March 31 - April 4, 2025



# The Weekly Green Scene

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



### **Lady Lions Make Basketball History**

The **Lady Lions Basketball Team** made history last weekend by capturing the first PIAA championship for girls basketball! They defeated Archbishop Wood who has played in the state championship game 13 times since 2010, winning nine times including the past four consecutive years. The final score was 45-37, and the Lady Lions finished the season with a 29-2 record.

An impromptu pep rally was held at the high school on Sunday afternoon as the team returned from Hershey, PA, escorted by six local fire trucks. Many community and band members were on hand to welcome them, and they graciously showed off their trophy in the high school gym. Dr. Dirda, the coaches, and several players expressed their appreciation for the support they received throughout the season.



### First Unified Robotics Tournament Hosted at SF



Diya, Madeleine, and Srushti with their Best Partner Team Award.

Today, South Fayette had the pleasure of welcoming teams from Beaver Area, Blackhawk, Elizabeth Forward, Mars Area, West Allegheny, and Western Beaver to our Middle School for our first time hosting a Unified Robotics Tournament. This was the third competition for our South Fayette teams.

Teams consisting of students with diverse abilities worked together throughout the day to build and present their robots, then participated in a culminating tournament in which the robots were programmed and controlled to pick up a ball and shoot a basket. A variety of awards were given out, and the South Fayette team consisting of **Madeleine Peden, Srushti Ramaprasad,** and **Diya Thirumurugan** earned the Best Partner Team Award. Awards were also given for performance, inclusivity, contribution, collaboration, creativity, and community outreach.

At South Fayette, we regularly seek opportunities for our neurodiverse and neurotypical students to collaborate. The district offers a Best Buddies program, Partners in Art and Partners in PE courses, Unified Bocce, an annual Mardi Gras dance, and other opportunities through the Special Olympics such as the Polar Plunge. Adding Unified Robotics to the district's offerings this year has been an exciting way to involve more students and build upon our innovative, STEM-focused curriculum.

### SFHS Students Are Wise in Personal Finance

The district learned this week that SFHS is being recognized by Working in Support of Education (w!se), a New York City-based, national educational nonprofit, as one of its "100 Best w!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance." The award-winning program provides teachers with a curriculum and instructional resources to teach personal finance and measure students' financial literacy through w!se's Certification Test.

A ceremony for the honorees will be held in New York City on April 25 and is considered to be w!se's most prestigious event. South Fayette will receive a banner to commemorate this special recognition.



### **Job Opportunities**



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<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 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+. Apply online.
- Campus construction updates are available online at a <u>dedicated page</u> on the district website.

### **Student and Staff Shout Outs**

- ★ Bravo to **Lucy Froelich, Jameson The,** and **Ramon Vasquez** who are representing South Fayette today at PMEA Jr. High District Band!
- ★ Congrats to **Ani Garimella** for qualifying to compete at the WPIAL Section Singles Tournament @ Bethel Park HS this week!
- ★ Congratulations to **Delaney Schumaker** who set a new school record with her time of 44.22 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles at last Saturday's Rust Buster Invitational at Upper St. Clair. This landed her in first place which is also where she finished in the 100-meter hurdles. **Emi Baiano**, **Lauren Biernacki**, **Ellena Gibbs**, **Luke Gillen**, **Aesha Mehta**, **Luke Miller**, **Brady Onda**, **Micaella Schuler**, and **Owen Tamanini** all had top 3 finishes in their events for the day. Way to go!
- ★ So proud of our **Lady Lions Basketball Team** for bringing home the district's first Girls Class 5A PIAA Championship after defeating Archbishop Wood last Saturday! They finished the season as the *Tribune-Review*'s #1 pick in their Top 10 list.
- ★ Way to go **Juju Leroux** for being one of four WPIAL basketball players (boys and girls) who were among 24 student-athletes chosen for the first-ever PIAA Hoopsfest All-Championship Teams. **Juju** was also selected by the *Tribune-Review* as their HSSN girls basketball player of the week!
- ★ Congratulations to **Juju Leroux** and **Ryan Oldaker** for being named to the Second and Third teams respectively for the third annual PUP (*Pittsburgh Union Progress*) girls basketball all-stars. They were selected from all players in the WPIAL and City League.
- ★ The 21st Roundball all-star weekend, May 24-25 at North Allegheny, includes seven all-senior games over two days (four boys and three girls), and **Gavin Orosz** and **Alexa Ankrum** have both been selected to participate. Woohoo!
- ★ Girls Basketball Coach **Bryan Bennett** was named by the *Tribune-Review* as their HSSN Head of the Class for Class 5A. Well-deserved!

### **Lions in the News**

- News coverage was extensive state-wide as the **South Fayette Girls Basketball Team** defeated Archbishop Wood in the PIAA Class 5A Championship game: <u>Lancaster Online</u>, <u>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</u>, <u>Bucks County Courier Times</u>, <u>PennLive.com</u>, <u>Tribune-Review</u>, <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress</u>, <u>Bucks County Herald</u>, <u>Observer-Reporter</u>, <u>Almanac</u>, <u>Lower Bucks Times</u>. <u>KDKA-TV</u> also covered the team's triumphant return from Hershey.
- Several organizations named their basketball all-star teams that included players from South Fayette: <u>Tribune Review Trib 10</u>, <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress All-Stars</u>, <u>PIAA All Championship Team</u> (as covered in the *Tribune-Review*). And, Coach **Bryan Bennett** was recognized as the top Class 5A coach by the <u>Tribune-Review</u>.
- 3 Junior Ryan Oldaker and her mom, a WPIAL Hall of Fame inductee, were featured in an article in the <u>Post-Gazette</u>, while **Juju Leroux** and her sister Ava were the subject of a <u>Pittsburgh Union Progress</u> article.

- Junior **Juju Leroux** was named <u>Player of the Week</u> by the *Tribune-Review* and was also interviewed by the reporter, Don Rebel, on his Rebel Yell <u>podcast</u>.
- **Mrs. Wagner-Deitch** was interviewed by the <u>Post-Gazette</u> for an article about state testing moving to an online format.

### **Events Next Week**

### **April 7, 2024**

Two-Hour Delay for Students Mini-THON FTK baseball game vs. Bethel Park, 4 pm, SFHS Ballfield

### **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 presented by South Fayette Mini-THON, 6 pm, HS Gym

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

### **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, then 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 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 6th - 8th.

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

Time: 3:00-5:00

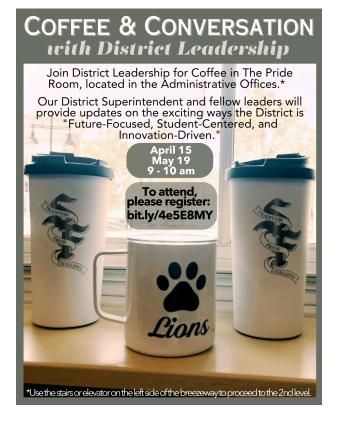
You can sign up by accessing the form scanning the QR Code.

https://tinyurl.com/yhymjeew

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









If interested in attending, please RSVP to Dr. Conchetta Bell.







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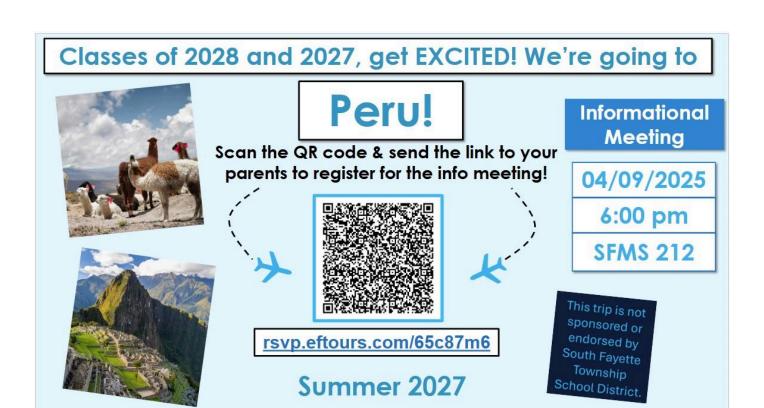
# Youth Volleyball Camp

<u>Dates</u> June 9, 10, 11 Location High School Gym Time 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/577emtz6">https://tinyurl.com/577emtz6</a> or scan the QR Code.
Please contact Coach Sundgren <a href="mailto:sesundgren@southfayette.org">sesundgren@southfayette.org</a>, with any questions.





### **Community Activities**

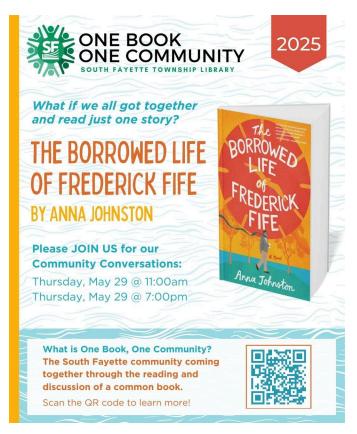














# **South Fayette Township Parks & Recreation Science Enrichment Programs** Spring 2025

Sign up @ SouthFayettePa.Com/Recreation

> imcneill@sftwp.com 412-221-8700 ext. 222



# **Walloping Weather**

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2025 TIME: 5:00PM- 6:30PM AGES: 6-12 FEE: \$28/CHILD

IN WALLOPING WEATHER, CHILDREN GET WEATHER-WISE IN THIS CLIMATE-CONTROLLED CLASS. CHILDREN TRY OUT TOOLS THAT METEOROLOGIST USE TO MEASURE WEATHER. THEY CREATE THREE-DAY WEATHER FORECASTS FOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND STAGE A STATISTICALLY CHARGED INDOOR STORM.

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and speakers!

\$255 per mother guardian

& daughter pair



# Detective Science

Thursday, May 15th, 2025 Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm Ages: 6-12 Fee: \$28/child

In Detective Science, children use science to crack a case! The Crime happens just before the Bustertown bakeoff. Mr. Baker's big, fat, chewy chocolate chip cookie is sabotaged and his recipe is stolen. Analyzing all the evidence is what helps pinpoint the perpetrator.

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Nail painting, sugar scrub & fun photo shoot included!

Discussion topics: Food & Nutrition Mental Health stography tips



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JUNE 9-AUGUST 8



\$10 PER AM OR PM SESSION

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Questions? Ian McNeill: imcneill@sftwp.com, 412-221-8700 x 222

# 2025 SOUTH FAYETTE SUMMER CAMPS

### **Extreme Animals Camp**

SF Parks & Rec

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



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