



Southmoreland District Newsletter

2024 - 2025



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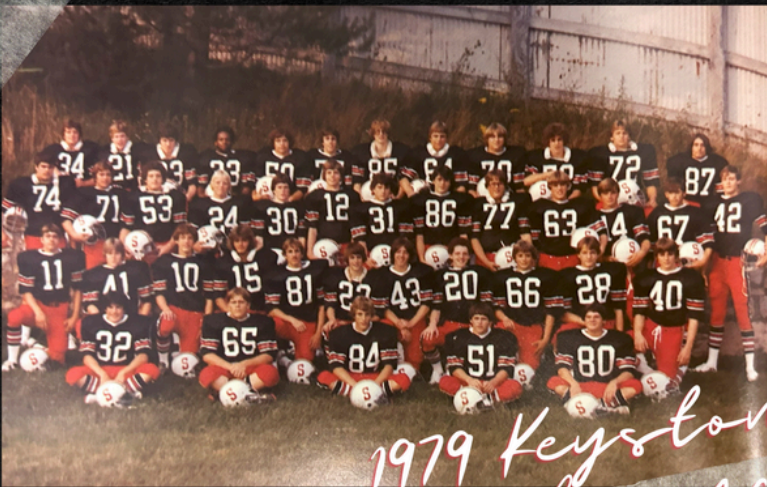


WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHMORELAND

Flash Back

1979

**Southmoreland Conference
Champion Football Team!**



*1979 Keystone
Conference
Champs*

**OCTOBER 4,
2024**

HERE'S WHAT'S UP!

- Welcome from the Superintendent
- Device Insurance Program
- SPC
- SES
- SMS
- SHS
- Athletics
- Homecoming

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.

Willie Nelson





WELCOME

From the Superintendent

Dr. Jason Boone



As Superintendent of Southmoreland School District, it is both an honor and a joy to welcome you back to another exciting academic year! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of the Southmoreland family.

At Southmoreland, we are more than a school district—we are a community committed to providing every student with an enriching, safe, and inclusive environment where each learner is valued, supported, and inspired. Together, we work to foster an atmosphere that respects diversity, celebrates individuality, and encourages every student to step into their full potential.

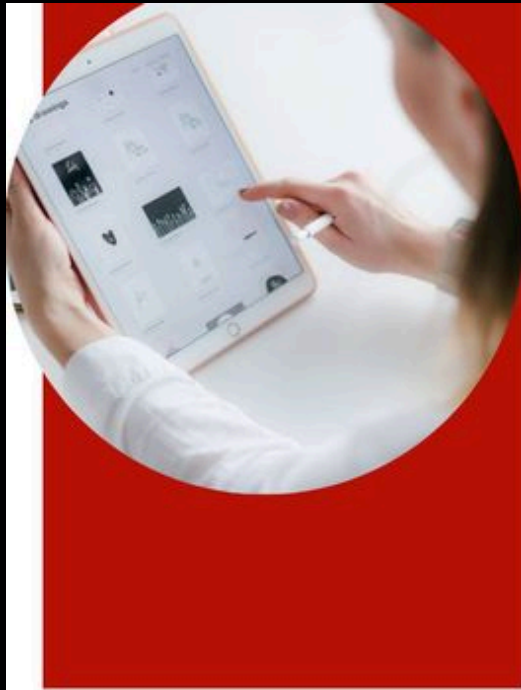
Our vision, "Cultivating Life-Long Learners Ready for an Ever-Changing World," serves as our guiding compass. We believe that preparing our students for the future means not only providing a solid academic foundation but also nurturing the skills, character, and resilience they will need to thrive in a world that is constantly evolving.

This year, we continue our commitment to a cycle of growth and improvement, refining the learning experiences we offer and expanding opportunities for each student. Our dedicated team of educators, administrators, and support staff are excited to embark on another year of innovation and excellence, ensuring that our students benefit from the latest advancements in technology, enhanced facilities, and a wide range of extracurricular programs designed to develop both their minds and hearts.

Education, we believe, is a collective endeavor. Our schools thrive because of the invaluable support and involvement of parents and community members, who walk alongside us as we guide our students on their educational journeys. Your partnership and commitment truly make a difference in creating a community of learners who are equipped and eager to embrace the future.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of Southmoreland School District. Together, let's make this a year of growth, learning, and lasting impact in the lives of our students and our community. Welcome back!





1-TO-1 DEVICE INSURANCE PROGRAM



Why Choose the Insurance Program?



Typical Repair Costs:

- Factory Charger \$32.00
- Protective Case \$35.00
- Keyboard \$35.00
- Screen \$50.00
- Chromebook Case (Palm rest/Back of Screen) \$50.00-\$75.00
- Total Replacement \$248.00

Benefits of the Student Technology Device Insurance Program:

- **Affordable Protection:** Just \$20 for the entire school year.
- **Covers Repairs:** Includes up to two repairs for **ACCIDENTAL** damage to district-owned devices (e.g., iPads, Chromebooks).
- **Minimizes Disruptions:** Ensures students can quickly get back to learning with minimal downtime.
- **Peace of Mind:** Protects against unexpected repair costs, reducing the financial burden on families.
- **Simple Enrollment:** Easy and hassle-free enrollment process.

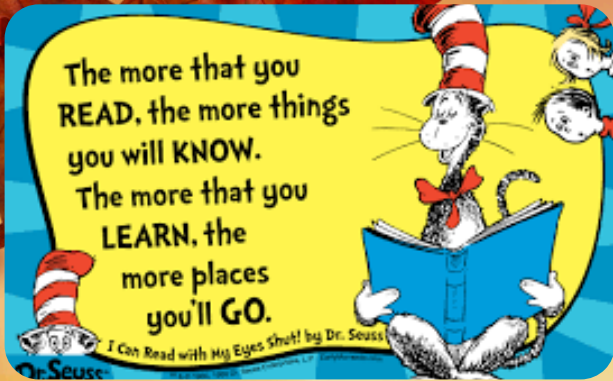
Keep your child's learning on track by enrolling in the Device Insurance Program today!

Enroll Here





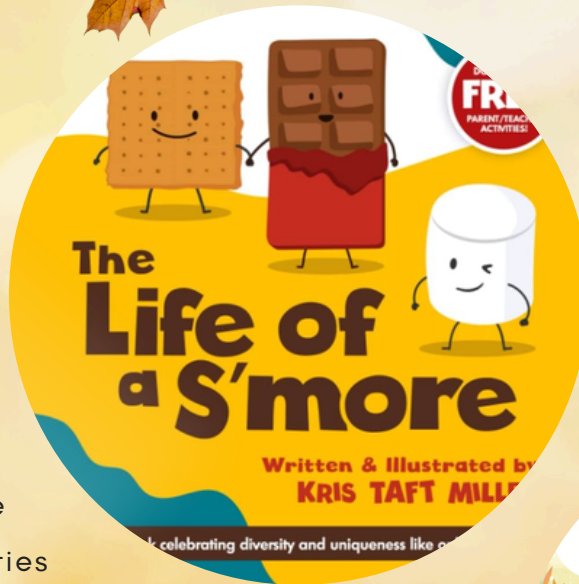
SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER



Reading Under the Lights

by Amber Cernuto

Preschool aged children up to first grade had a fun evening of reading under the lights, the event was organized by Dan Clara and Kristin Smith. Families were able to rotate through stations with snacks, activities and readings were done by Southmoreland teachers and volunteers from the Scottdale Library.





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Foundations of Education
students taught lessons at SPC



YEA students read with SPC
students





SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mrs. Cernuto's room for winning SPC's homeroom WPIAL food drive contest. They collected a total of 248 items. Thank you to JJ's Pizza for donating pizza to the winning homeroom! A huge thank you to all of SPC for their generosity in donating items to our cause!





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



First Grade Class



by Ron Heitchue, Principal

Welcome Back, First Graders!! We are ready to kick off a fantastic year of learning, growth and FUN! Our first-grade team is excited to welcome you all back to school. Let's make this year one to remember!!





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCIENCE



5th grade Science students exploring with experiments and STEM challenges



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Art Classes



Mrs. Goodman's art classes have been busy creating:

3rd-grade students created eerie ghost artworks using chalk pastels

2nd-grade art students effectively combined leaf rubbings and watercolor techniques to produce outstanding final products

4th-grade students finalized their pattern-based landscape artwork





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A grant from The Rural Technology Fund, facilitated by Mr. Vankirk, enabled the purchase of 12 Blue-Bots for teaching coding skills to students.



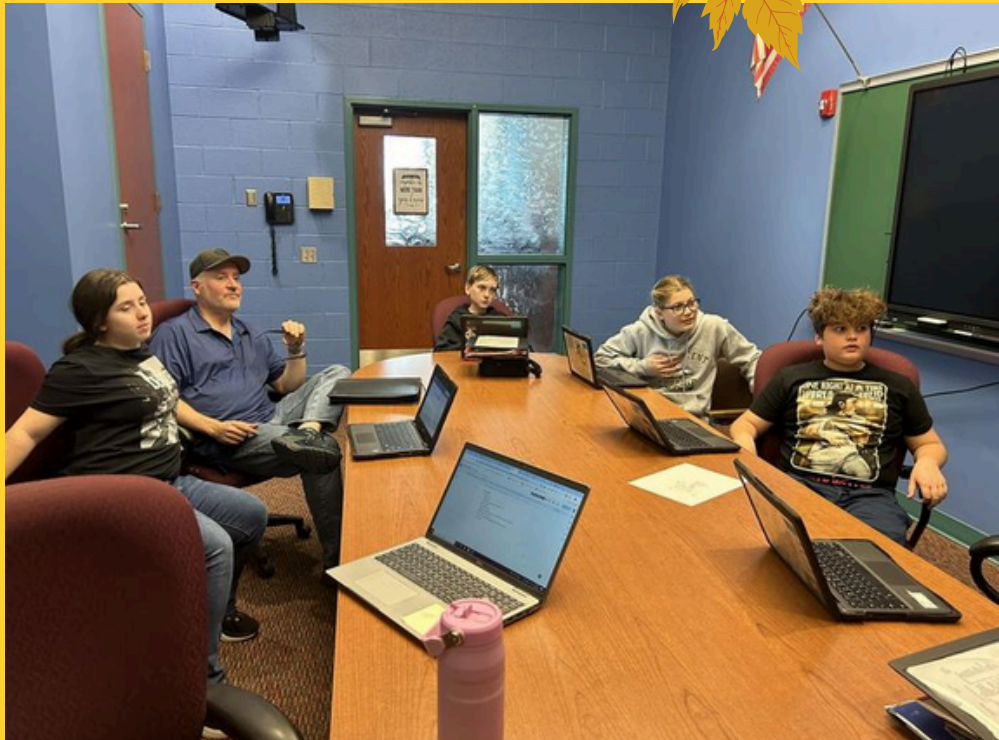


SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mock Trial



James Klugh, Principal



Thank you to Kevin Henderson of Henderson Law Office in Scottsdale for helping our students prepare for Mock Trial!



SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



FOR Club



James Klugh, Principal

Congratulations to these AMAZING students that were recognized by our FOR Club. They are the following: Laurel Cavalier, Glenn Husband, Allison Sedar, and Emily Savanick, Keep BEEING amazing boys and girls!!!



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Interact Club



by Charity Colebank, Principal

The Craig sisters started the day off right by showing some kindness!!!! The Scottdale Rotary sponsored Interact Club is collecting donations for various projects right now! The students are involved, and we would love to see the community get involved as well! From plastic bags to canned goods to clothing for orphans in Ukraine, email hixsonj@southmoreland.net if you would like to help!



Anatomy & Physiology Class

by Charity Colebank, Principal

Students in Mr. Cavalier's anatomy and physiology classes built amino acids using molecular model kits and then assembled them into polypeptides, the stuff proteins are made of. In assembling the amino acids together, they modeled the process of dehydration synthesis, a vital type of chemical reaction in living things.





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Dry Erase Boards

by Charity Colebank, Principal



Mr. Tonini's math classes are excited to use their new portable dry erase boards!





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Mr. Maginsky's AP Physics class learned how to design, engineer, and make a camper built from the bed of a truck!



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Senior Parking Spaces

by Charity Colebank, Principal



Southmoreland High School seniors are excited to continue the tradition of personalizing their parking spaces. Students are busy painting their spots, adding a unique touch of creativity and school spirit to our campus as they prepare for their final year."



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

DONATION DRIVE



Scotties donated a truckload of donations to North Carolina!





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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:

Oct. 24-Senior Breakfast, Senior Picture, Cap and Gown Info-

March 13-16- SHS Musical, SHS Auditorium

April 29 - SHS Spring Choir Concert - pm - HS Auditorium

May 1-Spring HS Instrumental Concert-7pm-HS Auditorium

May 10 - Grand March -3 pm - HS Auditorium- Prom - Greensburg Country Club

May 14-Scholar Dinner 6:00pm, HS Cafe

TBA - National Technology Honor Society Inductions-CWCTC- Time TBA

TBA-CWCTC Senior Recognition Ceremony-Time TBA per program

May 20 -Senior Picnic 10:30am -SHS Stadium

May 21 Senior Grades Due

May 21 Senior Chromebook Collection(-A-K 9:00 am, L-Z 10:00am)-HS Student Union

May 21 Senior Locker Cleanout

May 23 Class Day-8am-HS Auditorium

May 27- Graduation Rehearsal-8:00am

May 30 - Graduation Ceremony - 7pm - SHS Auditorium

Southmoreland High School

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CLASS OF 2025





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September Scottie Scholar Award



Congratulations to Lexi Ohler, the recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award for September! Lexi has been recognized for her outstanding service to both the school and the community, as well as her academic achievements.

She has demonstrated her commitment through volunteer work at the SHS food drive, freshman orientation, Prom, Bump It Up, Powderpuff, and the Scottdale Winter Celebration of Lights. Lexi also holds leadership roles as the Student Council Historian and Senior Class Historian. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Reading Team, the school newspaper, and serves as a Student Athlete Advisory Council Representative.

We are proud to honor Lexi Ohler as the Scottie Scholar Award Winner for September.





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

September Spirit of Southmoreland Award



The Spirit of Southmoreland Award recognizes students who exemplify service, pride, integrity, responsibility, ingenuity, and tenacity. For September, we are proud to present the award to Riley Puckey.

Riley is a dedicated leader, serving as National Honor Society member, varsity volleyball captain, varsity softball player, student council treasurer, and senior class treasurer. She is also a scholar athlete and active in Penn State 4.0 Club, TFIM, YEA, Spanish Club, and Interact Club.

Riley volunteers with Powderpuff, Bump It Up, Scholars Banquet, SHS Softball Clinic, and more. Congratulations, Riley, on being the Spirit of Southmoreland winner for September!





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL October Scottie Scholar Award



Congratulations to Reece Gunderson, the recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award for October! Reece has been recognized for her outstanding service to both the school and the community.

Reece Gunderson has shown outstanding leadership and community involvement as President of the Interact Club, organizing Habitat for Humanity builds, food drives, holiday events, and card-writing for seniors. She has also contributed to Operation Smith and reforestation projects at her previous school. Academically, Reece excels as a member of the Penn State 4.0 Club, NHS, YEA, and the Reading Team, while also serving as a Student Council Representative. She further honed her leadership skills by attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week. Reece's dedication makes her a deserving recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award for October.



We are proud to honor Reece Gunderson as the Scottie Scholar Award Winner for October.



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

October Spirit of Southmoreland Award



The Spirit of Southmoreland Award recognizes students who exemplify service, pride, integrity, responsibility, ingenuity, and tenacity. For September, we are proud to present the award to Selby Bell.

Selby runs cross country, plays golf and is on the track team. Selby is involved with Student Council, National Honor Society, Interact Club, YEA Club, Penn State 4.0 club and is a Student Council School Board Representative.

Selby is a ski instructor at Seven Springs and was awarded Rookie of the Year.

Selby was also a member of the SHS Homecoming Court.

Congratulations, Selby, on being the Spirit of Southmoreland winner for October!





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

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AT
WORK





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND





SOUTHMORELAND ATHLETICS

Fall Sports Highlights

by Brian Pritts, Athletic Director

- Middle School Boys Soccer finished their season 11-0 scoring 70 goals and only allowing 2!
- The High School Girls Soccer Team had another solid season finishing 10-7 and qualifying for the WPIAL Playoffs!
- The High School Boys Soccer Team also had a strong season! They finished 11-7 and also qualified for the WPIAL Playoffs!
- Boys and Girls Golf had competitive seasons and showed much improvement! Kendall Campbell advanced to the WPIAL Championship!
- Lexi Ohler finished in 4th place in the WPIAL Cross Country Championships and will compete in the PIAA Championships on November 2nd in Hershey!
- Football finished the regular season 7-3 and will host Highlands in a WPIAL Playoff game on Friday, 11/1!
- Volleyball won their 2nd consecutive Section Championship and has advanced to the WPIAL Semifinals Tuesday, 10/29 at 6 PM they will play Quaker Valley at North Allegheny! The girls also qualified for the PIAA Playoffs for the 1st time in School History!

GREAT JOB!





SOUTHMORELAND ATHLETICS



All-Academic Student-Athletes were recognized, we are grateful for their efforts & all they do!



SOUTHMORELAND ATHLETICS



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ONLINE**

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WPIAL



**FOURTH ANNUAL
FOOD & FUND DRIVE**

YOU CAN TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE!

HELP SOUTHMORELAND FIGHT HUNGER!

DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER, SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE COUNTY ARE COLLECTING MONETARY AND FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AT ALL HOME SPORTING EVENTS.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPCOMING DONATION LOCATIONS AND EVENTS.





HOMECOMING COURT 2024

Makayla Etling
 Claire Lehman
Belle Lint - Queen
 Lanie Moore
 Saylor Oravetz
 Riley Puckey
 Aubrey Seder

Selby Bell
Jimmy Carson - King
 Landon Delara
 Jake Kaylor
 Ethan Kenney
 Camren Phillips
 Elliott Premus





ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Dr. Jason Boone**
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- Dr. Daniel Clara**
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- Ms. Pam Mondock**
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Transportation Director
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- Mr. John Puskar**
Director of Technology
- Mr. Steve Smithula**
Computer Network Administrator
- Mr. Greg Keefer**
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- Mr. Brian Pritts**
Athletic Director
- Mr. Calvin Trader**
Director of Facilities and Operations
- Mr. Zachary Malavite**
Director of Food Service
- Mrs. Charity Colebank**
High School Principal
- Ms. Kaely Potochnik**
High School Assistant Principal
- Mr. James Klugh**
Middle School Principal
- Mr. Daniel Krofcheck**
Elementary School Principal
- Mr. Ron Heitchue**
Primary School Principal

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