

March 18 - 22, 2024



The Weekly Green Scene

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



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Due to Spring Break, the next issue of *The Weekly Green Scene* will be on Friday, April 5, 2024.

Student Government Hosts Hundreds from Region B

Today, the SFHS Student Government welcomed approximately 450 students and advisors from 30 other schools throughout Allegheny, Greene, and Washington counties to the High School for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) Region B Conference.

Based on the theme of Taylor Swift's The Eras Tour, the conference was organized by SF students **Tessa Schwarzmiller**, **Carly Garruba**, and **Ava Cardone** who kicked off the event by introducing a performance from the SF Vocal Point Choir with the Alma Mater and National Anthem. **Drs. Miller, Dirda, and Herring** each spoke to welcome and inspire the students and their advisors who also heard from the 2024 PASC convention chairs. Awards were given to the middle and high school level advisors of the year before the event was handed over to the keynote speaker, [Kate Garnes](#). Guests then proceeded to select from 25 different student-led workshops focusing on topics such as student advocacy, goal setting, student wellness, teambuilding, diversity, and effective social media usage.

Additionally, attendees heard from representatives from Four Diamonds, The Civics Center, and

Allegheny County Elections Division who were on hand to discuss Mini-THON, voter registration drives, and the student poll worker program. Students were also able to learn about scholarships, leadership camps and classes, and other opportunities available to them. It is important to note that the current PASC State Executive Board Region B Representative is SF junior **Tessa Schwarzmiller**. **Dr. Felix Yerace** serves as the Assistant Executive Director for PASC.



Friendship bracelet making station.



Cheerfully greeting arrivals from each school.



SF Band keeping everyone entertained during registration.

District Hires Two Administrators

At their meeting on Tuesday, March 19, the School Board approved the hiring of a new Director of Finance and Director of Food Service in advance of the retirements of Brian Tony and Patricia Wood. Both are expected to begin their employment with the district this summer.

Mr. Ryan Neely, incoming Director of Finance, will be joining us from A.W. Beattie Career Center and Lenape Technical School where he has been serving as the Business Manager of both centers in a shared services agreement since October 2021. His responsibilities included budgets for General Fund, Daycare, Cafeteria, and Adult Education, as well as annual audits and reporting, overseeing payroll, purchasing, union negotiations, financial projections, and more. He spent the previous twelve years with Pittsburgh Public Schools in various budget-based capacities. Mr. Neely is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's College of Business Administration with a major in finance and minor in economics.

Ms. Nicolle Bazant Pleil has been hired as Director of Food Service and has been serving in the same capacity with the Trinity Area School District for the past decade. At Trinity, she managed six buildings with approximately 3,000 students and a staff of 40, continuously earning the highest profit in the district's history. In addition to working in education, her professional experience includes hospitals and long-term care centers. Ms. Pleil also has a lifetime contract as a contributing writer to share healthy eating and wellness habits through a local print publication. She studied Food Service Management at Fairmont State University and earned a master's degree in Human Nutrition from WVU.

Socks Were Rocked

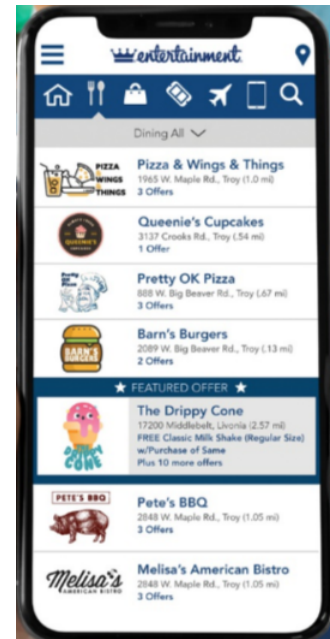
Many students, faculty, and staff showed their support for [World Down Syndrome Day](#) on Thursday, March 21 by wearing their fun, brightly colored and/or mismatched socks. The [Lots of Socks campaign](#) helps to get people talking and raises awareness about Down syndrome.



Support PTA and Support our Kids

The SF PTA is selling Entertainment Apps (previously *Entertainment Books*) as a spring fundraiser for \$35. The apps feature discounts that are good for one year for various types of businesses, and they are location-based, so tell your family and friends throughout the country! The location feature is also very handy when you travel! Consider making a purchase before March 27 to help the PTA raise funds to support springtime events for SF students.

See the flyer on p.8 under Community Resources or use the QR code below to get started.



Host Families Needed for New Exchange Student Program

As previously announced, the district has partnered with Rotary Youth Exchange to offer study abroad and foreign exchange student opportunities for our students and families, and an informational meeting was held to explain the program on February 5.

At this time, interest has been expressed from a student to study at South Fayette next year, and we are in need of at least one host family. If you are interested in volunteering to host for a minimum of five months up the entire 2024-25 school year, please contact [Dr. Yerace](#) or [Mr. Butts](#) at the High School. More information about the Rotary Youth Exchange program can be found [here](#).

You're Invited to the Uncommon Conference

The students of SF's SHOUT organization are hosting the 4th Annual Uncommon Conference on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the HS Theatre and Studio. The conference includes a keynote speaker, religion of the world panel to discuss religions visible in our district, the creation of an art installation, cultural dancing displays, and so much more.

This year's theme is "Each of us NEEDS all of us to become the best of us." This is the first time SF is hosting this event during a school day, and SHOUT is eager to see a high level of participation from our students. Not



only is this conference a milestone for SF, it is also an inclusive platform where up to 300 students from other districts, invited through a generous grant from the Grable Foundation and the AIU, will join us. It's crucial that SF shows a strong participation from our own student body to welcome our guests warmly. Please plan to attend and help welcome peers from North Allegheny, Mt. Lebanon, Seneca Valley, and many other districts throughout our region. See the flyer on p. 9 for more details about registration.


Reminders

- PSSA testing will take place in the IS and MS in mid to late April and early May. Please refer to communications from school principals regarding absences and other important testing instructions.
- Support SF Interact Club and Mini-THON by purchasing from the annual coffee sale through March 31. [All ordering details can be found here](#). Questions may be emailed to [Dr. Yerace](#).
- 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.
- The district-wide Penny Challenge runs through April 12, 2024, benefiting SFTSD students with special needs. Homeroom/1st period teachers have plastic containers to collect donations of coins, dollars, and checks.
- 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 the most recent recipients of the ES Principals' Pride Award! From Kindergarten: **Brooks Cardillo, Benjamin Hackworth, Aaron Hermoso, Zachary Keller,** and **Shreena Patel**; from 1st Grade: **Suriya Duraisamy, Halina Hasan, Colin Kotar, Gavin Kuzmich, Madeline Milligan, Madelyn Mrdjenovich,** and **Jibreel Yahya**; and from 2nd Grade: **Medhansh Chinnam, Kendall Louk, Pranav Nimishakavi,** and **Zoey Yanosko-Bannon.**

Lions in the News

 Experienced career development advisor and speaker Ed Hidalgo wrote a guest blog this week for [Getting Smart](#) in which he discussed his experience at SF and discussion with four SF students at TRET (Three Rivers Educational Technology Conference) earlier this year.

Events Until Next Issue

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2024

Holi

March 26, 2024

School Board Meeting

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.](#)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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 High School Transition Fair at Beth El Congregation South Hills

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 13, 2024

2-Hour Late Start - Staff Development

May 23, 2024

Last Day of Little Lions Learning Academy

May 24, 2024

Last Day for Seniors

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day - District Closed

June 4, 2024

Early Dismissal - Last Day of School

June 20, 2024

Kennywood Day



Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at jldonovan@southfayette.org
*Submission does not guarantee placement in upcoming issue(s).

Community Resources

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](#)

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

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

BUNNY HOP

• IN THE PARK •

RESERVE 1 TICKET PER CHILD



HANDS-ON EVENT
NO LONGER A DRIVE-THRU FOR

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

FAIRVIEW PARK
12 PM - 3 PM

• FREE EVENT BUT TICKETS REQUIRED
WWW.SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/BUNNY

EGG HUNT (AGES 12 & UNDER) • EASTER BUNNY • MUSIC • BOUNCE HOUSE
AND MORE!

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SUPPORTS SFYLA!

CANDY SALE!

ENTER GROUP ID: 10-1130



WWW.SARRISCANDIESFUNDRAISING.COM

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!!



SCAN ME

South Fayette PTA
<https://goraisy.entertainment.com/sofapta>

SUPPORT OUR GROUP

- 1 Scan the QR code above or visit the link
- 2 Purchase a 1-year Entertainment® Coupon Membership on Raisy™ to support our group
- 3 Download the Entertainment® app and enter your code to start saving



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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.





4th Annual UNCOMMON CONFERENCE
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



SCAN ME

KEYNOTE MAESTRI
Emmai Alaqui & D.J. Select
Six Emmy Winner

ART THAT CONNECTS
Ebtehal Badaw
Pittsburgh Public Bridges Art

WISDOM PANEL
Renowned Faith Leaders
Religions of the World Panel Discussion

THEATRICAL TOUR
SF Students & Staff
Presentation of "The Exhibit"

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

Reserve Your Spot Today and Build Bridges Tomorrow
tinyurl.com/2bezjtr



Mini THON Event

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.





at Hickory Heights Golf Club

Monday, July 22, 2024 ● 9 am Shotgun Start

Includes:
Breakfast Sandwiches
Lunch Buffet
Raffles
Award Presentations
Skill Prizes
Hole in One Opportunity
Mulligans
50/50
And More!

\$150 per Golfer
\$600 per Foursome

Online Credit Card Payments:
Registration: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_ccf27da4
Sponsorship: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_a942d719

Registration Due by June 28

For more information, contact:
Maureen Pedzwater
412.519.4298
mapedzwater@southfayette.org

THE 11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
SOUTH FAYETTE FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

SF Boys & Girls Golf Teams Fundraiser

\$20 per ticket

Fabulous Prizes

- Day 1: Hickory Heights foursome, Top Golf gift card, and lessons ● *April 11 Drawing*
- 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
rruffolo@southfayette.org or
 Mr. Violi rvioli@southfayette.org



Prizes are won based on the 7pm Pick 3 Lottery on the dates listed above.



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.



AHN Chill Project™ Summer Program

South Fayette School District Middle School

FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 1-6
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9-3

COST PER WEEK (MON-THURS): \$225
 4TH OF JULY WEEK (MON-WED): \$175

Coming this Summer!

Week #1 Superhero Self
June 24-June 27

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

Week #3 Cultural Kindness
July 8-July 11

Week #4 Challenge Champions
July 15- July 18

Week #5 Problem Solving Expedition
July 22-July 25

*no Summer Program on Fridays






More details on Registration
Coming Soon!

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



REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

ADULTS AGE 18 & UP

MORGAN PARK

515 MILLERS RUN RD.
 SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

MORE INFORMATION
SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION
 412-221-8700 EXT.222

South Fayette Glow Run

Sat June 1, 2024

Mc Donald, PA 15057 US  Directions



Benefits Four Diamonds. Registration Feb 15 - May 22. Click here for info and registrat

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



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Baseball
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Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Soccer
High School Soccer
High School Volleyball
E-Games
Volleyball



More Information 724-773-3700 beaver.psu.edu/youth beaverce@psu.edu

Summer PLAYGROUND CAMP

JUNE 17-
AUGUST 9



\$10
PER AM OR PM
SESSION

**REGISTRATION
OPENS**

**MARCH 18,
2024**

MONDAY - FRIDAY
AM: 9 AM - 11:30 AM
PM: 12:30 - 3 PM
ALL DAY: 9 AM - 3 PM

**FLEXIBLE
SCHEDULING**

\$10 HALF DAY (OR \$11 NON-RESIDENT)
\$20 ALL DAY (OR \$22 NON-RESIDENT)

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AGES 5 - 12
Each week at various parks

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DISCOUNT
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Family2024**

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

Rotary rotary youth leadership awards

RYLA

June 23-28 2024
Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

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Application closes March 15th

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Networking with peer leaders

FOR fun
Team-building and social events

FOR you
Opening doors to opportunity

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