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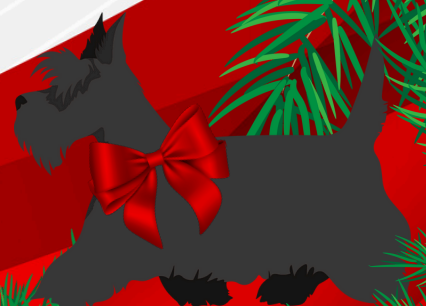
District Newsletter

2024 - 2025



Winter

Edition





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTHMORELAND

WORKS PROGRAM

By Melissa Farrell



The SHS Works Program is a hands-on initiative designed to empower special education students with practical work experience and job coaching in real-world settings. The program focuses on equipping students with essential job skills, workplace etiquette, and independence while offering individualized support tailored to their unique needs and goals. Through career exploration, transition planning, and on-the-job training at assigned job sites, students gain valuable experience under the guidance of job coaches. Complementing this is classroom instruction on soft skills, resume writing, and interview preparation to ensure students are well-prepared for post-secondary employment or education. This supportive environment fosters growth, self-reliance, and readiness for future career opportunities.

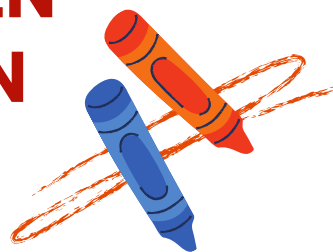
HERE'S WHAT'S UP!

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- Marching Band
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026



By Lori Herman, District Registrar

Kindergarten Registration will be open from **January 6th - April 11th**. All students must be registered online within this window to be included in our Kindergarten Screenings and Orientation.

Registrations will not be processed until all required documents are received.

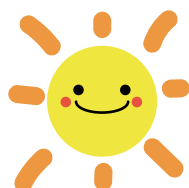
Eligibility:

For a child to register for Kindergarten they must:

- Be five years of age by September 1st of the current school term
- Have a birth certificate
- Meet state immunization law requirements

Required Documents:

- Proof of Residency
- Birth Certificate
- Immunizations



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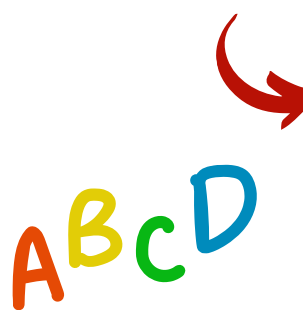
For families that do not have a computer or internet connection please contact the district registrar to make an appointment:

Mrs. Lori Herman
District Registrar
registrar@southmoreland.net
724-887-2000 *7202



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or scan the QR Code





REGISTRATION 2025-2026



By Lori Herman, District Registrar

Registration 2025-2026 will be open from **May 5th – July 31st**. All students must be registered online within this window to be included in building orientations.

Registrations will not be processed until all required documents are received.

Required Documents:

- Proof of Residency
- Birth Certificate
- Immunizations



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**THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON
REGISTRATION APPOINTMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE
REGISTERED BY JULY 31ST.**



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*School
Edition*



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MARCH 13-16, 2025

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- ✓ All Buildings
- ✓ Off nights, weekends and holidays
- ✓ Clearances Required

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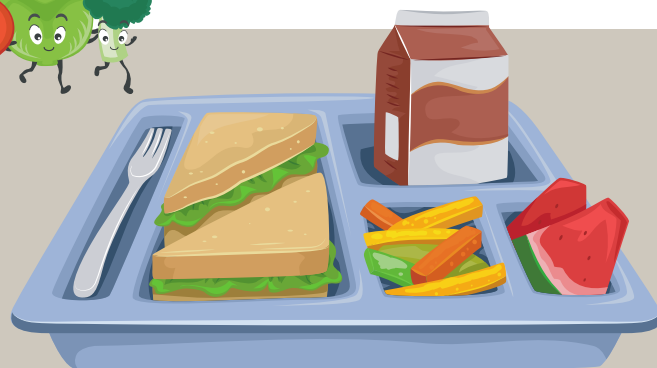
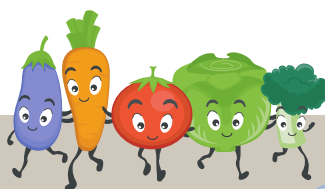
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US!

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Food Service Department



Child Hunger Hero Award

This year for our summer food program Southmoreland Food Service is excited to announce that we are a recipient of the 2024 Child Hunger Hero - Silver Tier Award from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. This honor is given to schools and community partners who go above and beyond in feeding kids in our community. We are proud of the hard work of our food service staff and are honored that we are one of the 43 winners to receive the award this year. For more information and the full list of winners, please visit

pittsburghfoodbank.org.

Thank you to Becky Perigo of the Food Bank who presented the awards to the Food Service Head Cooks of Southmoreland School District on behalf of all the staff on 1/14/2025.





SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER

*Taking a look
back . . .*

From creative projects to exciting events and field trips, our students have been learning, growing, and having fun every step of the way! These snapshots capture just a few of the incredible moments we've shared so far.

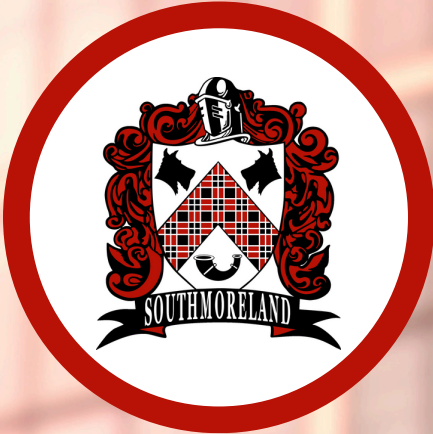
We're so proud of the energy, curiosity, and teamwork they bring to everything they do. Here's to even more memorable moments ahead!





SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER

SPC *Career Day*



GOALS



CAREER





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SES *Foster Family Toy Drive*

SES teamed up with JJ's Pizza to collect toys for local foster children. They collected unwrapped gifts for ages 0-18.

The classroom that collected the most donations won a JJ's Pizza Party!



**SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****SES 5 Day Countdown to Christmas****Monday, December 16****Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Jingle Bells****Wear antlers, red nose and Jingle Bells****Tuesday, December 17****Holiday Outfit****Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt, Socks and Hat****Wednesday, December 18****Grinch Day****Wear green or a Grinchy Costume****Thursday, December 19****Ugly Christmas Sweater/Shirt****Friday, December 20****The Polar Express Day****Wear your favorite PJ's**



SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMS *Holiday Concert*





Serving up
SMILES



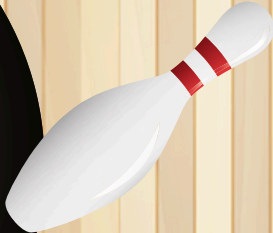
One cup at a time





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

SHS
Special
Olympics
TEAM



SPARE
ME!





SHS *College and Career Fair*



**CAREER
PATH
AHEAD**





November Scottie Scholar Award

Congratulations to Makayla Etling, the recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award for November! Makayla has been recognized for her outstanding service to both the school and the community.

Makayla is a dedicated and active member of the Southmoreland community, participating in both athletics and leadership roles. She competes on the Southmoreland Varsity Volleyball and Softball teams and is also part of the Steel City Athletics Softball (Lanzy-23U) Team. Her involvement extends to numerous school clubs and organizations, including the Youth Education Association (YEA), The Future is Mine (TFIM), Interact Club, and Champions Club. Makayla serves as Captain for the Game Changer Sports Ministry, is a National Honor Society member, and a Student Council Class Representative, demonstrating her commitment to academics, athletics, and community leadership.. Makayla's dedication makes her a deserving recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award for November.



We are proud to honor Makayla Etling as the Scottie Scholar Award Winner for November.



November Spirit of Southmoreland Award



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

Belle Lint is an outstanding leader and dedicated community member at Southmoreland High School. As the Senior Class Secretary, Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society member, and Queen of the Homecoming Court, she exemplifies school pride and commitment. Belle's involvement includes Interact Club, YEA, TFIM, Champions Club, varsity cheerleading, and golf, and she has earned recognition as a scholar-athlete and nominee for Western PA's Positive Athlete.

Beyond school, Belle volunteers with Powerpuff, Bump It Up, the Scholar's Banquet, NHS, and Interact Club events. She also serves Thanksgiving dinners at St. John's Church, showcasing her generosity and dedication to her community.

Congratulations, Belle, on being the Spirit of Southmoreland winner for November!





December Scottie Scholar Award



Congratulations to Lauren Stafford, the December recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award!

We are proud to honor Lauren Stafford as the Scottie Scholar Award winner for December. Lauren has been recognized for her exceptional service to both the school and the community. She serves as President of the National Honor Society, Historian of the Interact Club, and Treasurer of Game Changer Sports Ministry. Lauren is also the Captain of the Reading Team and Colorguard, a competitive dancer at Spirit Dance & Gymnastics, and holds leadership roles as a Student Council Representative and School Board Representative.

In addition to her leadership, Lauren is actively involved in Youth Educators Association, Champions Club, and the Penn State 4.0 Club. She dedicates time to her community as a Sunday School teacher and excels academically as a member of multiple clubs and organizations.

Lauren plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh, where she will major in Biochemistry on a Pre-Med track, with aspirations to become an allergist/immunologist. Congratulations to Lauren Stafford for being chosen for the December Scottie Scholar Award.





December Spirit of Southmoreland Award



Congratulations to Jake Kaylor, the Spirit of Southmoreland Award recipient for December!

Jake embodies the values of service, pride, integrity, responsibility, ingenuity, and tenacity through his extensive contributions to the school and community. As a National Honor Society member and a four-year varsity football letterman, Jake excels both academically and athletically. His achievements include being an All-Conference football player and a Scholar Athlete while leading groups like the Champions Club, TFIM, and YEA. Jake's dedication to service is evident in his volunteering efforts with Powder Puff, the Fred Football Camp, and the Scottsdale Fall Festival for the past four years. His leadership and commitment to Southmoreland make him a deserving recipient of this honor. Congratulations, Jake, on being recognized as the Spirit of Southmoreland Award winner for December!





January Scottie Scholar Award



The Scottie Scholar Award is presented each month to a student who demonstrates exceptional academic achievement, outstanding service to the school and community, and leadership in extracurricular activities.

For January, we are proud to honor Elizabeth Boone as the Scottie Scholar Award recipient. Lizzy exemplifies excellence in all she does, maintaining high academic standards as a member of the Penn State 4.0 Club and National Honor Society.

Her dedication extends beyond academics, as Lizzy is actively involved in the Interact Club, Spanish Club, Reading Team, Journalism Club, and Rise Ministries, where she contributes her time and talents to enrich her school and community. She also excels in athletics as a valued member of the Varsity Soccer Team and Varsity Track and Field Team. Elizabeth Boone is a role model who embodies the values celebrated through the Scottie Scholar Award. Please join us in congratulating Lizzy Boone, the Scottie Scholar for January!





January Spirit of Southmoreland Award



The Spirit of Southmoreland Award recognizes a student who embodies service, pride, integrity, responsibility, ingenuity, and tenacity. For January, we proudly honor Aubrey Seder for her many contributions to the school and community.

Aubrey is a National Honor Society member, varsity soccer captain, Student Council Vice President, and Senior Class Vice President. A scholar-athlete, she has earned All-WPIAL and All-Section Soccer honors and will play soccer at Slippery Rock University.

Her involvement includes the Interact Club, TFIM, YEA, Penn State 4.0 Club, Champions Club, and Spanish Club, along with volunteer work for Powder Puff, Bump It Up, the Scholars Banquet, the Ladies Soccer Youth Clinic, and the Prom Committee.

Congratulations to Aubrey Seder, our Spirit of Southmoreland Award winner for January!





Well done!

Winter Sports Highlights



by Brian Pritts, Athletic Director

WINTER SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING & OUR SCOTTIE STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD & MAKING US PROUD!

- Boys Wrestling is having a strong season! The team clinched the 1st Section Championship since 1998 with their 64-12 win over South Allegheny on Wednesday, 1/15!
- The Boys Basketball team has a 12-3 record, & they sit in 1st place in the section! They are currently ranked in the Top 5 of WPIAL 3A by both the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Tribune Review! Remaining home games: Tues 1/28 vs Ligonier Valley, Fri 1/31 vs Waynesburg, & Fri 2/7 vs Brownsville (Senior Night)
- Our Girls Wrestlers are experiencing success on the mat in their 2nd season! While they don't have many dual matches, they are representing Southmoreland really well at some very big tournaments! They will have a home match vs Valley on Wednesday, 1/22 @ 6:30 pm!
- The Girls Basketball team will hold Senior Night on Monday, 1/27 prior to their 7 pm game with Yough!
- We have 3 independent swimmers who are doing great things in the pool! One of them has qualified for the WPIAL Individual Championships already and the other two are closing in on qualifying times!



Southmoreland *Athletics*





SOUTHMORELAND ATHLETICS

SOUTHMORELAND WRESTLING

Flash
Back



RECOGNIZING THE 1974 AND 1975 BACK-TO-BACK SECTION CHAMPS



SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND



Congratulations to Audrey Johnson (junior, percussion), Caleigh Boyce (sophomore, clarinet), Olivia Welling (sophomore, flute), Chad Long (alto saxophone, junior), Logan Reeger (senior, percussion) for representing Southmoreland at WCMEA Senior High County Band at Yough MS! The group is being conducted by Dr. Kate Ferguson from Youngstown University and hosted by Mrs. Melanie Chmay. Bravo! We are so proud of you! Looking forward to an excellent concert!





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL

CWCTC
AT
WORK





SOUTHMORELAND HIGH SCHOOL



Bright Futures!





SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS 2025

Executive Session Start Time is 5:30 PM

Discussion/Voting Meeting Start Time is 6:30 PM

Location - Southmoreland Middle School Cafeteria

200 Scottie Way, Scottdale, PA 15683

January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 15, 2025

May 20, 2025

June 18, 2025

June 24, 2025 Regular & Budget Voting Meeting

August 19, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 2, 2025

DECEMBER 2, 2025 is scheduled as the
Reorganization/General
Business Purposes Meeting



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. Jason Boone
Superintendent

Dr. Daniel Clara
Assistant to the Superintendent
Director of Special Education

Ms. Pam Mondock
Business Manager
Transportation Director

Mrs. Melissa Redinger
School Psychologist

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Computer Network Administrator

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Mr. Brian Pritts
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Ms. Kaely Potochnik
High School Assistant Principal

Mr. James Klugh
Middle School Principal

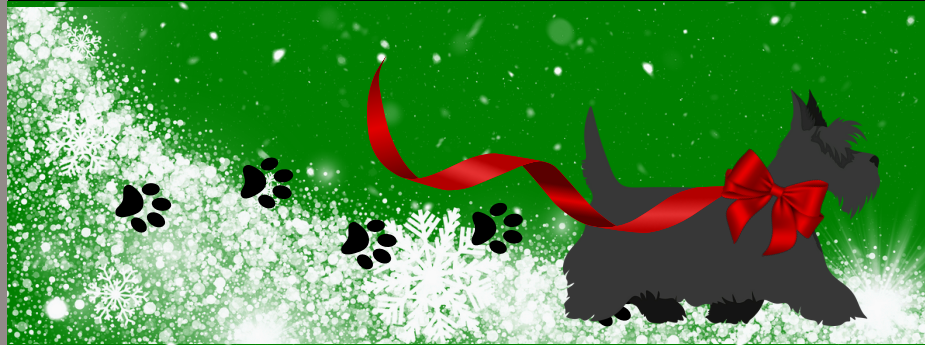
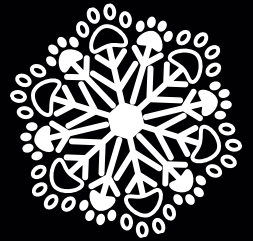
Mr. Daniel Krofcheck
Elementary School Principal

Mr. Ron Heitchue
Primary School Principal



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