

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All

Boardroom News

April 2024



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BOARDROOM NEWS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

- ◆ Scottie Spotlight - SHS Interact Club
- ◆ End of Year Activities
- ◆ Grant Updates
- ◆ Zach Malavite took time to recognize two staff members that retired recently and thanked them for all of their dedication and hard work to the Southmoreland School District. Thank you to Deborah Hennessey & Tonya Ripple.



Members Reece Gunderson and Logan Reeger will represent Southmoreland this summer at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

SHS INTERACT CLUB

Sponsored by the Scottdale Rotary



- We started the year by sending volunteers to help with the Children's Area and Clean Up Crew for the Fall Festival.
- From tagging at Walmart to Trick or Treating for Cans throughout Scottdale, we sponsored many activities to help Southmoreland win 1st place in this year's Food Bank Drive.
- Several bake sales were hosted in the SHS Commons to raise funds for the Mustache Club, local families in need, and various local organizations.
- Members volunteered at events including the Hobgoblin Hike, Adopt a Highway with the Scottdale Rotary, West Overton Christmas, and the Scottdale Library.
- Students stayed after school to hand paint and deliver holiday cards to residents at several local nursing homes.
- Interact designed and implemented a "12 Interacts of Christmas" celebration that centered around collecting and donating items for Toys for Tots, Westmoreland Animal Rescue, The Red Cross, and The Salvation Army.
- Students organized and sponsored a first ever, schoolwide Jingle Bell Jubilee where every student in the school was invited to participate in holiday themed activities.
- The club was highlighted twice this school year in the District Interact/Rotary newsletter for sponsoring a Ukrainian orphan and then sending 44 volunteers to help build a home in Greensburg with Habitat for Humanity.



You are invited to . . .

Transition Series

April 24, 2024

6 pm- 8 pm @ SHS Student Union

Family TRANSITION Night

This evening will focus on the two community agencies that help transition our students from the school setting to the community and work environment. Agencies will provide an informational overview of services and be able to answer any questions. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare will be available.



REGIONAL HUMAN INTEGRATED SERVICES - RHIS



OFFICE of VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION - OVR



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION-Cont'd

◆ End of Year Activities

Southmoreland Primary Center End of Year Activities



The following is a listing of important dates/activities for the remainder of the school year:

- April 16 – CWCTC Roadshow
- April 18 – Geological Earth Day Presentation
- April 26 – Career Day
- May 1,8,9 – Pre-School Visits/Tours to SPC
- May 15-16 – 2024/2025 Kindergarten Screenings
- May 28 – PTA Fun Day
- May 31 – First Grade Tour to SES
- August 14-16 – Kindergarten Orientation

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Southmoreland Elementary School End of Year Activities



The following is a listing of important dates/activities for the remainder of the school year:

- April 17 – CWCTC Roadshow
- April 18 – Earth Day Program – Geology
- April 22-May 9 – PSSA ELA/Math (Grades 3-5); PSSA Science (Grade 4)
- April 22 – 5th Grade Clean-Up Project (Afternoon)
- May 7 – Rachel's Challenge
- May 10 – 4th Grade Field Trip – Laurel Caverns
- May 10 – 5th Grade Olympics
- May 13, 20, 23, 18 – Insect Program
- May 13-17 – Scholastic Book Fair
- May 14 – 5th Grade Chorus Concert
- May 15 – 5th Grade History Bowl
- May 15 – Scholastic Parent Night/Donut Truck
- May 20 – 2nd Grade Library Walk
- May 22 – 5th Grade Band Concert
- May 23 – 2nd Grade Field Trip – Maple Bottom Farms
- May 24 – Fun Day
- May 25 – SES Chorus @ PNC Park
- May 28 – 3rd Grade Beach Party
- May 29 – Battle of the Books
- May 31 – 5th Grade to 6th Grade Step Up Program
- June 3 – 5th Grade Graduation

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SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION-Cont'd

◆ End of Year Activities



Southmoreland Middle School End of Year Activities

The following is a listing of important dates/activities for the remainder of the school year:

April 22-May 2	~~~~~	Math/ELA/Science PSSA (Grades 6-8)
May 7	~~~~~	Rachel's Challenge
May 14	~~~~~	Spring Chorus Concert
May 20-21	~~~~~	Keystone Exams – Algebra 1
May 22	~~~~~	Spring Band Concert
May 23	~~~~~	NJHS/Student Council Trip to PNC Park
May 24	~~~~~	PSSA Reward & Fun Day
May 25	~~~~~	Pittsburgh Pirates Performance @ PNC Park
May 28	~~~~~	6 th Grade Student Showcase
May 29	~~~~~	7 th Grade Student Showcase/CWCTC Roadshow
May 30	~~~~~	8 th Grade Student Showcase/CWCTC Roadshow
May 30	~~~~~	Band/Chorus Dance
May 31	~~~~~	5 th → 8 th Grade Step Up Day
June 4	~~~~~	Student Awards Ceremonies

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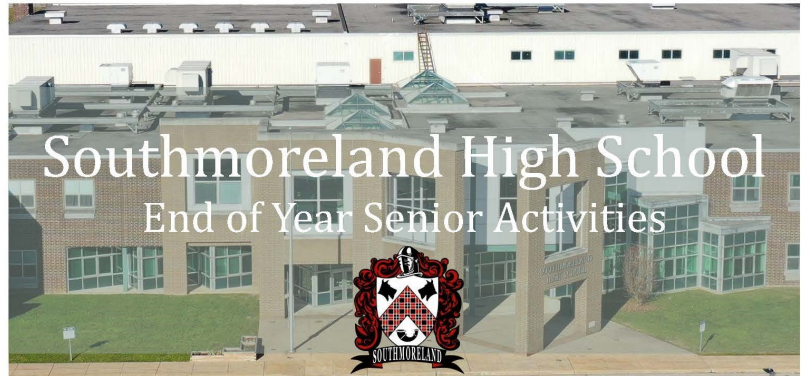
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Southmoreland High School End of Year Senior Activities

The following is a listing of important dates/activities for the remainder of the school year:

October 13-Jostens Cap/Gown Info & Senior Picture-During Scottie Block

December 7- Holiday Choral Program-7pm HS Auditorium

March 14-17- SHS Musical-Mamma Mia

April 11-Pops Concert-7pm-HS Auditorium-CANCELLED

April 24-NHS Induction, 6:30pm-HS Auditorium

April 25-Spring HS Instrumental Concert-7pm-HS Auditorium

May 2 - SHS Spring Chorus Concert - 7 pm - HS Auditorium

May 11 - Grand March - 3 pm - HS Auditorium- Prom -- Edgewood Swissville Country Club

May 13-CWCTC Senior Recognition Ceremony-Time TBA (2 evening Sessions)

May 17 Senior Grades Due

May 22 Senior Chromebook Collection-Location TBA

May 23 Senior Locker Cleanout and Senior Picnic 10:30am-SHS Stadium

May 24 Class Day-8am-HS Auditorium

May 28- Graduation Rehearsal-8:00am-SHS Auditorium

May 29 Scholar's Banquet-6:30pm- HS Cafeteria

June 7 - Graduation Ceremony - 7pm - SHS Auditorium

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BUSINESS MANAGER/TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR INFORMATION

The following reports were posted for Board and public view:

- ◆ Activity and Cyber Charter reports are posted online in BoardDocs
- ◆ 2024-2025 Budget Updates were given. Ms. Mondock attended meetings with other local Business Managers and talked about 2024-2025 budgets. There was no news on Cyber schools yet. Other budget items reported on were an increase for basic education funding, healthcare could be around 12%, and there could be a nearly \$261,000 savings from the ERIP offered. She was able to reduce transportation by \$10,000, added a technology refresh cost, CWCTC increased at nearly 8.83%, purchased services were reduced and building budgets remained flat, curriculum adoption still the same, & they are still in negotiations with SEA and SEIU so those costs are still unclear.
- ◆ The Audit Report was presented from Mark C. Turnley, CPA which can be found at the following link: [HERE](#)

**SOUTHMORELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCOTSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE

WITH REPORTS OF

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**



SOLICITOR’S INFORMATION

None at this time.

CWCTC REPORT

The budget is up for approval with some changes.

WIU REPORT

Last meeting was on March 26th. There were discussions about safety, retirees, contentious issues related to the fund balance policy were resolved and policy passed, talks about Cisco Presidio consortium & there will be changes coming to allow the WIU to earn money.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

There is no report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building, Grounds and Safety

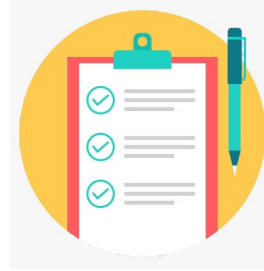
There was no meeting this month. There are issues at various buildings that will need attention soon. Next meeting will be April 17, 2024.

Finance, District Operations, Transportation

Last meeting was April 2nd. There was another budget update, talked about ESSERS funds left that need to be spent and curriculum funds from the ESSERS money. Next meeting will be May 1, 2024.

Personnel, Policy, Academics

None at this time. Next meeting will be April 23, 2024.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Non-Academic, Athletics, Extra-Curricular

Trap Team has over 40 participants. There will be a new Spectator Code of Conduct up for vote and it will be displayed at all events. Next meeting will be TBD.

School Safety & Security

Talked about the grant that was awarded, and a police cruiser that was donated by the Scottsdale Police Department. We are updating it with SSD graphics. It can be used for events with road crossings. Next meeting will be June 3, 2024.

SCHOOL BOARD

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Meeting Minutes—March 19, 2024.
- ◆ PSBA Membership Renewal for the 2024-2025 school year.

POLICIES

There were no policies approved this month.





STUDENT REPORTS

Student representatives to the Board Nolan Blaze & Faith Tarr presented the following:

1. Scottie Scholar: Christine Cable
2. Scottie Spirit: Faith Tarr
3. Bump It Up took place on March 27 in the Southmoreland High School gymnasium with approximately 150 students participating who raised \$1225 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
4. On Wednesday, March 27th, members of SHS's Tri-M Music Honor Society took a trip to Pittsburgh to visit Phipps Conservatory, enjoy dinner at The Porch, and see the national touring production of Mamma Mia! at the Benedum Center.
5. Congratulations to Sophomore Madison Lucia for earning a Silver Medal in Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Pennsylvania State SkillsUSA competition.
6. The Student Council Red Cross Blood Drive took place today at the high school. Thirty-four successful units were collected saving 102 lives! The Red Cross made a point of complimenting Dr. Brown on the kindness, respectfulness, and compassion shown by the student helpers.
7. National Honor Society inductions will take place next Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium
8. The Spring Band Concert will take place next Thursday, April 25th, at 7 pm in the High School Auditorium
9. Our second annual Powderpuff football event will be held Saturday, April 27th at Russ Grimm Field. Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.





STUDENT REPORTS-Cont'd

Student representatives to the Board Nolan Blaze & Faith Tarr presented the following:

School Board Notes - April 16, 2024

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10. The Spring Choral Concert will take place Thursday, May 2nd at 7 pm.
11. Members of the Southmoreland musical production of Mamma Mia! will be performing selections from the show at Encore! A Showcase of Local Talent on Sunday, May 5th with performances at 1 pm and 6pm. Four select students were also chosen to be in the opening and closing numbers, which will feature performers from other local high school productions.
12. SHS Special Education Department is hosting a transition series on April 24 in the SHS Student Union. Regional Human Integrated Services and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will focus on transitioning students from the school setting to the community and workforce. Light refreshments will be served. (see attached flyer)





PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Personnel Log-See below
- ◆ Psychology Intern-The Board approved Isabella Dias as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2024-2025 school year paid for with PHEAA Grant money without benefits. All clearances are current and on file with Administration
- ◆ The Board approved the addition of Article XII, Section 8 - Tier II Employee Act 235 Reimbursement to the Educational Support Staff Agreement 2023-2025.

Personnel Resignations-Sorry to see you go!

- ◆ Timothy S. Karpiak, School Police Officer (Resign)
- ◆ Priscilla Truszka, Food Service (Resign) -Will still sub

Personnel Retirements-Sorry to see you go, but CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ Andrea Hanford, School Counselor (Retire)
- ◆ Tammy Tabaj, Elementary Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Jane Layman, STEM/Computer Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Richard Kriger, Elementary Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Mary Beth Sweeney, Special Education Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Judith Hensler, Special Education Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Wesley Nicholson, Middle Level Science Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ David Keefer, Social Studies Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Pamela Wortman, STEM Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Diane Stoker, Elementary Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Alexander Kustra, Special Education Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Susan Jones, Elementary Teacher (Retire)
- ◆ Barbara Conn, Administrative Assistant (Retire)



New Hires-A very warm welcome to the following!

Denise Barbus - Cafeteria at SES
Robin Hann - Cafeteria at SHS
Nikki Lewandowski - Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Personnel Leaves-Best wishes!

Employee #3560, effective approximately May 17, 2024 for the remainder of the school year.



Bus/Van Drivers - Quest

- ◆ Joseph L. Cramer, Sr.



EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ Private Industry Council/Pre-K Counts 2024-2025
- ◆ 2024-2025 School Calendar-See next page
- ◆ Westmoreland County SAP Agreement
- ◆ Chestnut Ridge Counseling/New Directions Agreement
- ◆ New SHS Math & ELA Curriculum
- ◆ New SMS ELA Curriculum
- ◆ Student Settlement Agreement



FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report
- ◆ Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- ◆ Awarding of Multi-Purpose Paper Bid 2024-2025
- ◆ Awarding of Diesel Fuel Bid 2024-2025
- ◆ Awarding of Gasoline Fuel Bid 2024-2025
- ◆ Awarding of Insurance Broker to Defurio Mongell
- ◆ WIU 2024-2025 Budget
- ◆ CWCTC 2024-2025 Budget



BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

No new items approved this month.



ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Posting of Bids for Athletic Equipment
- ◆ Southmoreland Athletics Spectator Code of Conduct



SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 CALENDAR
BOARD APPROVED - 4/16/2024

	STUDENT DAYS	TEACHER DAYS
AUGUST 2024	4	7
22 - CLERICAL DAY (1ST DAY FOR TEACHERS)		
23 - IN-SERVICE DAY		
26 - IN-SERVICE DAY		
27 - 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
SEPTEMBER 2024	19	20
2 - LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL		
11 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
23 - ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
OCTOBER 2024	22	23
16 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
28 - ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
NOVEMBER 2024	17	18
8 - ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
11 - VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL		
28 - FALL RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
29 - FALL RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
DECEMBER 2024	14	15
2 - FALL RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
11 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
23 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
24 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
25 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
26 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
27 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
30 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
31 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
JANUARY 2025	21	21
1 - WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
20 - MLK JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL		
22 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
FEBRUARY 2025	18	19
10 - ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
12 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
17 - PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL		
MARCH 2025	20	21
14 - ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
APRIL 2025	19	19
9 - 2 HR DELAY - TEACHER PD/DATA MEETINGS		
17 - SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
18 - SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
21 - SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL		
MAY 2025	20	21
2 - IN-SERVICE DAY		
26 - MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL		
30 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
JUNE 2025	0	2
3 - CLERICAL DAY		
4 - IN-SERVICE DAY		

THIS CALENDAR MAY BE ALTERED OR EXTENDED IN CASE OF WEATHER RELATED OR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING



Let's go Scotties!

**Next Board meeting is scheduled
for May 21, 2024**