



# SOUTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2024

Happy  
Holidays

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### Season's Greetings, South Amboy Families!

As we turn the page toward the new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting and enriching journey of our scholars and schools this fall. Our administrators and teachers have worked tirelessly to bring innovative educational opportunities to life—from classrooms and field trips filled with curiosity to creative arts showcases and celebrations that highlight the incredible spirit of our school community.

Speaking of community, I recently had the pleasure of meeting with families alongside Assistant Superintendent Dr. Martin Gurczeski for our latest Coffee & Conversations at the Elementary and Middle/High Schools. These informal chats are a chance for us to come together to discuss not only the latest enhancements that are helping scholars to meet and exceed their goals, but areas where there might be room for improvement. I always come away from these meaningful discussions with a renewed sense of connection and commitment toward building on our progress. I encourage you to keep your eye out for our next coffee session and, of course, to attend monthly Board of Education meetings for the latest district news.

Together, let's keep the spirit of learning and collaboration alive this winter and beyond. I hope you all enjoy wonderful holiday celebrations and a Blessed and Prosperous 2025! —*Dr. Frederick D. Williams*

### QUICK LINKS

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## District Job Vacancies

- ONE (1) PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONALS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ANTICIPATED FT BSI TEACHER - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (REPLACE JOY LAVIGNE DUE TO RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2025)
- ELEMENTARY TEACHER LEAVE REPLACEMENT
- AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER - MIDDLE/HS
- ELA LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOR THE MIDDLE/HS



## DISTRICT EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 2, 2025:** SCHOOLS REOPEN

**JANUARY 2:** BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING

**JANUARY 9:** EARLY DISMISSAL (STAFF IN-SERVICE)

**JANUARY 14:** SAPTO MEETING

**JANUARY 20** SCHOOLS CLOSED (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY)

**JANUARY 27:** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, TENTATIVE

**FEBRUARY 5:** EARLY DISMISSAL (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: ES-NIGHT/MHS-AFTERNOON)

**FEBRUARY 6:** EARLY DISMISSAL (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: ES-AFTERNOON/MHS-NIGHT)

**FEBRUARY 7:** SAES FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

**FEBRUARY 17:** SCHOOL CLOSED (PRESIDENTS' DAY)

**FEBRUARY 24:** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, TENTATIVE

**FEBRUARY 27 - 28:** EARLY DISMISSAL (STAFF IN-SERVICE)

**MARCH 13:** EARLY DISMISSAL (STAFF IN-SERVICE)

**MARCH 18:** SAES MOTHER-SON DANCE

**MARCH 12:** SAPTO MEETING

**MARCH 24:** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, TENTATIVE

**MARCH 31:** SCHOOLS CLOSED (EID AL-FITR)

**APRIL 18 - 25:** SCHOOLS CLOSED (SPRING RECESS)



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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

SEAN DUNPHY, PRINCIPAL | MICHELLE BUCHANAN, VICE PRINCIPAL



## PreK at the Pumpkin Patch

On October 15, our PreK classes visited the pumpkin patch. They had a blast seeing the farm animals, picking pumpkins and going on a hayride!



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our PTO sponsored our annual fall book fair from scholastic. The students were very excited to go and buy books and explore everything the book fair had to offer. It was a tremendous success and our students were very happy to share the books they bought at the fair.



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## Third Grade YMCA Water Safety Class

We began our Water Safety classes in third grade at the YMCA. For four sessions each class in third grade will visit the YMCA and be able to learn how to swim and water safety rules while using the pool at the YMCA. This is a joint venture between South Amboy City Council, The South Amboy YMCA, and our school. All the kids had a blast!



## Fire Safety Week

The fire department came to speak to our students in grades K-2 about fire safety for Fire Safety Week in October. The kids watched a video and then were able to go outside and visit with the firemen and the firetrucks. All the students had a great time.



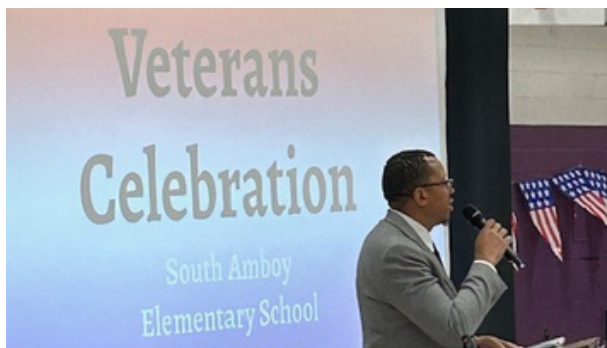
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## Veteran's Day Celebration

Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Russo, the SAEA, and many of our staff members put together a Veteran's Day celebration. The community was invited to participate by submitting pictures for our Wall of Heroes. Community partners brought food, snacks, and some free SWAG for all participants. Students were encouraged to write about "Their Hero," and we had 17 students between the two schools who chose to read their submissions. Finally each K-5 grade selected a song to sing and perform using sign language. This video was shown after our student and guest speakers, which included our superintendent Dr. Williams, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, and Mayor Fred Henry. It was a tremendous success!



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Educator of the Year Awards

### GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Harlan had multiple nominations for teacher of the year, and she is well deserving of those nominations. Mrs. Harlan has been a teacher in the South Amboy elementary school for the past 18 years. She is currently in the role as a teacher of Fifth Grade Language Arts and Social Studies. Mrs. Harlan is our Fifth Grade team leader. She takes great pride in her work and her students, even after they leave the elementary school and move onto the middle school.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Strzykalski has been a paraprofessional in our district for the past 31 years. She has served in many different classrooms and many different capacities spending time at both schools in our district throughout her 31 years. Mrs. Strzykalski is the president of the South Amboy Educators Association and a proud citizen of the city of South Amboy.



# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

JAMES H. BROWN, JR., PRINCIPAL | ERIN LAMBERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL



## Students of the Month

A special congratulations goes to our recent SAMHS "Go Guvs" Students of the Month!



SEPTEMBER:  
MERAJ MANNAN, HARLIE-QUINN BYRD,  
CHRISTOPHER CASTRO VILLEGAS,  
CARMEN GARCETE, JOHN KELLY,  
ANGEL ZANNOU, AND RYAN MATTEO



OCTOBER:  
EMMA KELLY, DMYTRO BASIUK,  
YANELY MENDOZA-ROSARIO,  
LAISA DELA CRUZ  
(NOT PICTURED: BRADY KENNA,  
NOAH LOPEZ, AND  
OLEKSANDRA KLYM)

## Take Advantage of Afterschool Support!

We are pleased to announce that South Amboy MHS has launched an extended day program to provide additional academic support for our students. The program offers small group instruction in Language Arts and Mathematics, designed to help students strengthen their skills and succeed in these critical subjects. **The program runs from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and it is completely free of charge.** To ensure all families have the opportunity to participate, a sign-up form has been sent out to parents several times through the parent portal. We encourage families to take advantage of this valuable resource and sign their child up if they haven't already done so. As an added bonus, students who attend the program will receive a free snack, generously sponsored by our wonderful PTO. We look forward to seeing many students benefit from this extra support!



# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

JAMES H. BROWN, JR., PRINCIPAL | ERIN LAMBERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL



## Successful College & Career Fair

We are excited to share that the South Amboy Middle High School recently hosted a dynamic and engaging College & Career Fair. Students had an enriching experience as they explored various tables set up throughout the gym, sparking new ideas and gathering valuable information to help shape their future plans. Over 40 representatives from colleges, along with professionals from a wide range of career fields, were on hand to provide insightful guidance and resources. The event was an incredible opportunity for our students to connect with potential paths and gain a deeper understanding of the possibilities that lie ahead. A special thank you to the South Amboy Middle High School Guidance Team for their outstanding efforts in bringing this event to life. Their hard work and dedication ensured that the fair was a success and that our students had a meaningful and informative experience.

## SAMHS Drama Club Performs *Snow White*

We are thrilled to share that the SAMHS Drama Club recently delivered an incredible performance of *Snow White*. Over the past few months, our students worked tirelessly to bring this fantastic show to life, and their dedication truly paid off. The auditorium was filled with community members on November 15-16, all eager to watch our talented students perform. From the opening scene to the final curtain, the audience was treated to a delightful mix of humor, excitement, and pure entertainment. The students showcased their impressive talents, and there was a palpable sense of joy and enthusiasm throughout both performances. A special thank you to Mrs. Navarria and Mrs. Cotter and their team for their exceptional guidance and hard work in putting together such a wonderful production. Their vision and leadership were key to making this performance a memorable success. We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to everyone who made this event possible!





# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Celebrating Hispanic and Latino Heritage

On November 20, we proudly hosted our first-ever Hispanic and Latino Heritage Student Showcase, a vibrant and meaningful event that highlighted the incredible talent and cultural richness of our students. The program, held in the school auditorium, was performed for both the student body and the public, offering a dynamic mix of soulful singing, powerful poetry readings, and captivating dance routines.

These performances not only entertained but also educated the audience, shedding light on the rich history, struggles, and achievements of individuals of Hispanic descent. The event was a true celebration of the contributions of the Hispanic community, and it provided a platform for our students to express themselves creatively while fostering a deeper understanding of diversity and inclusion.

Programs like this are a testament to the importance of honoring and embracing the diversity within our school community. We are proud to continue creating opportunities like this for our students to showcase their talents and learn from one another.

A special thanks goes to the entire Hispanic Heritage committee consisting of: Mrs. Lamberson, Mrs. Grasso-Finochio, Mrs. Nisraiyya, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lopez, and Mrs. Woods. A HUGE shout out goes to the core and heart of the performance who was truly instrumental in making this happen and that is none other than our new Spanish teacher, Ms. Paulina Romo! Additionally, wonderful pictures were taken by our very own sophomore student, Sophia Hernandez.

We look forward to producing many more programs that celebrate and honor our students' diverse backgrounds.



# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

JAMES H. BROWN, JR., PRINCIPAL | ERIN LAMBERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL



## Epic Fall Pep Rally...

School spirit was at an all-time high as students filled the gym for an unforgettable Fall Pep Rally. The energy was electric as each fall sports team was celebrated for their dedication to representing the purple and gold on the field. It was a moment of pride for our athletes and the entire school community.

A special shout-out to Mr. Luis Nieves, who switched from his physical education teacher role to become our DJ for the day, providing music that took the rally to the next level. Students danced, cheered, and showed immense support for their peers throughout the event.

The excitement didn't stop there—"Minute to Win It" games were introduced to get a variety of students involved and add an extra element of fun and competition. As the rally came to a close, the gym turned into a full-on dance party, with students and staff alike taking over the dance floor and showing off their best moves. It was truly an epic event that captured the spirit and unity of our school. Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable experience!

## And Powder Puff Football!

The Class of 2025 sponsored this exciting event, and advisors Mrs. Grasso-Finochio and Mrs. Vancil-Collins, put in a lot of work and did an awesome job. The freshmen girls played the sophomores, which was followed by the main event, in which the juniors played the defending champs, the seniors, and won in exciting fashion. The boys brought joy to the game by cheerleading and bringing positive vibes through dance, chants, and routines.



# MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

JAMES H. BROWN, JR., PRINCIPAL | ERIN LAMBERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL



## Educator of the Year Awards

### GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

A huge shout-out goes to Mrs. Jessica Grasso-Finochio for being selected as the Governor's Educator of the Year! This prestigious recognition is a testament to her unwavering dedication, exceptional teaching practices, and profound impact on our students and school community. Mrs. Grasso-Finochio exemplifies excellence in education, inspiring both her students and colleagues with her passion, creativity, and commitment to fostering a love of learning. We are incredibly proud to have her as a valued member of our team and grateful for all that she does to make a difference every single day. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

A huge shout-out goes to Mrs. Sheri Lieboff for being selected as the Educational Services Professional of the Year! As a valued member of our Child Study Team, Mrs. Lieboff plays a vital role in ensuring the success and well-being of our students. Her expertise, compassion, and unwavering dedication to meeting the diverse needs of our learners make her an indispensable part of our school community. She works tirelessly to support students, families, and staff, fostering an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive. This well-deserved recognition highlights her exceptional contributions and the profound impact she has on the lives of those around her. Congratulations, Mrs. Lieboff, on this outstanding achievement.



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JA'MON DUNN, DIRECTOR



## Fall Sports

The Fall 2024 season was an enjoyable experience for all! Sports included Varsity Boys/Girls Soccer, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Girls Tennis, Middle School Boys/Girls soccer, and Middle School Cross Country. As a result of the enormous interest in HS Boys soccer, we were able to add a JV Boys Soccer team! Our student athletes worked extremely hard and continuously improved throughout the season. As always, our coaching staff did an excellent job in molding our student athletes. We look forward to continuing to build our Athletic programs and fostering an environment in which our student/athletes develop into the leaders of the future!



## GMC Sportsmanship Summit

Select High School Student Athletes participated in the GMC Sportsmanship Summit on 9/18 and 12/4 at the Woodbridge Community Center. This event was created by the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) to enhance sportsmanship and encourage positive conversations about sportsmanship among student athletes throughout the county. The Sportsmanship Summit occurs each season and features various guest speakers and facilitators.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JA'MON DUNN, DIRECTOR



## Athletes of the Month

The Athlete of the Month is a new tradition at South Amboy Middle High School. This award encompasses many aspects of an individual's character. Our Athletic Department measures success in how our athletes represent themselves through their sportsmanship, their commitment to be respected members of our community, and their ability to serve as role models for current/future South Amboy student-athletes. This recognition is not just about sports but also about the power of athletes to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those around them.

### August 2024

Cross Country: **Ethan Russo**  
Boys Soccer: **Eryk Gurdak**  
Girls Soccer: **Mariam Mohamad**  
Girls Tennis: **Catalina Muniz**

### September 2024

Cross Country: **Ethan Russo**  
Boys Soccer: **Wimmer Villeda**  
Girls Soccer: **Lilah Batista**  
Girls Tennis: **Hali McNulty**  
MS Girls Soccer: **Brooke Sofilkanich**  
MS Boys Soccer: **Nathaniel Pitsios**  
MS Cross Country: **Antonio Sambucci**

### October 2024

Cross Country: **Darion Joubert**  
Boys Soccer: **Eryk Gurdak**  
Girls Soccer: **Gia Calisi**  
Girls Tennis: **Yahirah Nicholson and  
Oleksandra Klym**  
MS Girls Soccer: **Mila Lamourt**  
MS Boys Soccer: **Christopher Castro Villegas**  
MS Cross Country: **Olivia Galieto**

## All Division Selections

At the conclusion of each season, coaches from each division meet to determine All-Division selections based on season results. The following student athletes have been recognized as members of the All-Division Team for their athletic performance during the Fall 2024 season:

GIRLS SOCCER, SILVER DIVISION

**Eleny Leonor-Aleman**  
**Ashley Moreira-Burgos**  
**Anna Szczepanik**

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER, SILVER DIVISION

**Wimmer Villeda**  
**Eryk Gurdak**  
**Benjamin Smith**



## GMC Gold Division Sportsmanship Awards

Our Girls Varsity Soccer program was awarded the GMC Silver Division Sportsmanship Award for the 5th consecutive year! Coach Oliver accepted the award on behalf of her team. We are proud of our athletes for leading by example both on and off the field/court!

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JA'MON DUNN, DIRECTOR



## Coach of the Year

Coach Tony Gonsalves was recognized by his peers at the GMC Boys Soccer end of the season meeting. He was voted as the Fall 2024 GMC Silver Division Coach of the Year!

## SAAC Athletes of the Season

The GMC Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is an organization that was created to promote leadership and sportsmanship, and enhance positive relationships surrounding Athletics. Each season, the SAAC recognizes two male and two female athletes of the year. The GMC displays the Award winners on their website for acknowledgement.

The award winners for the Fall 2024 season are:

Cross Country: **Ethan Russo**

Boys Soccer: **Wimmer Villeda**

Girls Soccer: **Mia McCall**

Girls Tennis: **Hali McNulty**

## NY Jets Sports Business Day

Members of the Athletic Leadership Council attended the New York Jets Sports Business Day on 11/14. The students met Jets employees from various departments to learn about careers in sports management and marketing. The students also had an opportunity to tour the stadium.



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JA'MON DUNN, DIRECTOR



## Senior Nights



GIRLS TENNIS



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



GIRLS SOCCER

**WINTER ATHLETICS** are officially underway! All sports are active and preparing for upcoming competitions. We are looking forward to a successful Winter season! Stay tuned for exciting updates.



# CURRICULUM

DR. MARTIN GURCZESKI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



## Professional Development Underway



The 2024-2025 school year began early for our educators this year as 15 teachers and administrators participated in training on the Danielson's Framework for Teachers. The FFT is a widely used model for evaluating and supporting teaching practices. It is designed to help teachers improve their instruction and positively impact student learning. From there our staff engaged in two inservice sessions that focused on the implementation of various programs and participated in discussions on how to continue improving the quality of instruction for our students. We will continue our professional development activities in these areas in the coming months and will also begin to provide opportunities to increase the academic rigor for our students.



## Student Lunch and Learn Meetings

Dr. Gurczeski will be meeting with students over the next few weeks to discuss their approach to taking assessments and how they study to understand content in the classroom. Parents will have an opportunity to participate in a Coffee and Conversation event in the future as Dr. Gurczeski will join Dr. Williams to discuss District assessment results, engage in a discussion to learn more about the school ratings, and answer questions about our various programs offered in South Amboy Public Schools.

## Continued Expansion of Advanced Placement Classes

During the 2024-2025 school year South Amboy Middle/High School students were provided with two new Advanced Placement classes to take. Increasing the total number of classes offered to eight, students are now able to take AP Precalculus and AP Calculus. So far our students have enjoyed the opportunity and we are looking to continue expanding the number of Advanced Placement classes. Dr. Gurczeski will be meeting with the staff following the new year to discuss the potential adoption of AP Capstone, AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based, and AP Spanish Language and Culture in addition to other courses that fit with our current curriculum.





# SPECIAL SERVICES

MERYL GILL, INTERIM DIRECTOR

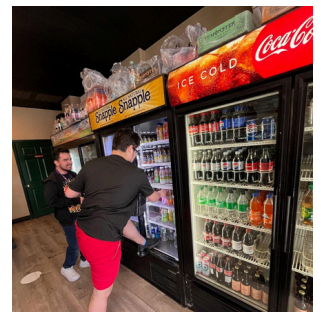
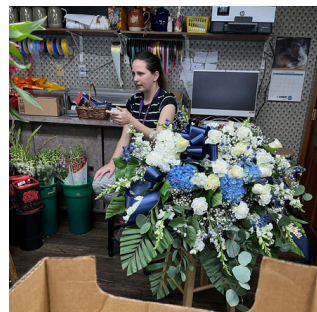


## Transition Program Highlights: Building Skills, Supporting the Community

Our district’s transition program provides students with meaningful, hands-on experiences that foster independence and valuable life skills. Through community and work-based learning opportunities, students actively contribute to local businesses while gaining confidence in real-world environments.

- ShopRite & Walmart: Students practice essential daily living skills, such as following a shopping list, identifying and selecting ingredients, and navigating the store aisles to complete tasks efficiently. Meals are then cooked within the classroom with provided step-by-step instructions.
- Gem’s Bagels: At this local café, students stock drinks, sweep floors, clean the glass, and earn food items as rewards for their hard work—a great way to combine responsibility with positive reinforcement.
- Sciortino’s Pizza: Students prepare pizza boxes for use in the restaurant, contributing to efficient operations and getting a glimpse into the food service industry.
- Jacqueline’s Florist: Students assist with arranging flowers, organizing supplies, and preparing orders, developing attention to detail and creativity in a vibrant work environment.
- Broadway’s Image Barber Shop: Students learn workplace etiquette while helping to maintain a clean and welcoming environment, supporting the barber shop staff with tasks such as sweeping and organizing.
- YMCA: Here, students work to ensure the cleanliness of the gym area. Students additionally utilize the basketball court for team bonding and fitness.

These partnerships not only provide practical skill development but also showcase how students positively impact their community. Whether it’s navigating a store, keeping a business tidy, or preparing materials, our students are thriving and making a difference!



# TECHNOLOGY

ROB LESCANO, DIRECTOR



## District Teaming up with ParentSquare for Parental Notifications

The South Amboy Public School District is partnering with a new communication platform called **ParentSquare**. **This system will replace SchoolMessenger for school-to-home communications**; the primary contact information parents have on file in SchoolTool has been transferred to ParentSquare. All unregistered South Amboy families will receive an invitation via text or email to register their account with ParentSquare.

### Here's what you can do with ParentSquare:

- Receive messages from the school via phone, email, text or app notification
- Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6pm
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Comment on school postings to engage with your school community
- Direct message teachers, staff and other parents
- Participate in group messages
- Sign up for parent-teacher conferences
- Receive report cards, sign up to volunteer and more all from your desktop or mobile device

### Communications may include:

- News and reminders from the district or school
- Urgent alerts such as school cancellations, early dismissal or delayed start
- Messages from your child's teacher



Introducing our school's very own parent app!



Stay connected from anywhere with our **online portal** and **parent app, ParentSquare!**

Get all school notifications in one place. View only what's relevant to your student. Never miss out again!



¡Presentamos la aplicación para padres más propia de nuestra escuela!



Mantente conectado desde cualquier lugar con nuestro **portal en línea** y **aplicación para padres, ParentSquare!**

Obtenga todas las notificaciones de la escuela en un solo lugar. Vea solo lo que es relevante para su estudiante. ¡No te lo pierdas de nuevo!



### Use ParentSquare in your native or preferred language

If you speak a language other than English, you can change your language settings so that you receive information in your preferred language. ParentSquare even supports two-way conversation translation so you can communicate with other users who speak a different language. This means you can type a question in your language and send it to your child's teacher. ParentSquare will translate your message to English. Your child's teacher will read and respond in English, and ParentSquare will translate the response back into your language. However, you must set your language.

Please keep an eye out for your invitation email or text message! More information will be available on [www.sapublicschools.com](http://www.sapublicschools.com) once fully implemented.

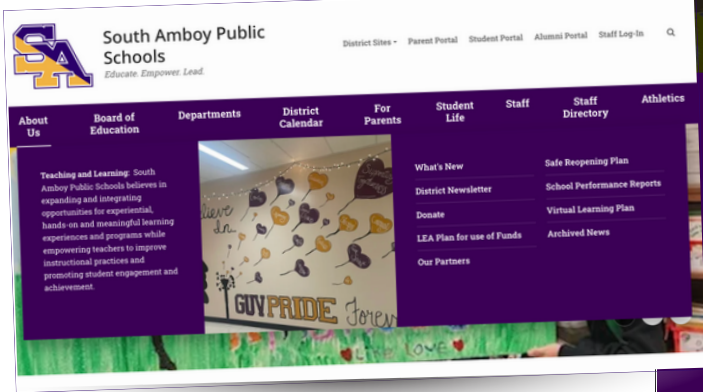
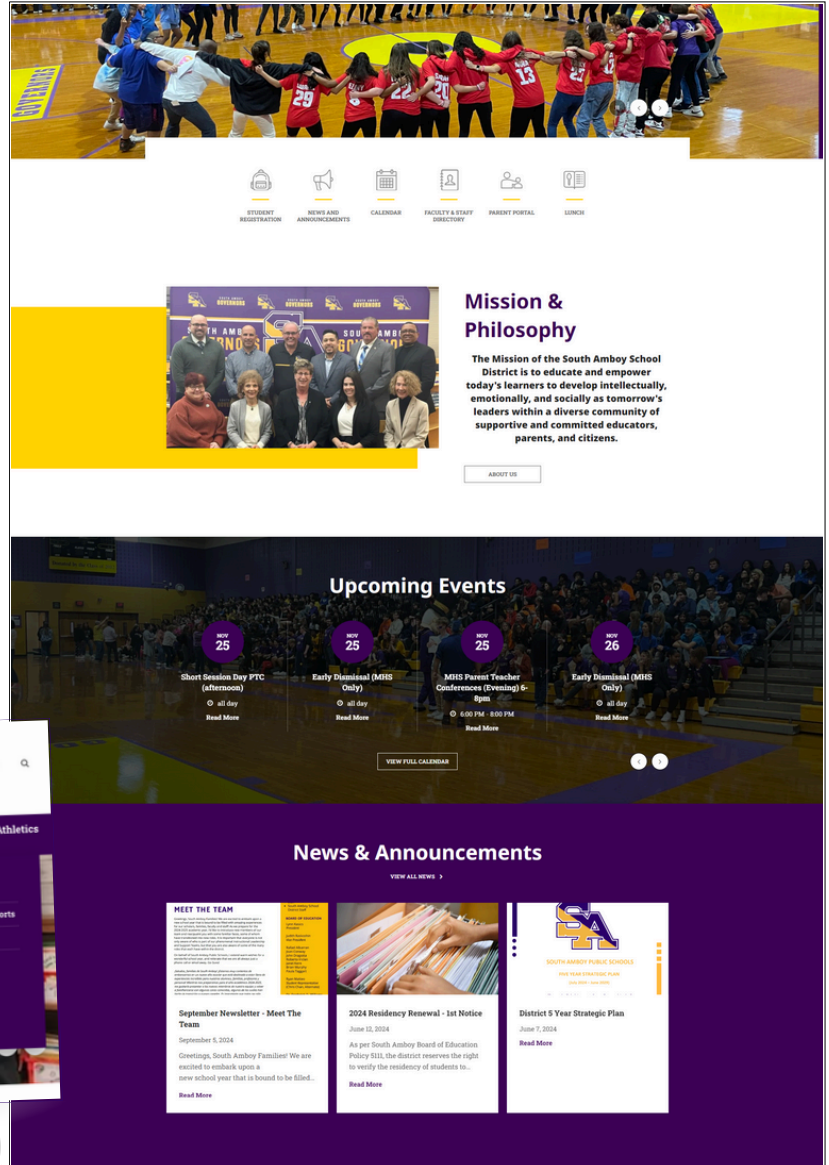
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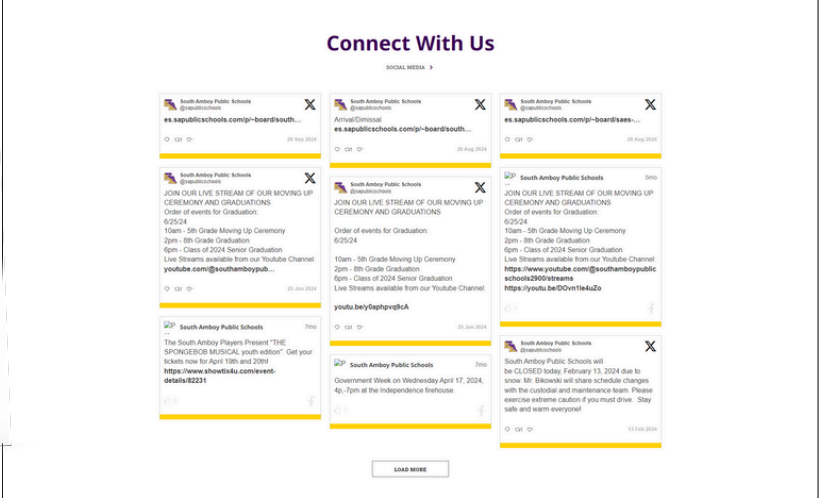
## New District Website is COMPLETE!

As many have noticed, the [www.sapublicschools.com](http://www.sapublicschools.com) website has a new "Home". The district website has had a complete overhaul to make navigation much easier while highlighting student achievements by regularly updating images and content. The new website is also very pleasing to the eye with much of the pertinent information easily accessible to parents, students, and staff members.

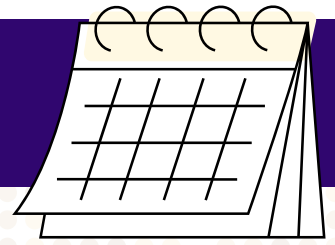


### School Year Calendar

Month	Key Dates
September 2024	Start of School: 8/26
October 2024	Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10/22-23
November 2024	Thanksgiving Break: 11/22-24
December 2024	Winter Break: 12/16-23
January 2025	Start of School: 1/13
February 2025	Valentine's Day: 2/14
March 2025	Spring Break: 3/18-22
April 2025	Spring Graduation: 4/17
May 2025	Senior Graduation: 5/13
June 2025	Summer Break: 6/1-15



# PTO NEWS



# S.A.F.S. Dance Themes Announced!

Thanks to all who voted! Stay tuned for ticket info.

**NEXT MEETING**  
TUESDAY, 1/14  
6:30PM | MHS



# Pancake Power

We had such a great time at our first-ever Flapjack Fundraiser in November. Gratitude to the team at Applebee's in Woodbridge Center, to our tireless crew, and to all who came out to support!

