spaces can be sites that nurture or harm, and become sources of anxiety, jealousy, and despondency. We welcome Dr. Angela Gorrell, who will speak to us about tools to engage social media in constructive ways.

SPEAKER
Dr. Angela Gorrell

Dr. Gorrell has taught most recently at Yale University and Baylor University. Angela has been a researcher on numerous grants, is a hired consultant, and is a highly sought-after speaker at both live and online events.

Wednesday | March 20, 2024

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Questions? Contact Becky Boyer at 412-835-6630 x222

Scan the QR code to right for more information.



SF Mini-THON Sponsors

Your business has the opportunity to play a key role in our event by partnering with us and becoming an official sponsor of the 2024 South Fayette Mini-THON! All packages provide a variety of exposure for your company. We ensure your company is consistently being promoted at our event by shouting it out on our social media channels, providing signage, and placing your logo on our official 2024 T-shirt.



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on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Unlock the Power of Diversity!

Join us for a transformative experience!

📅 Tuesday, April 9, 2024
🕒 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
📍 South Fayette High School

Open Invitation to All Regional Schools!
Advance Registration Required – Limited Seating



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Pittsburgh-Bukh's Bridges Artist

WISDOM PANEL
Renowned Faith Leaders
Religions of the World Panel Discussion

THEATRICAL JOURNEY
SF Students & Staff
Presentations of "The Book of" (sic)

MUSICAL CHAPTERS
SF Students & DJ Dr. Maurer
Performances of Musical Interludes

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.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Fayette Football program.

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

Volunteers Needed: Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/HuXATrM>

BUNNY HOP
• IN THE PARK •

RESERVE 1 TICKET PER CHILD



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12 PM - 3 PM

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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.*



South Fayette Parks & Recreation 412-221-8700 x 222 / recreationsftwp.com

RECREATION PROGRAMS



YOUTH TENNIS
 Saturdays May 4 - June 1;
 Times vary; Ages 5 - 16
 Fairview Park; Pricing varies

FUTURE HORSE VETERINARIAN SCHOOL
 Wednesdays April 24 - May 29 @ 5 PM - 6 PM / Ages 6 - 10
 South Fayette Senior Center; \$180/pp

TEEN MEDICAL SCHOOL
 Wednesdays April 24 - May 29 @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM / Ages 11 - 14
 South Fayette Senior Center; \$180/pp

MINDS IN MOTION: YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS
 Tuesdays March 12 - April 16 @ 5 PM - 6 PM / Ages 9 - 13
 South Fayette Senior Center; \$125/pp

JUMPBUNCH SPORTS
 Tuesdays May 7 - June 4;
 Ages 3-5 & 6-9
 Fairview Park; Pricing varies

ADULT PICKLEBALL LESSONS
 Wednesdays & Fridays in May @ Morgan Park
 9 AM Beginners; 10 AM Advanced; 11 AM Intermediate
 Pricing varies

ADULT YOGA
 Mondays @ 7 PM - 8 PM
 Sturgeon Fire Hall; \$11/class

SFBFITNESS WITH KATIE LOGAN
 Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM; Thursdays @ 9 AM
 SNPJ Sygan Lodge 6; \$12/class

SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING
 Tuesday, April 30 @ 5 PM - 9 PM; South Fayette Senior Center; \$17/pp
 Please call 1-800-559-4880 to register.

PUZZLE PALOOZA
 Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 PM / All Ages
 South Fayette Senior Center; \$5 per team of 2 to 6

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION

South Fayette Glow Run

Sat June 1, 2024

Mc Donald, PA 15057 US [Directions](#)

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Benefits Four Diamonds. Registration Feb 15 - May 22. [Click here for info and registration.](#)

Summer PLAYGROUND CAMP

JUNE 17-
AUGUST 9



\$10
PER AM OR PM
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**MARCH 18,
2024**

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ALL DAY: 9 AM - 3 PM

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South Fayette School District Middle School

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MONDAY-THURSDAY 9-3

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4TH OF JULY WEEK (MON-WED): \$175

**Coming
this
Summer!**

**More details on Registration
Coming Soon!**

Week #1 Superhero Self
June 24-June 27

Week #4 Challenge Champions
July 15- July 18

Week #2 Feelings Detective
July 1-July 3 (no 7/4)

Week #5 Problem Solving Expedition
July 22-July 25

Week #3 Cultural Kindness
July 8-July 11

*no Summer Program on Fridays



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

PICKLEBALL LESSONS

WEDNESDAYS
& FRIDAYS
MAY 1ST-
31ST

BEGINNER 9AM-10AM
ADVANCED BEGINNER 10AM-11AM
INTERMEDIATE 11AM-12PM

RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK \$100,
2 LESSONS/WEEK, \$180

NON-RESIDENTS: 1 LESSON/WEEK
\$110, 2 LESSONS/WEEK \$200



ADULTS AGE 18 & UP
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SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

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