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2026 Spring Assessments

PSSA ELA

SES GRADES 3-5 - 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23
SMS GRADES 6-8 - 4/20, 4/21, 4/22

PSSA MATH

SES GRADES 3-5 - 4/27, 4/28, 4/29, 4/30
SMS GRADES 6-8 - 4/27, 4/28

PSSA SCIENCE

SES GRADE 5 - 4/27, 4/28, 4/29, 4/30
SMS GRADE 8 - 4/29, 4/30

KEYSTONE ALG 1

SMS - 5/13, 5/14
SHS - 5/18, 5/19



ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

SHS - 5/4 - 5/15

LET'S DO OUR
BEST!!!

KEYSTONE BIOLOGY

SHS - 5/13, 5/14

KEYSTONE LITERATURE

SHS - 5/11, 5/12

**PLEASE BRING YOUR
CHROMEBOOKS/IPADS TO
SCHOOL FULLY CHARGED**

***2026 Spring Assessments***

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we want to remind you that spring state and local assessments are now underway across our schools. These assessments help us measure student growth and guide future instruction.

Please help us set students up for success by ensuring they:

- Get a good night's sleep before test days
- Arrive to school on time
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Bring any required materials (e.g., charged Chromebook/iPad, pencils)

We're proud of how hard our students and staff have worked this year, and we're confident they'll do their best. Thank you for your continued support as we finish the year strong!

UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

MAY 1 - IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MAY 25 - MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL

MAY 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



Upcoming School Calendar Events

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, we want to make sure everyone is aware of a few important upcoming dates:

May 1 – In-Service Day (No School for Students)

May 25 – Memorial Day (No School)

May 29 – Last Day of School for Students

This is an exciting time of year as we celebrate the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our students. We encourage everyone to stay focused, finish strong, and take pride in all that has been achieved throughout the school year.



SMS Has STEAM Stars

Earlier this week, Southmoreland was proudly represented at the **STEAM Stars Recognition Dinner**, where several of our students were honored for their creativity, problem-solving, and commitment to excellence. Please join us in congratulating

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Allison Seder, Amelia Cook, Carter Goodman, Lily Marengo, Jenna Lawrence, and Landon Jacquillard

These students exemplify what it means to be innovative thinkers and hardworking learners, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

In addition, **Mrs. Novak** received a well-deserved recognition for her leadership of the STEAM program. Her dedication has created meaningful opportunities for our students to grow, explore, and succeed.

Moments like these serve as a powerful reminder of just how special our students are—and the important role our educators and families play in supporting their success each day.

You can read more about this special event here:

https://www.dailycourier.com/townnews/school/steam-stars-honored/article_da7eae2f-5689-4ad8-9a37-580d59d67425.html

Congratulations to all!



Reminder - 2026 Graduation Ceremony

As we begin to look ahead to the end of the school year, we are excited to share plans for this year's Graduation Ceremony at Russ Grimm Field. With the recent upgrades to the facility, including the new scoreboard and sound system, we are looking forward to providing a special and memorable experience for our students, families, and community.

Graduation is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 PM**, with a rain date of **Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 PM**. If weather does not cooperate on both evenings, we will move the ceremony indoors on **Friday**.

We recognize that having multiple possible dates can make planning more difficult for families, and we truly appreciate your flexibility. At the same time, this approach allows us to provide the best possible setting for our students. Spring weather in southwestern Pennsylvania can change quickly, often impacting outdoor events on a day-to-day basis. By planning across three dates, we are working to create the most optimal environment for our graduates while minimizing last-minute disruptions.

This model is one that several neighboring schools have successfully used over the past decade, and it has proven to be an effective way to balance weather challenges with the goal of holding an outdoor ceremony whenever possible.

A final decision on whether the ceremony will be held outdoors will be made by **3:00 PM each day**, allowing families time to plan accordingly. Tickets will be distributed as if the ceremony will be indoors, but they will not be needed if we are able to hold the event outside.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to make this a meaningful and memorable experience for our graduates.



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