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# **Celebrating Women's History Month While Exploring Careers**

The student-led SHOUT organization hosted an engaging event yesterday titled "Women Leaders Shaping the Future of Business." Held in the HS Studio, students from grades 6 - 12 were invited to attend and learn from a panel of accomplished women leaders from different fields who provided valuable insights into their professions. Inspired by the month of March being Women's History Month, this event was also a unique opportunity for our Lion Learners to create connections that may someday impact their career trajectories.

The panel included:

- Leslie Evancho, EQT Corporation CHRO
- Christine Herring, CEO of Herring Seminars and Consulting
- Stacy Hurt, Parexel Chief Patient Officer
- Sandra Pinkney, Eli Lilly Immunology COO
- Cambria Zebley, Crumbl Cookies franchise owner



Student moderator Philipa Addae-Mensah, Leslie Evancho, Stacy Hurt, Christine Herring, Cambria Zembley, Sandra Pinkney, and student moderator Rowann Yahya

# **Detour in the District**

PennDOT announced a significant detour this week that impacts our students and staff beginning Tuesday, March 25 through the remainder of the school year. The Dolphin Run bridge on Millers Run Road, between Mohawk Road and Battle Ridge Road (Route 978), is being replaced. Affected bus routes will be adjusted accordingly and impacted families are being notified by the SFTSD Transportation Team. High School and adult drivers should plan accordingly and prepare to utilize the posted detour:

#### West of the Bridge:

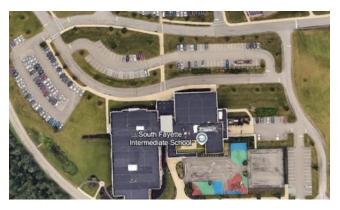
- Follow Millers Run Road (Route 978) westbound to Route 50
- Turn left onto Route 50
- Turn left onto Millers Run Road (Route 3026)
- Follow Millers Run Road back to Route 978
- End Detour

#### East of the Bridge:

• Same detour in reverse



# Parking Changes at the Intermediate School

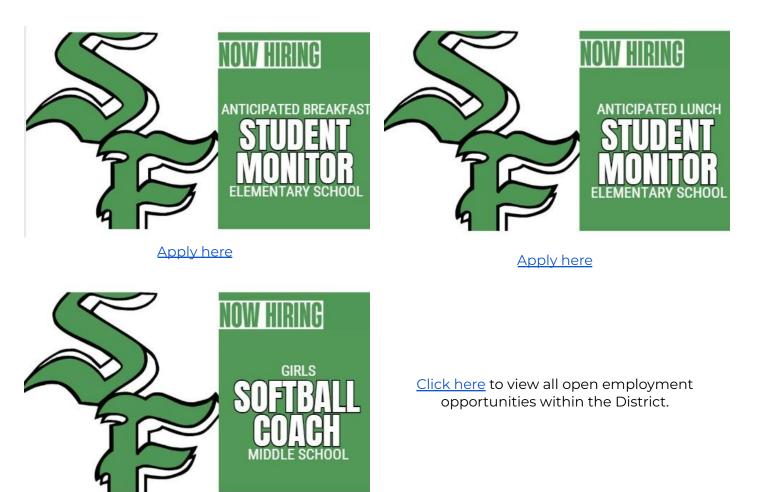


In preparation for the construction of an addition to the Intermediate School, the staff parking lot to the right of the building (when facing the main entrance) will be closed beginning Monday, March 31, 2025, and last for the duration of the building renovation project. As a result, the following parking adjustments will be instituted:

- The six parking spots closest to the building will be designated with signage as "Visitor Parking."
- Caregivers who pick up their children at the end of the day will also have use of the high school lot between the high school and the ES athletic field.
- All staff have been assigned to a specific parking spot in one of our three remaining parking lots: the front IS lot, the HS Innovation lot, and the IS rear lot next to the playground.

The parking changes will be in force beginning Monday, March 31, and remain in place through the end of the school year. Everyone's cooperation with these changes is greatly appreciated.

# **Job Opportunities**



Contact the <u>Athletic Director</u>.

### Reminders

- The annual Celebration of Excellence is Thursday, March 27. Sessions at the ES and HS are 5 7 pm. Sessions at the IS and MS are 6 8 pm. 8th graders should attend the HS session. This day is also an early dismissal from school for all students.
- Kennywood Day is Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Purchase your tickets prior to June 4 for as low as \$31.99 each. <u>Click here for instructions</u>.
- 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 <u>online</u>.

- 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**

★ Good luck to the 30+ **students in HOSA** representing SFTSD at the state level next week as they travel to Lancaster to participate in the 2025 Penn HOSA Student Leadership Conference on Wednesday, March 26 through Friday, March 28.

★ A lion shout out to Middle Schoolers who succeeded at the Pittsburgh National History Day last Saturday and will now be representing our region at the State National History Day competition in April in Scranton, PA! **Molly Grella, Sana Motlankunta,** and **Devika Naijin** earned 1st place in Group Website and were King Award recipients. Also in the Group Website category, **Zayna Khan** and **Rithanya Sasikumar** took 2nd place. In Group Documentary, **Achutya Atreya, Vid Mares, Yaseen Saeed,** and **Muhil Suresh** earned 1st place and were also King Award recipients. **Maddux Chang, Ayush Kathale, Neil Sarin,** and **JR Smith** finished 2nd in Group Documentary. Way to go!

★ Cheers to all students who attended and won at the "Wild Investigations" program at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium this week! From the IS, **Brodie Avery, Alexander Barksdale, Parker Graham, Tyler McClelland, Vasudev Nambulli,** and **Noah Welch.** From the MS, **Anushka Joshi, Tyler Klos, Samhita Koduru, Atharva Krishna, Anay Namdev, Rithvik Praveenkumar, Srushti Ramaprasad, JC Richard, Laalitya Sagi,** and **Brody Stark.** 

★ Congratulations to **Nina DiMartini, Siya Joshi, Maddie Stock,** and **Angela Zeng**, who, as members of the 4xMile relay race, set a new school record in the event with a time of 21 minutes and 4.85 seconds. This time landed them in 13th place at the New Balance Indoor National Championships in Boston, MA, last weekend.

★ Very proud of our **Varsity Hockey Team** who fought to the bitter end at Monday's PIHL Penguins Cup Championship game. Though, after almost 90 minutes on the ice (the longest game in PIHL history since the league expanded to 17-minute periods), the outcome was not as we would have hoped, it was an incredible game and our Lions were fantastic! Congratulations to **Trevor D'Alessandro** for putting the team on the board and to **Robert Chiappetta** for tying it up with 1:11 remaining in regulation! Also, congrats to **Jackson Ankrum** who set a title game record stopping 61 shots, including 25 in the three overtime periods!

★ Bravo to our **Lady Lions Basketball Team** for defeating Hollidaysburg in the quarterfinal round of the PIAA Class 5-A Playoffs last Saturday at Armstrong High School with a final score of 70-52! Now it's time for a rematch against Peters Township! The ladies will see them this Saturday at 2 pm at Canon-McMillan High School for the Semifinal game.

★ Blown away by the athletic talents of 7th grader **Daniella Neve** who is currently ranked #1 fastpitch softball middle infielder in the country for the 2030 grad year! She is also the 2nd overall ranked player and #1 in all categories for the state of Pennsylvania. Incredible! She was selected to play for a high-level travel team out of Texas called the Bombers Gold 14 Futures and flies back and forth every weekend. She is also trying out for the SFMS team.

★ At the Girls Keystone State Championships earlier this month, **Alayna Morton** (4th grade) earned 6th place, **Rhea Karas** (3rd grade) earned 3rd place, and **Willow Powell** (1st grade) also earned 3rd place in their respective divisions. Well done, girls!

★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: Dhruvan Chakravarti, Elliot Greishaw, Elkhan Pashayev, and Eleanor Stover; 1st Grade: Matthew Belford, Hudson Nestor, Gia Spadafora, and Samantha Wasky; 2nd Grade: Victoria Lindberg, Zahir Moore, Taneesh Palukuri, and Lucy Rheam. 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

🦁 Juliette Leroux was featured in the <u>Observer-Reporter</u> as their Athlete of the Week.

Ithe **Girls Varsity Basketball** playoff game from Saturday, March 15 was recapped by both the <u>Post-Gazette</u> and the <u>Tribune-Review</u>.

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The <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress</u> highlighted the "colossal rematch" happening tomorrow in **Girls** Varsity Basketball between our Lady Lions and Peters Township, as did the <u>Post-Gazette</u>.

🦁 The Almanac featured our campus construction projects on the front page of this week's issue.

**Or. Herring** was included in an article in Sunday's <u>Post-Gazette</u> about his wife and their family business.

### **Events Next Week**

March 25, 2025 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio March 27, 2025 End of 3rd Quarter Early Dismissal for all students Celebration of Excellence in Learning at all schools March 28, 2025 No School for Students

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

March 31, 2025 Eid Al-Fitr No School for Students

**April 4, 2025** Report Cards Available on Parent Portal

**April 13, 2025** Palm Sunday Passover

April 17 - 21, 2025 Spring Break, No School

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

**April 29, 2025** HS Spring Chorus and Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Theatre

May 1, 2025 MS & HS Jazz and Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

**May 2 - 3, 2025** Mini-THON, 6 pm - 6 am

**May 5 - 9, 2025** MS PTA Book Fair HS AP Exams Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8, 2025 Band-O-Rama Concert (IS, MS, & HS), 7 pm, HS Theatre

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 **April 1, 2025** No School for K-11 students Senior Exit Interviews Kindergarten Preview Day April Fool's Day

April 7, 2024 Two-Hour Delay for Students

**April 14, 2025** National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, HS Theatre

April 18, 2025 Good Friday

**April 22 - 23 and 25, 2025** PSSA Grades 3-8 - ELA

**April 29 - 30, 2025** PSSA Grades 3-8 - Math

May 1 - 2, 2025 PSSA Grades 4 & 8 Science

May 4, 2025 PTA Sweetheart Dance for ES & IS, 6 - 8 pm, HS Gym

May 6, 2025 MS Spring Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium

**May 9, 2025** HS Prom

May 12 - 16, 2025 HS AP Exams **April 3 - 6, 2025** HS Music Department Trip

**April 10, 2025** PTA General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, ES Library

**April 15, 2025** School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

April 20, 2025 Easter

**April 24, 2025** Take Your Child to Work Day

**April 30, 2025** HS Best of Our Best Awards Ceremony, 7 pm, Theatre

**May 2, 2025** Interim Report Cards Available on Parent Portal

May 5, 2025 Cinco de Mayo

**May 7, 2025** MS PAC Meeting (with 5th Grade Parents), 9 am 4th Grade Performing Arts Club Musical, 7 pm, IS Gym

May 11, 2025 Mother's Day

**May 13, 2025** Fifth Grade Band, Choir, & Orff Ensemble and Orchestra Arts Showcase, 7 pm, HS Theatre

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**May 14, 2025** Biology Keystone Exams at HS (Asynchronous Day for HS students not testing)

May 16 - 18, 2025 11th Grade Washington, DC Trip

#### May 22, 2025

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

#### May 28, 2025

Senior Baccalaureate, 7 pm, Theatre

May 31, 2025 Glow Run, 5 pm, Stadium May 15, 2025

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

May 19 - 21, 2025 Keystone Exam Make Ups

May 26, 2025 No School - Memorial Day

**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



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).

ES/IS Track & Field Senior Class Picnic

May 16, 2025

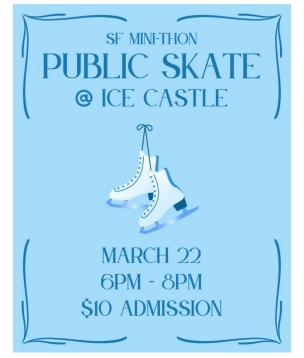
Algebra Keystone Exams at HS & MS (Asynchronous Day for HS & MS students not testing)

**May 20, 2025** School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

**May 27, 2025** School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

#### **Community Resources**

#### **District Fundraisers**



#### Be sure to visit the Mini-THON booth at the rink!



#### Track & Field Pepperoni Roll Fundraiser

Pepperoni Roll will serve approx. 3 people. Delivery date is April 4, 2025. Cost \$16/roll.

To purchase, see any member of the HS Track and Field team or email:

sftfxc.boosters@gmail.com

Now through March 27, 2025



#### **District Events**



#### South Fayette Boys' Volleyball Intramurals

We will host the South Fayette Middle School Boys' Intramurals in April. The intramurals are 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.

Session Dates: April 8, 15, 22, 24 Location: South Fayette Middle School 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







# SPRING INTO DIVING!

		Location: South Fayette
•	•	Middle School Pool
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•	•	Days: Mondays and
•	•	Wednesdays 6:45-8:30p
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•	•	Contact: Coach Amy
		coachamy@steelcityaquatics.org

Learn how to springboard dive in safe progressions





www.steelcityaquatics.org

if purchased by June 4th (price increases to as low as \$35.99 after above deadline)

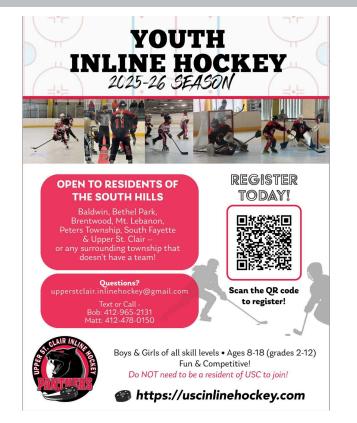
# **BUY EARLY AND SAVE!**

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#### **Community Activities**



# Big fun. New friends.

Best friends are magic. With them by your side, jungle gyms turn into castles, bath towels become superhero capes, and everything feels just a little





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more *possible*. Being a Girl Scout opens your world to the forever friends who help you shine your brightest. Join today at gswpa.org/join.

# Be a Girl Scout.

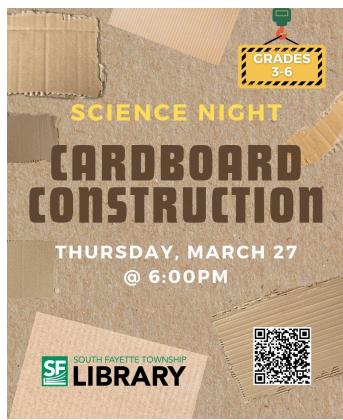
You're invited to meet new friends at: Daisy Girl Scout Troop 50109 South Fayette Municipal Building 323 Hickory Grade Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017

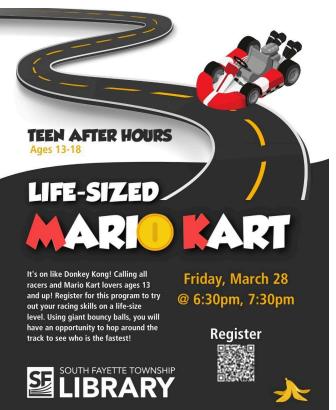
Tuesday, March 25 from 5-6:30 PM

For more information, contact Jeanie Gogal at jgogal@gswpa.org or 216-374-7825.

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#### LEARN TO PLAY DIVISION FOR NEW SKATERS: AGES 4-8

TEAM DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS ENTERING KINDERGARDEN TO ENTERING 12TH GRADE

> SEASON RUNS: 5/4/25- 7/27/25 PLEASANT HILLS ROLLER HOCKEY COURT PLEASANT HILLS, RT. 51/CLAIRTON BLVD

REGISTER BY 2/17/2025 FOR THE EARLY BIRD RATE REGISTRATION CLOSES 4/25/2025

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN PLEASANT HILLS TO PLAY COACH & SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

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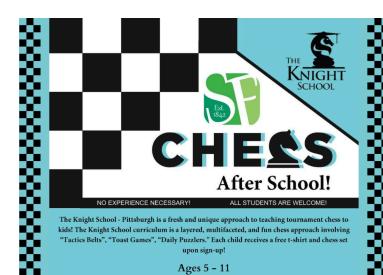
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Mondays // 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

PROGRAM

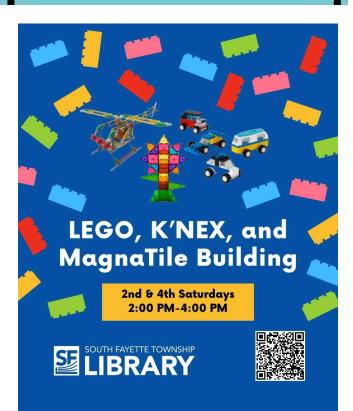
South Fayette Township Municipal Center 100 Township Drive Bridgeville PA 150171 \$90/month April 7th – July 28th



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TOWNSHIP



Let your voice be heard!...or read. In these mini writing workshops, each week we focus on an aspect of storytelling and/or writing that can help you grow your skills as a storyteller. Each participant will be encouraged to work on a unique short story.

> 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS GRADES 9-12 @ 3:00PM GRADES 6-8 @ 6:00PM

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