May 19 - 23, 2025



The Weekly Green Scene

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



Enhance Your SF Education Experience with Cricket Clinic

As showcased in a <u>recent article</u> by <u>Kidsburgh.org</u>, the education community is seeing positive outcomes from greater parent involvement in their students' educational processes, and is, therefore, seeking more opportunities for this to happen. For the past few years, SFTSD has arranged and invited parents to multiple campus events allowing faculty, staff, and families to interact on a more informal basis. Events have included an escape room and painting project and Retro Recess, among others.

Coming up, SF's Parents as Allies group is hosting a unique opportunity to learn more about the sport of cricket, a bat-and-ball game that has become the second most popular sport in the world according to Top End Sports (Note, baseball is seventh and American Football is ninth). The SF Cricket Clinic is happening on the Middle School practice field on Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. No experience is necessary for this FREE clinic, but you are asked to register in advance.



Spirit of Youth Leadership and Service

The district is proud to share that, this week, 17 talented SF students were honored with the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award in a special ceremony by Allegheny County Executive Sara G. Innamorato and Township Manager John M. Barrett. These remarkable, young changemakers have displayed an unwavering commitment to creating meaningful change through art and volunteerism and have left a lasting impact on our community.

Recognized for their outstanding efforts and spirit of youth leadership and service were:

- Gold award: Aashi Manepalli (Grade 6) and Muhil Suresh (Grade 8)
- Silver award: Udhayasuriyan Duraisamy (Grade 2), Meghana Kolli (Grade 7), Ananya Rajesh (Grade 6), Reeva Singla (Grade 6), Aishani Soni (Grade 8), Laya Srikanth (Grade 4), Kavya Yuvaraj (Grade 7), and Oviya Yuvaraj (Grade 7)
- Bronze award: Ananya Arjun (Grade 5), Ana Paula Diaz-Bazan (Grade 7), Shreya Duraisamy (Grade 12), Anvi Gupta (Grade 5), Anirudh Rajesh (Grade 6), Viranica Siva (Grade 1), and Lakshmi Sragvi Udumula (Grade 8)



SF Creates Partnership Thanks to League Membership and Grable Grant

Today is the 143rd day of the year and is designated as "143 Day" to honor the legacy of Fred Rogers by, "finding meaningful ways to show up for one another with love, kindness, and neighborliness." Mr. Rogers is often remembered for using 1-4-3 to represent the number of letters in the words "I LOVE YOU."

On this special day, the <u>League of Innovative Schools</u> (which visited SFTSD on March 25) has announced an inspiring partnership between the League and the Grable Foundation: Learning Neighbor Grants.

In the spirit of the neighborliness that defines the Pittsburgh area, the hometown of Mister Rogers, these Learning Neighbor Grants are connecting 11 League districts in the Western Pennsylvania area (including South Fayette!) with other League districts across the country to bring an innovative project to life through the power of collaborative learning.



League members observing an IS STEAM class during their visit on March 25.

Together, these 22 districts will partner on projects that address wide-ranging topics including inclusive robotics, student-run print labs, a "Science of Food" course, and more.

We are very excited to work with <u>Desert Sands Unified School District</u> in La Quinta, California! Learn more about the grants and the projects: https://bit.ly/3FsLAWP

Job Opportunities







Apply here

Apply here



Apply here



Apply here



Apply here



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

Reminders

- Don't forget to sign up for our exciting Summer STEAM Camp held at the Elementary School
 July 14-17! There are camps for elementary and intermediate students. The registration
 deadline is approaching fast—secure your spot today! See the flyer below in Community
 Resources > District Events (p.12) and/or use these links to register > Elementary, Intermediate!
- Old computer towers and laptops are needed for next year's Cybersecurity 1 class. **Mrs. Barth** will remove and destroy hard drives and any personal data. Drop off donations at the high school entrance before the end of the school year.
- Be sure to follow Lilly_And_Doc on Instagram to be part of a real-time social experiment by junior **Lilly Green** and **Dr. Herring**. They need 10,000 followers by the end of May!
- 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 this Google Form 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>.
- Campus construction updates are available online at a <u>dedicated page</u> on the district website.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

- ★ We proudly announce that sophomore **Monish Polimetla**, enrolled in the Cybersecurity 2 course, is the first SF student to pass the CompTIA Network+ exam. This certification isn't typically earned until college, so Monish is way ahead of the game!
- ★ Bravo to the seniors who were presented with scholarship awards this week from The Challenge Program Inc.: Cassandra Laux, Sabrina Marx, Nandana Menon, Walid Rahim, and Shristi Swaminathan! Also, Katelyn Morelock earned an academic and leadership scholarship from Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Oven Association, and Caroline Praveen received a scholarship for her academic achievement and dedication to excellence from the Southwest Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- ★ Yippee! So proud of the Little Lion Helpers who earned scholarships from the Little Lion Learning Academy to continue their education in, of course, Education! **Ami Layne Wolstoncroft** and **Raneem Shedeed** were this year's award recipients.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Seniors who have committed to continuing their studies and pursuit of their sport in college: **Talan Mizenko** Penn West Clarion University, wrestling; **Josh Grimenstein** Grand Valley State University, swimming; **Piper Sanders** University of South Carolina, cheerleading; **Travis Potteiger** Barry University, volleyball; and **Zaydon Mary** Washington & Jefferson College, volleyball.



- ★ Good luck to our Lions who are competing today and tomorrow at Shippensburg University in the PIAA State Track and Field Championships: Paige Deklewa, Nina DiMartini, Ellena Gibbs, Jenson Gregorich, Siya Joshi, Griffin Martin, Abby Poe, Micaella Schuler, Delaney Schumaker, Emily Sinton, Madeline Stock, Mary Claire Walsh, and Angela Zeng!
- ★ Congratulations to the **Boys Varsity Lacrosse** team for defeating Peters Township on Monday in the WPIAL 2A Semifinals! The final score was 12-5 and **Drew Welhorsky** had a goal and six assists, **Ryan Mey** collected two goals and two assists, and **Pierce Hondru** added a goal and an assist and

went 19 for 19 on faceoffs. Good luck tonight in the championship game versus rival (and last year's champ) Mars at 8 pm at Upper St. Clair HS!

- ★ Congrats on a great season to the **Boys Varsity Volleyball Team**! Good luck tonight in the WPIAL 2A 3rd Place Consolation game versus Mars at 6 pm at Gateway HS!
- ★ This week's Lion Card raffle winners at the IS from each grade who have been proudly making safe, kind, and responsible choices are: 3rd Grade: **Evie Boyd** and **Jia Rana**; 4th Grade: **Arham Khan** and **Johnny Wang**; 5th Grade: **Emmet Beerhalter** and **Hailey Porter.** Congratulations and great job!
- ★ Congratulations to the Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program for last week: Kindergarten: Liam Connelly, Donald Craine, Reagan Hoffman, and Samuel Lara; 1st Grade: Ella Joseph, Tharun Narayan, Lucille Stover, and Elizabeth Woodward; 2nd Grade: Jillian Blombach, Jian Kanojiya, Silas Kemacha, and Pragna Subramanian. 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

- The champion **Unified Esports Team** was featured in the <u>Observer-Reporter</u>.
- The efforts of the district's Parents as Allies team were highlighted in a Kidsburgh.org article.

Events Next Week

May 26, 2025

No School - Memorial Day

May 27, 2025

SF Parents as Allies Cricket Clinic, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, MS Practice Field

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,

HS Studio

May 29, 2025

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

Last Day for Seniors ES/IS Track & Field Day Senior Class Picnic May 28, 2025

Senior Baccalaureate, 7 pm, Theatre

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 31, 2025

Glow Run, 5 pm, 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 6 - August 8, 2025

District Closed on Fridays

June 5, 2025

Staff Development/Act 80/Professional Duty Commencement Rain Date

June 17, 2025

June 6, 2025

Report Cards Available on Parent Portal School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

Commencement Rain Date

June 15, 2025

Father's Day

June 18, 2025

District Kennywood Day

June 19, 2025

Juneteenth



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 Events











ALL SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE!

DONATIONS NEEDED - HELP US HELP OTHERS!

Drop off your gently used sports equipment at the below neighborhood locations May 19th thru May 29th

A Discounted Sports Equipment Sale will be held at the High School Stadium, where a portion of proceeds will go to the Southpointe Grizzlies!

EVENT



THE SALE JUNE 1 2025 SF STADIUM 10AM - 1PM

Contact Us with Inquiries! Dylan Mach - dylan@stamhomes.com All Sports Equipment Welcome!



DROP OFF LOCATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- -SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL
- -1226 NEWBURY HIGHLAND
- -8575 CHRISTINE COURT -3042 WILLOWBROOK DRIVE





Next year, the Cybersecurity 1 class will be taking apart old computers. Please consider donating any old towers or laptops sitting around at home, Before students take them apart, Mrs. Lortz will remove and destroy hard drives to ensure students don't have access to computer data.

DROP OFF AT HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.



SOUTH FAYETTE SD

Tickets as low as

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

BUY EARLY AND SAVE!

CLICK HERE FOR PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS.



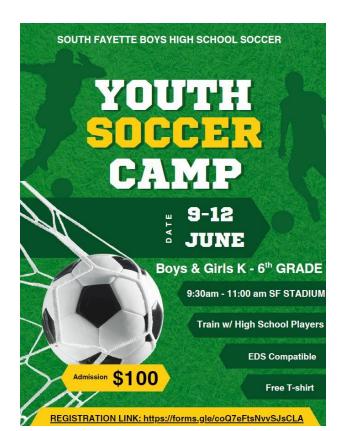
Youth Volleyball Camp

Dates June 9, 10, Location High School Gym <u>Time</u> 9:00-11:30AM

Open to all boys and girls in grades 3-6, this camp is specifically designed to introduce and develop fundamental volleyball techniques and skills including passing, setting, hitting, serving, and game play. This camp program is intended for all skill levels. No prior experience is necessary.

You can register online at https://tinyurl.com/577emtz6 or scan the QR Code.

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





SOUTH FAYETTE LADY LIONS



SUMMER CAMP

JOIN YOUR 2025 PIAA 5A STATE CHAMPIONS FOR A WEEK OF SKILLS, GAMES, AND COMPETITION!

CAMP WILL BE HOSTED BY THE SOUTH FAYETTE COACHING STAFF AND PLAYERS

GRADES K-4
JUNE 23-26
4:30-6:30
@ SFIS

GRADES 5-8

JUNE 23-26

9-11

@ SFHS

REGISTRATION FEE

\$115

CAMPERS WILL RECIEVE:

- ✓ SKILL DEVELOPME
- SDEED & ACII ITY TRAINING
- ✓ GAMES & PRIZES
- ✓ INDIVIDUALIZED COACHING

REGISTER AT THE LINK BELOW OR FIND IT @SF_GirlsHoops on X!

Registration Link

https://tinyurl.com/ms8sbmjm

For More Information Contact Garrett Del Re at gddelre@southfayette.org



South Fayette Girls Lacrosse Summer Clinics

Where: South Fayette Stadium

When: June 23-26

July 21-24

Cost: \$100 per clinic or \$30 per day - cash, check or

Venmo @KenzieShaak

Contact Coach Kenzie: kenzieshaak@gmail.com

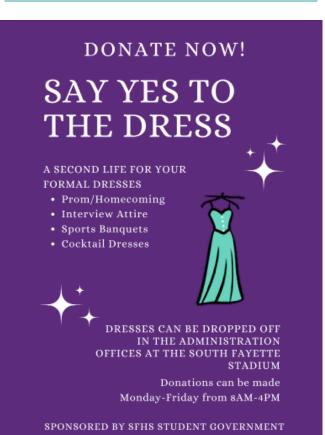
More information and registration click here

K-8
5:30-7PM
Warm Up
Stick work
Footwork
Footwork
Games

**More information and registration click here*

9-12
7-8:30PM
Warm Up
Stick work
Footwork
Games















Community Activities



NOW OPEN

FALL 2025 REGISTRATION

South Fayette Soccer

Program	Age Groups	Birth Years	Registration
In House Program	U6 to U12	2014 to 2021	Period for In-House:
Travel Program	U10 to U14	2012 to 2017	May 6 - June 30, 2025
5v5 High School Recreation League	8th to 12th grade		For Travel: May 6 - June
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More information available Under the Programs tab at southfavettesoccer.org

How to Register:

9.2025

Visit southfayettesoccer.org

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

CLICK HERE for more information about Uniforms, Travel Evaluations, Volunteering, and the Registration Policy.

Email: southfayettesoccer@gmail.com





Click here for more program details.



2025 SOUTH FAYETTE SUMMER CAMPS

Extreme Animals Camp

Parks & Rec

REGISTER

NOW!

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/

RECREATION

Discover how life adapts to varying conditions all over the globe, & see how animals overcome obstacles & find opportunities in difficult environments.

M-F; June 16 - June 20; 9 am -12 pm; @ South Fayette Municipal Ctr Ages 6-12, \$160/person

Soccer Shots

Weekly, instructional & engaging youth soccer camp focusing on developing soccer skills, character-building and FUN!

Wednesdays June 4 - July 23; @ Boys Home Park Age groups for 2-8; time varies; price varies

We Heart Art Camp

Interactive hands-on art camp that brings out creativity while building self-confidence through daily art creations & expressions.

Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm @ Fairview Park Grades K-3, \$160/person

Jump Start Lacrosse

Weekly lacrosse camp focusing on fundamental lacrosse skills , fun & non-competitive games, and building confidence and excitement for the sport. Tuesdays - June 10 - July 22, @ Boys Home Park Age 4-7 5:45pm-6:45pm, Age 8-12 6:45pm-7:45pm; \$115/person

Website Wizards Camp

Provides campers essential skills of entrepreneurship and website design. Learn the fundamentals of business ideas, budgeting, business planning, and more! Monday, July 7- Friday July 11; 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm @ SF Municipal Ctr Ages 9-13, \$160/person





After School!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

The Knight School - Pittsburgh is a fresh and unique approach to teaching tournament chess to kids! The Knight School curriculum is a layered, multifaceted, and fun chess approach involving "Tactics Belts", "Toast Games", "Daily Puzzlers." Each child receives a free t-shirt and chess set

> Ages 5 - 11 Mondays // 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

South Fayette Township Municipal Center 100 Township Drive Bridgeville PA

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April 7th -July 28th

\$90/month

jack@theknightschool.com



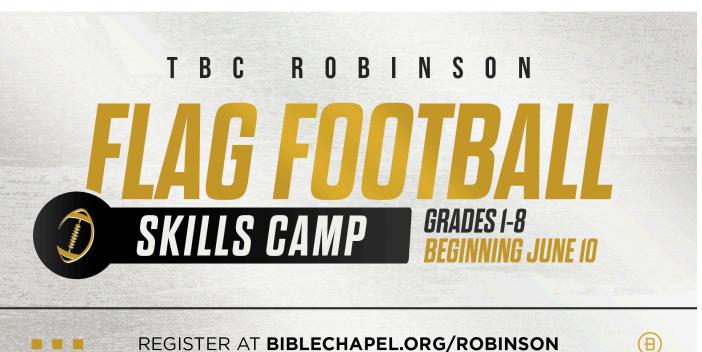
More info @ southfayettepa.com/recreation 412-221-8700 ext. 222 imcneill@sftwp.com







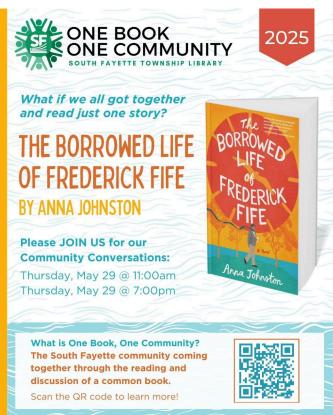
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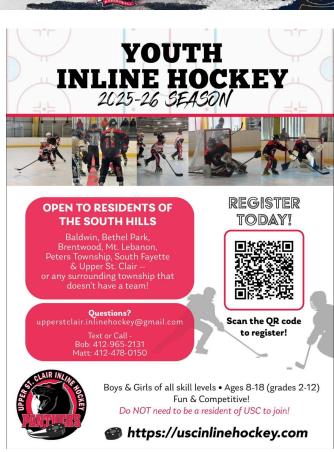
















Monday, September 8, 2025
- Saturday, November 1, 2025
Mondayse 8:00 PM - 78:00 PM or 78:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 10:00 AM - 110:00 AM
Each participant will be assigned one time bracket on each of



South Fayette Elementary School in South Fayette

Boys and Girls ages 7-15
Registration price includes a tshirt



Plan Ahead & Save
Early: \$150 due by 07/01/25
Regular-\$175 until 08/01/25
Late: \$200 until 09/01/25