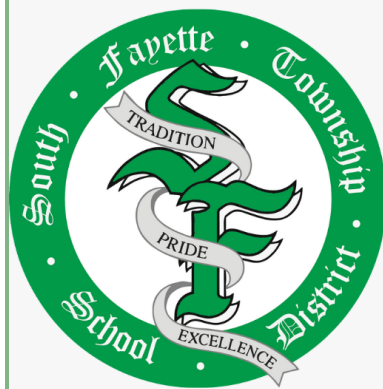
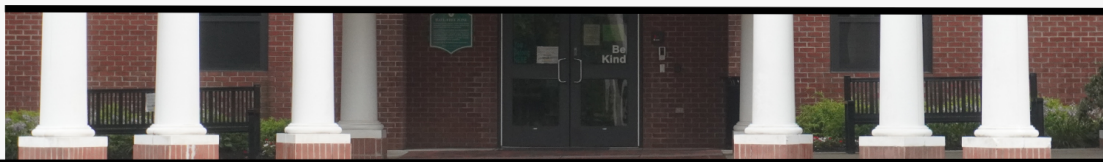




SOUTH FAYETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



[*Click here for daily Middle School announcements*](#)

Week of 11/17-11/21/2025

Stuff A Bus

The 18th Annual Stuff-A-Bus toy drive, conducted by Student Government, will run from Monday, November 17 to Friday, December 12. Toys will be donated to Washington County Toys for Tots. Donated toys must be new and unwrapped. We want to encourage everyone at South Fayette to get involved in the toy drive. Since 2008, we have collected nearly 50,000 toys for this drive! Our goal is to break 5,000 toys this year!

WAYS TO DONATE:

During School Hours - Toys can be donated at the ES, IS, MS, and HS buildings.

There is a competition between grades in the ES, IS, & MS, so if your child takes a toy to school, it will help their grade win a trip to the high school to play holiday-themed games!

After School Hours - There will be a Toys for Tots box outside, in front of the high school.

Monetary donations (personal & business) – Donated money is used to purchase toys. Money can be donated online using the attached QR code, by mailing a check, or by donating cash. Please provide monetary donations by Friday, December 5.

Ship to the HS – Purchase toys online and ship directly to the high school.

To ship toys or mail a monetary donation, please use the following address:

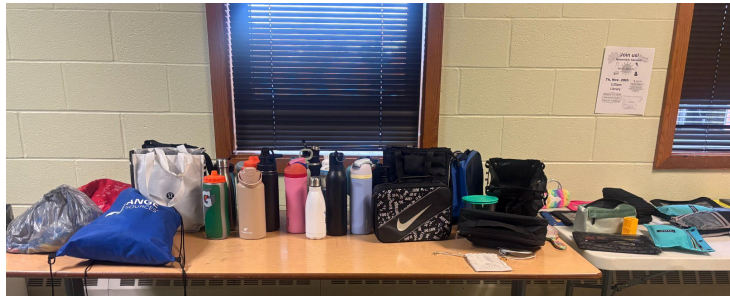
Stuff-A-Bus
South Fayette High School
3640 Old Oakdale Road
McDonald, PA 15057

Links to the Stuff-A-Bus flyer and Community Letter:

[Stuff-A-Bus Flyer](#)
[Stuff-A-Bus Flyer \(QR Code\)](#)
[Stuff-A-Bus Community Letter](#)

Lost and Found Items!

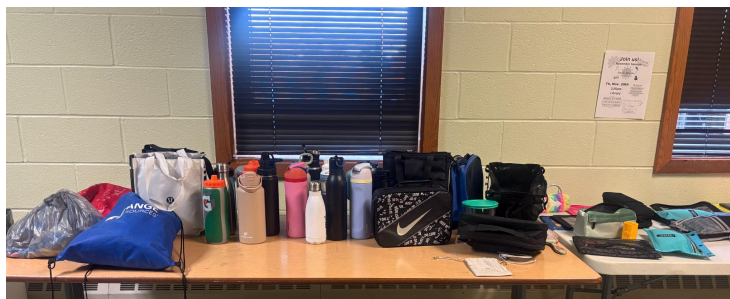
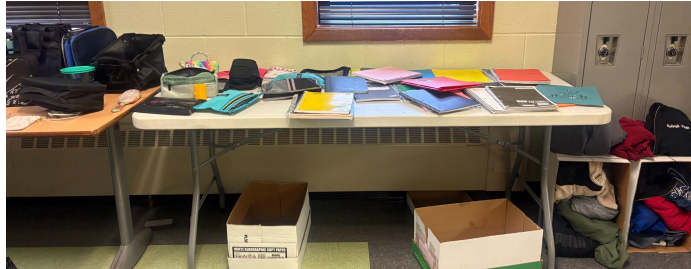
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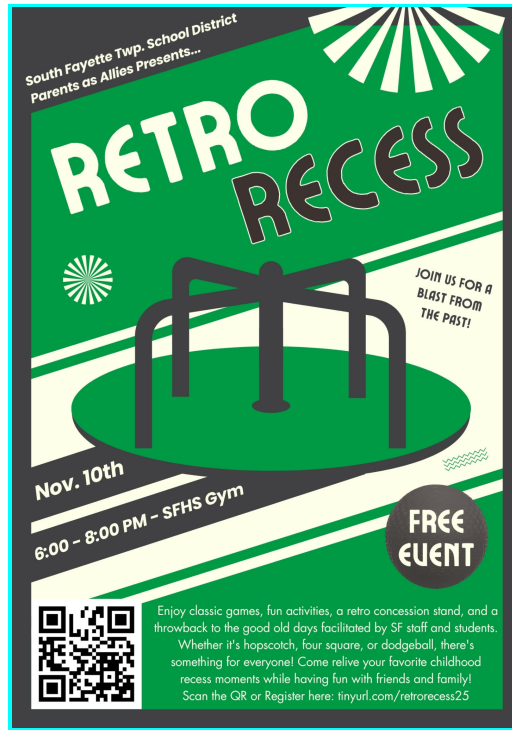


Between the Lions–Student Newspaper
Check out this year's [Newspaper](#) Between the Lions



Week of 11/10-11/14/2025

Retro Recess 2025



Week of 11/3-11/7/2025



In honor of National French Week, Middle School French Club will be selling crepes in the cafeteria during activity period Tues-Fri next week, from November 4-7! Crepes are \$2-3. Open to all middle school students to stop by and experience this delicious French treat!

Penny Challenge

South Fayette School District 2025 Penny Challenge! 🎉

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November 1 – December 8, 2025

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Prizes:



The first-place classroom (the one that raises the most money) will be invited to a special movie event at Phoenix Theaters on January 28th!



The second-place classroom will enjoy a delicious Kona Ice treat!

Let's show our Lion Pride, work together, and make a difference—one penny at a time!



Backpack Buddies for Sale

Backpack Buddies will be for sale for all students during activity period on Wednesday, November 5th in the Chill Room.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

COLLECT THEM ALL!

\$5 EACH

DRAW IN YOUR OWN FACIAL EXPRESSION



*HANDMADE-EACH IS UNIQUE

EACH BUDDY HAS A
DIFFERENT
EMOTION BASED
ON THEIR COLOR

-  BRAVE
-  CALM
-  HAPPY
-  KIND
-  LOVE
-  CREATIVE
-  CONFIDENT
-  ALL THE FEELINGS



FOLLOW: @SFMSCHILLROOM
#BACKPACKBUDDIES



Week of 10/27-10/31/2025

Trail Name Change!



The complete guidelines and submission form are here:

<https://southfayettepa.com/FormCenter/Parks-and-Recreation-Forms-9/Trail-Name-Challenge-95>.

Reminder- There will be a two-hour late start for students on Monday, November 3rd.

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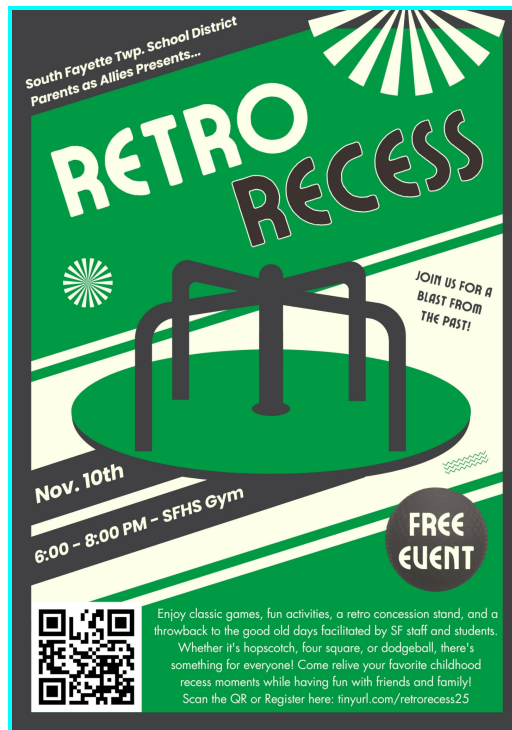


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No School for Students 10/20/2025

Halloween Dance TOMORROW



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- Cost: \$10 per student, \$5 if a Lion Heart member (in advance)
Tickets can be purchased night of the dance for \$15
- We will also have lots of sweet treats to purchase at the Candy Station!!! Items are \$1.00-\$3.00
- For costumes, NO full face masks, weapons or reference to weapons will be permitted. Please plan costumes accordingly.*
- Costume and Dance Contests, Treats...a great night of fun for ONLY and ALL SFMS students (grades 6-8)
- If any parents are able to assist with the dance, we could use a few more helping hands, email Conchetta Bell at clbell@southfayette.org

Boys and Girls Lacrosse TRY-IT Day

Any student in grades K-8 who are interested in learning about or playing lacrosse should plan to participate in the “try it day” on Sunday, October 26th from 12-2 at Fairview Park. Use the [sign up form](#) to indicate interest.

Basketball Skills Clinic

BASKETBALL
SKILLS CLINIC

COMPREHENSIVE
SKILL
DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 12
OCTOBER 19
OCTOBER 26

\$25 PER SESSION
9AM-11AM
SF INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL

Parent must complete district waiver
<https://forms.gle/B47bEaeZp1EzXWkT9>
 For further information email agddelre@southfayette.org

■ **Basketball Skills Clinic.jpeg**

Unified Robotics

Unified Robotics Club application sign ups will begin on 10/20/25. The application will run until 10/24/25. Please use the link below to fill out the application. Once the application window closes, the chosen participants will be emailed about their acceptance into the club.

[Link to the Unified Robotics Application](#)

Lion Hearts Animal Supply Drive

Please support the Lion Hearts with their animal supply drive for the Washington Area Humane Society. A bright green donation box is located in the main entry way of the middle school and supplies will be collected up until Halloween.

SPONSORED BY:

SF Lion Hearts
Club



Week of 10/13-10/17/2025

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Week of 10/6-10/10/2025

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Please join the Middle School principals for the first PAC meeting of the 2025-26 school year. The meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet on Wednesday, October 15th at 9:00AM. The Google Meet can be accessed using the information below:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sby-gybz-nyp>

Or dial: (US) +1 602-892-5223 PIN: 578 504 458#



***SAVE \$8.00 ON THE
YEARBOOK?***

YES, PLEASE!

Order the yearbook before Friday, October 17 to save \$8.00. Make it extra-special by adding personalization and icons to the cover!

SAVE NOW ›

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No School for Students 10/13/2025 and 10/20/2025.

Mini-THON Movie Night



 Mini-THON Fall Fundraiser Graphic.pdf

[Use this sign up form to attend Movie Night](#)

Middle School Clubs and Activities

[Click here to check out the MS Clubs and Activities Available to Students](#)

Picture Retake Day

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Week of 9/29-10/3/2025

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SFMS Family and Student Handbook

At the start of the school year, all students attended an assembly outlining the information and key points from the [SFMS Family and Student Handbook](#). Families can also access the [slides from the handbook presentations](#).

Halloween Dance

TICKETS ON SALE DAILY starting October 9th!!!

DURING ACTIVITY PERIOD IN THE AUDITORIUM!



Come join us for the 11th annual SFMS Halloween Dance
Sponsored by the Lion Hearts Volunteer Club

What you need to know:

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The Chill Room™ Connection

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The Chill Skill™ of the Week is Optimism

Optimism means focusing on the possibility of a positive outcome, even when things are tough. It doesn't mean ignoring problems—it means believing they can be solved or improved.

Try using this [Optimism Calendar](#) through October with your family, it is fun to do together. You can do some, or all of the activities! Anyone that completes at least 10 activities, come and tell me about it in the Chill Room and get a small reward for choosing Optimism!

Week of 9/22-9/26/2025

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The Chill Skill™ of the Week is Relationship Skills

- **What it is:** Building and maintaining healthy and positive relationships with others.
- **Parent Tip:** Encourage your child to share, take turns, and express themselves kindly. Model active listening and respectful communication, and teach your child how to resolve conflicts peacefully.

- **Activity:** Play cooperative games that require teamwork (like building a puzzle together or playing a team sport). Discuss the importance of working together and supporting each other.

MS Girls Basketball Tryouts

For any 7th or 8th grade girls interested in playing Middle School Basketball, tryouts will begin on Monday October 6th and conclude on Wednesday October 8th. Each tryout practice will be from 3:15pm-4:45pm in the Middle School Gym.

Please have all required paperwork submitted to Big Teams (Planet HS) no later than Thursday October 2nd.

No athlete will be able to try out unless all paperwork is completed for the Fall Basketball season.

Please direct any questions for Garrett Del Re via email at gddelre@southfayette.org

Important Dates Ahead

Two-Hour Delay for students on Monday, September 22nd.

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Week of 9/15-9/19/2025

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High School Football Ticket Sales

Pre-sale tickets for all home football games will be available for purchase in the main office starting on Wednesday and ending Friday at 12:30 PM.

Students are \$2 and Adults are \$6.

Week of 9/8-9/12/2025

Important Dates Ahead

Two-Hour Delay for students on Monday, September 22nd.



Attendance Office

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Week of 9/2-9/5/2025

Important Dates Ahead

Middle School Picture Day will be on Wednesday, September 10th.

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Program information can be found [HERE](#)

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Week of 8/25-8/29/2025

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