



District Newsletter

2024 - 2025











Musical

By Mrs. Jamie Gore

The 2025 SHS Musical Production of "All Shook Up took place March 13-16, at Southmoreland High School. This year, the cast, orchestra and crew performed preview performances for Southmoreland Middle School Band and Choir Members along with guests from Woodcrest Senior Living Community. In addition, over 1,100 audience members filled the seats over the four performances. This year, there were 9 seniors among the 30 cast members, 10 crew and 6 orchestra members. The group also had the opportunity to perform at Main Street Theatre in Uniontown, PA on May 2nd as part of the Encore! Performance featuring high schools in Fayette County. The staff, students and boosters would like to send a heartfelt thank you to those that supported the group in any way! A special thank you to Armstrong for once again graciously donating and creating a professional advertisement and "In the Know" session! We look forward to inviting everyone to attend the next production in March 2026.





HERE'S WHAT'S UP!

- Musical
- Kennywood Picnic
- Idlewild Picnic
- Food Service Department
- Registration
- Transportation
- SPC
- SES
- SMS
- SHS
- Athletics









Friday, June 13, 2025

SOUTHMORELAND

Tickets as low as

\$31.99

if purchased by May 30th

(price increases to as low as \$35.99 after above deadline)

FOLLOW THE STEP-BY-STEP PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 AND SAVE TODAY!



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BUY EARLY AND SAVE!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON YOUR JUNE 13th SCHOOL DATE FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:

STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

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STEP 3: Enter Promo Code southmoreland in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE

SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

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PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 13TH FOR \$37.99:

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THROUGH JULY 13th TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

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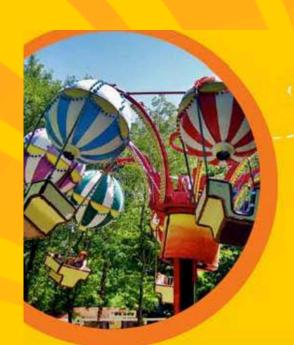
*Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase through June 30 to.



IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.

Visit KENNYWOOD.COM for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds for online purchases. We offer a Rainy Day Guarantee! If the weather gets in the way during your visit, we'll give you a

free ticket to return another day.



Learn more about
YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT DAY AT

IdleWild SoakZone

Friday, June 27, 2025

SOUTHMORELAND

Tickets as low as

\$29.99

if purchased by June 13th

(price increases to as low as \$31.99 after above deadline)

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PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON YOUR JUNE 27[™] SCHOOL DATE FOR AS LOW AS \$29.99:

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Food Service Department



Food Service



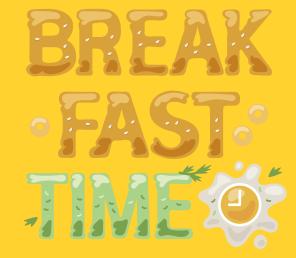
By Mr. Zachary Malavite Food Service Director

This spring the Food Service Department reported on: SNAPA School Meal Access Petition for CEP, Bipartisan Farm Bill Feeding America, USDA Supply Chain Survey and Completed the 2025–2026 School Year USDA Commodity Allocation.

The Annual School Brakfast Week Promotion "Clue In to School Breakfast" and saw a 3% increase in participation leading to an average daily participation of 40%, which is 701 meals daily during the weekly promotion.













Food Service Department

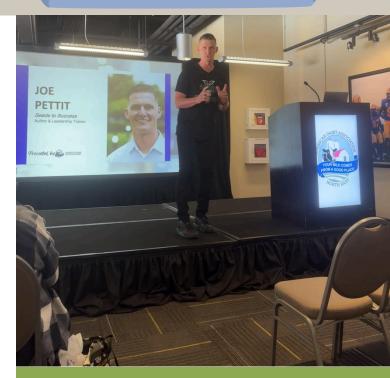


Food Service

By Mr. Zachary Malavite Food Service Director











SOUTHMORELAND FOOD SERVICE

Schwan's Food provided the senior high with a sampling of new and exciting menu options!



SCHOOL LUNCH SCHOOL LUNCH LICEROPANA LI

The Food Service Department celebrated National School Lunch Hero Day on Monday, May 5th in recognition of all of the hard work the staff puts in everyday to provide healthy and nutritious meals to our students district wide.



SOUTHMORELAND FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT



WEARE HIRING

SUBSTITUTES AND OPEN POSITIONS:

- Flexible Hours
- ✓ Work when kids are in school
- Permanent employment benefits
- All Buildings
- Off nights, weekends and holidays
- ✓ Clearances Required
- **724.887.2015**
- https://www.southmoreland.net/domain/23
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US!

APPLY NOW









2025-2026 Any transportation changes must be submitted no later than July 15th

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SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER

SPC Wearing Red for Marshall!!



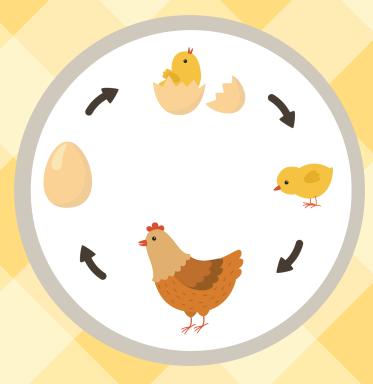
Life Cycle of Chickens



by Mr. Ron Heitchue, Principal

Mrs. Derr's first-grade classroom students learned an unforgettable hands-on experience about the life cycle of chickens. The class hatched baby chicks right in their classroom!

A big thank you to all that made donations to make this lesson possible!











SOUTHMORELAND PRIMARY CENTER AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Therapy Dog



by Mr. Ron Heitchue, Principal

Kindergarten students with Callie the Therapy Dog at SPC! We are lucky to have Callie visit us every Thursday to spend some time with our students.









SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Digital Cameras



by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal

We are thankful for the grant that Mrs. Goodman and Mr. Vankirk received from the PA Association for Rural & Small Schools, which allows for the purchase of six Canon Digital SLR cameras to facilitate collaborative projects that improve student learning experiences.





Valentine Boxes



by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal

Mrs. Cottom's winners of the Valentine box decorating are: Raelie and Beckley, Most Creative, Taylor, Prettiest, and Jameson, Most Sporty.





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hurricane Helpers Fundraiser



by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal

Thank you to everyone in the Southmoreland community for showing compassion and love to the victims of Hurricane Helene by supporting our Hurricane Helpers fundraiser. We are proud to announce that our community raised \$3,000 that was sent to Samaritan's Purse.

"Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping" – Mr. Rogers.

Thank YOU all for being the helpers!





SOUTHMORELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chorus

by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal



The SES 5th grade Chorus and SMS chorus sang the National Anthem at PNC Park.

Tri-M

by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal



The Southmoreland Tri-M Band presented a performance for SES 5th graders.

Cancer Free

by Mr. Daniel Krofcheck, Principal



Avery Clark's Cancer Free Bell ringing was celebrated with a festive parade and a classroom party.





SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

College and Career Field Trip

by Ms. Brianna Edwards, SMS Counselor

The entire 8th grade participated in a WCCC, College and Career Field Trip to see the different careers and opportunities that are offered at the community college.



Hospitality Career Exploration Workshop

by Ms. Brianna Edwards, SMS Counselor

Students in 7th and 8th grades explored different careers in the hospitality industry such as culinary arts and hotel management.





SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Financial Reality Fair



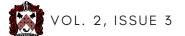
by Ms. Brianna Edwards, SMS Counselor

The Financial Reality Fair is a budgeting activity for 7th grade students to manage monthly funds with a career of their choice.

and Scotties





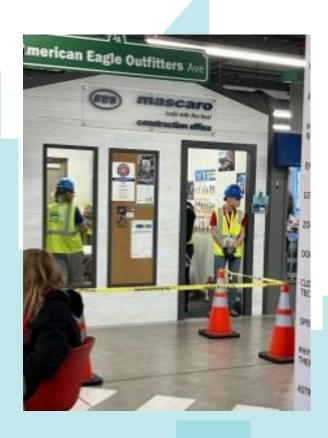


SOUTHMORELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Junior Achievement Biztown

by Ms. Brianna Edwards, SMS Counselor

Biztown is a smalltown simulation used for students to run their own businesses, sell their products, and use the financial literacy skills they have been working on in IRL (In Real Life).











Rhodes Cancer Foundation

by Mrs. Charity Colebank, Principal

A former Southmoreland student has started the Rhodes Cancer Foundation and we are so inspired! One of his major projects is almost weekly taking a food truck to a chemo site and giving all patients free lunch. Ms. Hixson and her Interact students had a bake sale to donate to this cause. It costs about \$10 per patient and about \$200 for a whole day! Thank you to all who donated!

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FEB. 15

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY

A special day to show appreciation for school-based law enforcement officers.

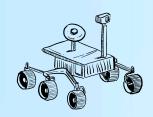








Bots IQ



by Mrs. Charity Colebank, Principal

Students competed in the Bots IQ final competitions at PennWest California. They achieved 1 win against South Fayette HS & losses against Serra Catholic & Clairton HS. After some minor repairs, they competed in a Rumble Match against 6 other robots and reached 3rd place for that match! The team would like to thank the continued and generous assistance from their sponsors: Duraloy, Reynolds Machine, Carry All Products, T-Weld Mobile Welding and Quality Reclamation Services





Mock Crash



by Mrs. Charity Colebank, Principal

Students in grades 10–12 participated in our mock crash. It was a valuable learning experience for our students. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us make this event a success: Alex Raygor of Raygor Auto Inc. Timothy Carson, Westmoreland County Coroner

Coroner
East Huntington Volunteer Fire
Department
Scottdale Volunteer Fire Department
Everson Volunteer Fire Department
Mutual AID EMS
SHS Junior Firemen
Scottdale Police Department
PA State Police
Kapr Funeral Home
Central Westmoreland Career and
Technology Center
SHS CWCTC Student Volunteers
SHS Student Volunteers
And everyone else who made this day
possible!









YOU ARE STATE BEST

Thank you for going above beyond.



The Student-Athlete Leadership
Council & Champions Club hand
wrote Thank You cards to
teachers & staff throughout our
district for Teacher
Appreciation Week! A handful
of athletes were able to deliver
them! We are grateful for our
Teachers!

Thank you to the Teachers and Administration that attended Teacher Appreciation Night!! We appreciate all of your continued support in the classrooms, schools and on the field!!





















February Scottie Scholar Award

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

For February, we are proud to honor Claire Lehman as the Scottie Scholar Award recipient.

Claire's dedication to both academics and service is evident in her extensive involvement and leadership roles at Southmoreland High School. She serves as Senior Class President and Student Council President, as well as Vice President of both the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Additionally, she is the Assistant to the Director of Interact

Club and a Captain of both the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and the Varsity Girls Golf Team.

Beyond leadership, Claire is actively involved in the spring musical, Highlander Choir, French Club, YEA, and TFIM. She is a scholar-athlete, recognized as an All-American Cheerleader, a member of Champions Club, and part of the prestigious Penn State 4.0 Club.

Her commitment to service is just as impressive, as she has volunteered for Bump-It-Up, Powder Puff, Prom Committee, Youth Cheer Clinic, and Snow Court. Claire's dedication to excellence in all aspects of her high school career makes her a deserving recipient of the Scottie Scholar

Award.

Congratulations, Claire!







February Spirit of Southmoreland Award





The Spirit of Southmoreland Award recognizes a student who embodies Service, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Ingenuity, and Tenacity. For February, we proudly honor Lanie Moore for her many contributions to our school and community.

Lanie has been an active part of Southmoreland, sharing her talents in music, sports, and theatre. She has proudly represented our school as a member of the Scottie Singers and Highlander Choir, using her voice to inspire and uplift others. On the court, she has demonstrated commitment and teamwork as a dedicated member of the basketball team for several years. In addition, during her junior year, she showcased her theatrical skills by performing in Mamma Mia!. She has also been an enthusiastic member of the French Team.

Congratulations to Lanie Moore, our Spirit of Southmoreland Award winner for February!





March Scottie Scholar Award

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

The March recipient of the Scottie Scholar Award is Logan Reeger.

Logan demonstrates remarkable leadership in his extracurricular activities, serving as Vice President of Interact Club, Percussion Section Leader for Marching Band and Pep Band, Librarian for Concert Band, Tenor Section Leader for Highlander Choir, and Historian for Tri-M.

Beyond his leadership roles, Logan actively participates in a variety of extracurricular activities, including Jazz Band, PMEA District Band, WCMEA County Band and Choir, Small/Solo Ensembles, Champions Club, RYLA, National Honor Society, and Penn State's prestigious 4.0 Club.

Logan's dedication extends beyond academics and extracurriculars to service within the community. He has volunteered for Buddy Day, Scottdale's Fall Festival, and Veterans and Memorial Day performances, consistently using his talents to uplift and support those around him.

Congratulations to Logan Reeger on this welldeserved recognition as the March Scottie Scholar!







March Spirit of Southmoreland Award

Spirit of Southmoreland Award – March
Recipient: Kendra Bazzar
The Spirit of Southmoreland Award
recognizes a student who exemplifies Service,
Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Ingenuity, and
Tenacity. The recipient for March is Kendra
Bazzar, chosen for her outstanding
commitment to both her school and
community.

Kendra has been a dedicated Student Council representative throughout high school and is an active member of Interact Club and the Penn State 4.0 Club. She has earned the Women in Science Award from Seton Hill University and has consistently volunteered for numerous school and community events, including Bump It Up, Powder Puff, the Scottdale Fall Festival, and concession stands at sporting events.

Additionally, Kendra has been involved in TEA (The Educators Association) and TFIM (The Future Is Mine) for two years, participating in multiple college tours and volunteering at West Overton, where she assisted with children's art projects and supported workers.

Kendra has been accepted to PennWest
California, where she plans to pursue a degree
in Criminal Justice.





April Scottie Scholar Award



The Scottie Scholar Award is presented each month to a student who exemplifies outstanding service to both the school and community, while also achieving academic excellence.

We are proud to recognize Faith Garstecki as the April Scottie Scholar. Faith is a dedicated member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Club, and she generously volunteers her time each week at the Heal Animal Shelter.

In addition, Faith serves her church community by cleaning, delivering food, and working as a server. She also maintains a parttime job as a hostess at Cracker Barrel, demonstrating responsibility and a strong work ethic.

Congratulations to Faith Garstecki, our April
Scottie Scholar!





April Spirit of Southmoreland Award



SOUTHMORELAND

The Spirit of Southmoreland Award is presented to a student who exemplifies the core values of our school community: Service, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Ingenuity, and Tenacity. For the month of April, we are proud to recognize Mia Jordan as our honoree. Mia is a dedicated and driven student who brings energy and excellence to everything she does. She is a standout member of the wrestling, track and field, and soccer teams, balancing her athletic commitments with strong academic achievement. Mia is a member of the National Honor Society and Interact Club, and she furthers her education through the Sports Medicine program at Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center. Her hard work has earned her a place in the 4.0 Club and recognition as a Scholar Athlete.

Congratulations to Mia Jordan, the April recipient of the Spirit of Southmoreland Award!





May Scottie Scholar Award



SOUTHMORELAND

The Scottie Scholar Award is presented to students who exemplify outstanding service to the school and community, along with exceptional academic achievement.

We are proud to announce that the Scottie Scholar for the month of May is James Carson.

James has been a dedicated member of the Varsity Football Team for four years. He has already earned multiple state certifications and holds his National EMT Certificate. Looking ahead, James plans to pursue a career as a professional firefighter and also aims to acquire his health and life insurance license. Congratulations to James Carson, our

May Scottie Scholar! Your commitment,
leadership, and ambition are an
inspiration to the Southmoreland
community.





May Spirit of Southmoreland Award



SOUTHMORELAND

The Spirit of Southmoreland Award is presented to a student who exemplifies the core values of Service, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Ingenuity, and Tenacity.

For the month of May, this honor is awarded to Elliot Premus. Elliot was selected for his outstanding dedication to both the school and the community. A four-year member and captain of both the football and basketball teams, Elliot has also been actively involved in National Honor Society, the YEA Club, Interact Club, Champions Club, and the Penn State 4.0 Club. His accomplishments have earned him recognition as both the Daily Courier Teen of the Week and Athlete of the

Elliot plans to continue his academic and athletic career at Slippery Rock University, where he will play football.

Year.





May CWCTC Scottie Scholar Award





The CWCTC Scottie Scholar Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding service to both the school and the community. This year's recipient is Riley Friel, a Protective Services student at CWCTC. Riley plans to become an Emergency Medical Technician and pursue a full-time position with Penn-Township Ambulance, where he currently serves as an apprentice. Additionally, he has enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a Military Police Officer to gain experience in the law enforcement side of emergency services, with hopes of one day

becoming a Pennsylvania State

Trooper.





May CWCTC Scottie Scholar Award



is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding service to both the school and the community.

This year's recipient is Haylee
Tarasky. Haylee plans to begin her college journey at Westmoreland
County Community College and then transfer to Slippery Rock
University to pursue studies in Early

The CWCTC Scottie Scholar Award



wrestling for two more years and maintain her employment at Hilltop Lab.

Childhood Education and Forensic

Science. In addition to her academic

goals, she intends to continue





Spring Sports Highlights

by Mr. Brian Pritts, Athletic Director

Spring Sports are winding down after a wild & wet season! We are grateful for our student-athletes, coaches, families, administration & faculty members for their patience & flexibility throughout a crazy spring season!

- Our young Boys Tennis & Baseball Teams worked hard & showed growth throughout their seasons!
- Our Boys Track Team battled & competed weekly, narrowly missing a team playoff berth!
- Our Girls Track Team finished 2nd in the section & qualified for the WPIAL Team Playoffs!
- A handful of track members have qualified for the WPIAL Individual Championships & will be competing at Slippery Rock University for an opportunity to compete in the PIAA Championships!
- Our Softball Team had another strong season & once again qualified for the WPIAL Playoffs!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please Check The CSIU Parent Portal to keep current on your child's grades and attendance.









HOW DOES CYBER CHARTER FUNDING AFFECT SOUTHMORELAND?

Taxpayer Dollars are being funneled to an unregulated system to Cyber Charter Schools, with Zero Accountability and far worse proficiency results than our schools!!!!

CONTACT OUR LEGISLATORS HOW AND TELL T TO VOTE YES FOR CYBER CHARTER REFORM!!!

SENATOR PATRICK STEFANO (717) 787-7175
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Did You Know:

Southmoreland's PDE 23/24
Tuition Rate Was \$10,745.44



The Average Cyber Charter
Tuition Rate For Regular Ed
Students Is \$12,944.50!!!

That's 20% Higher!!

The Average Cyber Charter
Tuition Rate For Special Ed
Students Is \$24,179.79!!!



The Time For Reform
Is Now!!! The
Proposed \$8,000
Tuition Cap Would
Save Southmoreland
over \$557,000 for
25/26 School Year!!!!
That's The
Equivalent Of
Approximately 3-4
mills In Real Estate
Taxes!!!!!

CHECK OUT THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S
FEB 2025 REPORT ON THE NEED FOR
ACCOUNTABILITY AND CYBER CHARTER
REFORM!!!!









May 30, 2025

DISMISSAL TIMES

SHS: 10:15 AM

SMS: 10:55 AM

SES: 11:30 AM

SPC: 11:30 AM

Office Hours

8 AM - 3 PM

Closed 12 PM - 1 PM for lunch









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