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SOUTHMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Check Out The Latest Scottie News!!!!

- *Attendance*
- *Reading Under the Lights*
- *SEF/Champions Club Golf Outing*



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance

We want to take a moment to remind everyone how crucial regular school attendance is—and share some of the latest research on what happens when students miss too many days. Showing up matters more than you might realize.

Important Stats & Research Findings

- **Pre-pandemic vs now.** Nationwide, before COVID-19, chronic absenteeism hovered around **15%**; now it's about **23%**.

- **Academic performance suffers.** Missing 10% of school (≈18 days in many districts) is enough to negatively impact reading and math scores.

- **Early years matter.** Students not reading at grade level by end of third grade are **4 times less likely** to graduate high school on time.

- **Attendance is a predictor of success.** Across grade levels, students who are chronically absent are much less likely to meet grade-level standards and more likely to drop out.

Why Attendance Matters

- **Learning happens every day.** When students miss school, they miss out on content, discussions, and instruction—some of which can't be fully caught up.

- **Routine builds success.** Regular attendance helps students develop strong habits of responsibility, engagement, and consistency.

- **Early warning sign.** Absenteeism is one of the strongest early indicators that a student might fall behind or not graduate on time.

- **Beyond academics.** Missing school can have social, emotional, and even health repercussions—students miss out on peer interaction, support, and opportunities for growth.

What We Can Do Together

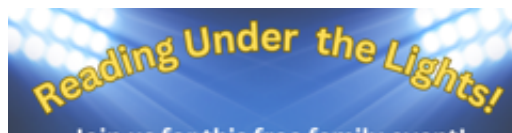
- **Set routines.** Establish reliable bedtime, morning, and evening routines to help students get enough sleep and arrive on time.

- **Address barriers.** Transportation, health issues, and family stress can make attending school regularly tough. Reach out if you need support.

- **Stay connected.** Teachers, school counselors, and staff are here to help. Communicate when there are concerns so we can work together.

- **Celebrate good attendance.** Highlighting and rewarding students who are present consistently can have real motivational power.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring every student has the chance to succeed. If you have questions or need assistance related to attendance, please feel free to reach out—our goal is to help every student thrive.



Join us for this free family event!
Enjoy a fun night of reading on the field at
Southmoreland High School Stadium

Thursday, September 25, 2025
6:30 pm
Southmoreland High School Stadium

At the sound of the buzzer, families will travel from station to station, hearing stories, learning new ideas, and creating new memories!

Geared toward
Preschool-
3rd grade!

#readtosucceed



Pre-registration
required by scanning
the QR code!



Sponsored by Scottsdale Library and Southmoreland School District

Reading Under the Lights

We are excited to invite the entire community to our **Reading Under the Lights** event at **Russ Grimm Stadium** on **Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 PM!**

This is a special evening for families, students, and readers of all ages to gather and celebrate the joy of reading under the new stadium lights. Bring your favorite book, a cozy blanket, and be ready for a night filled with storytelling, imagination, and fun!

We can't wait to see you there!

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FOUNDATION AND CHAMPIONS CLUB**
BENEFITING THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND
ADMINISTRATORS OF THE SOUTHMORELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT



**2ND ANNUAL
GOLF
OUTING**



**Come Out
and
Support
Our District!**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH**

**AT GLENGARRY GOLF
LINKS**

Check-in: 1:00pm

\$100 - Per Player
\$400 - 4 Players

Sponsorships Available!

All proceeds go to support the Southmoreland Education Foundation and the Champions Club - which directly supports our schools and students!

Shotgun starts 2:00pm

Register now. space is limited



www.southmorelandeducationfoundation.com

SEF/Champions Club Golf Outing

Foursomes and Tee Sponsorship Opportunities still available!!!

Please join us for the **Southmoreland Education Foundation Golf Outing** at **Glengarry Golf Links** on **Saturday, October 4**. Proceeds will benefit both our **Champions Club** and the **Southmoreland Education Foundation**—which last year awarded a **\$2,500 grant** to support a Reading Program at **SPC** and **two \$1,500 scholarships** to Southmoreland students.

Your participation—whether as a golfer, sponsor, or volunteer—directly supports programs that enrich our students' experiences.

When: Saturday, October 4

Where: Glengarry Golf Links

How to participate: Register a foursome, become a sponsor, or donate an item for raffle/auction.

Thank you for helping us invest in our students and community. We hope to see you on the course!



At Southmoreland,
we cultivate learners that.....



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Accountability is developed through honesty, accepting responsibility, meeting obligations, learning from mistakes, fostering trust and reliability.

R

Resiliency involves bouncing back from challenges, adapting to adversity, maintaining optimism, persisting through difficulties, fostering strength and growth.

C
Citizenship is demonstrated through respectful behavior, participation, volunteering, and community service, fostering positive contributions.

E
Empathy is shown through understanding, compassion, perspective-taking, supporting others, fostering connection and mutual respect.



SOUTHMORELAND PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER
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