



EAGLE EYE

MARCH 2022

BOCCE CHAMPIONS

In front of a home crowd at South Park High School on Thursday, March 10, the South Park Unified Bocce Team rolled its way to the school's first division championship. The team won its first match against West Allegheny that day and advanced to the championship match against Sto-Rox. Despite falling behind 4-0 early, the Eagles scored six unanswered points to win 6-4 and earn the division championship.

As a division champion, the team advanced to the western regional state championship on Thursday, March 24 at Clarion University. There, the Eagles earned a third place finish!

The bocce program is part of the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program to promote and strengthen inclusion and acceptance in schools. The three components of the program are Interscholastic Unified Sports, inclusive youth leadership and whole school engagement. The Unified Champion Schools program brings together students to build teamwork and friendships while learning and playing the sport and, of course, having fun. There are dozens of area districts that have partnered with Special Olympics Pennsylvania to form a unified bocce team. The Special Olympics Interscholastic Unified Sports program is supported by the PIAA and the Bureau of Special Education of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



CARSON SCHOLARS

South Park High School junior Ava Rongaus and senior Gianna Girol have been named 2022 Carson Scholars. Ava is receiving this award for the first time. Gianna is a 2022 recognized Carson Scholar after receiving the award her junior year.

Carson Scholars are identified by their teachers as students who pursue academic excellence while working to make the world a better place through service and acts of kindness. Carson Scholars receive a \$1,000 scholarship. They are also recognized during an annual banquet where they are honored in front of their families, peers and educators.



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 13	One-Hour Early Dismissal
	Board of Directors Meeting (In-Person) 6:30 p.m., South Park High School Cafeteria
April 14	No School for Students (Staff Professional Development Day)
April 15-18	Spring Break District Closed
April 19	Classes Resume

CONGRATULATIONS, PROBLEM SOLVERS!

On Saturday, March 26, middle school students Sophia Hale, Livia Monaco, Lilly Pritts and Lucas Wendt took second place in presentation of the action plan and third place overall in the 2022 Pennsylvania Future Problem Solving Program State Bowl.

In the competition, students research a series of topics and learn a six-step creative problem-solving process. Then, students develop an action plan by applying their topic and problem-solving skills to address a charge in an imagined situation.

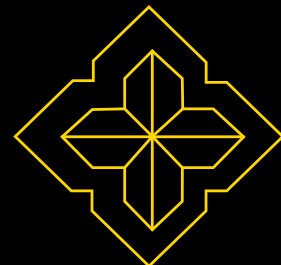
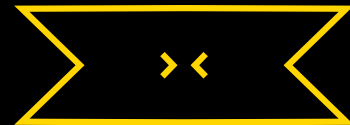
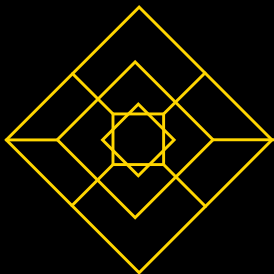




SOUTH PARK DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

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MARCH MADNESS

On Friday, March 18, South Park High School hosted its own kind of March Madness thanks to South Park MiniThon. The annual MiniThon drive raises funds for childhood cancer research and patient care and support at Penn State Children's Hospital. The group organized its first March Madness event. The evening featured basketball games between the girls' and boys' basketball teams and the senior basketball players against staff, contests and prizes. More than \$1,300 was raised that evening.

Over the past two years, MiniThon has raised more than \$30,000. This year, the group's goal is bigger than ever. To learn more or to donate, click [here](#).

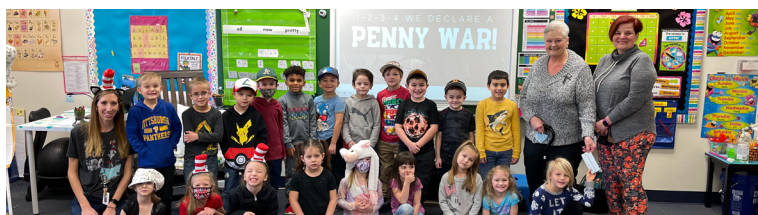
(Photos courtesy of Nihad Hebib)



SPEC PENNY WAR

The South Park Elementary Center PTO recently sponsored a Kindness Week Penny War, and the results are in! Based on the official scoring system, Mrs. Wendt's kindergarten class was the winner! Mrs. Wendt's class voted to split the more than \$3,700 collected from SPEC to support South Park Meals on Wheels and South Hills Pet Rescue. Representatives from both organizations came to Mrs. Wendt's classroom earlier this month for a check presentation and to talk about the great work they do in our community.

Mrs. Wendt's homeroom, as well as Mr. Quast's homeroom, which donated the most money, received an ice cream party thanks to the PTO!

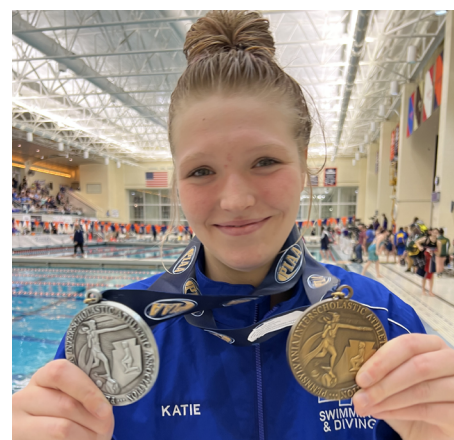


SWIMMING SUCCESSES

At the WPIAL Swimming Championships in March, nine South Park Eagles brought home medals and qualified for the PIAA Swimming Championships.

Katie Jackovic took second place in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly. Zack Huwalt took second place in the 50 yard freestyle and seventh place in the 100 yard freestyle. Preston Cecotti took seventh place in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard breaststroke. Megan Beam, Emily Jackovic, Katie Jackovic and Marina Malacki came in seventh place in the 400 yard freestyle relay. Zack Huwalt, Zach Graham, Shane Beam and Preston Cecotti came in fourth place in the 200 yard freestyle. Zack Huwalt, Zach Graham, Noah Haddad and Preston Cecotti finished in sixth place in the 200 yard medley relay.

At the PIAA Swimming Championships on March 18 and 19, Katie Jackovic finished in second place in the 50 yard freestyle and in sixth place in the 100 yard butterfly.



The April 2022 Regular Meeting of the South Park School District Board of Directors will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in the South Park High School cafeteria. The meeting will be held in-person only.

BOOK CONTEST WINNER

Mrs. Amanda Rich, South Park Elementary Center Title I reading teacher, was one of 100 educators to win the Reading is Fundamental Rally to Read Sweepstakes. Mrs. Rich entered the contest, part of Reading is Fundamental's yearlong efforts to encourage reading in classrooms across the country. As one of the contest winners, Mrs. Rich received 100 books to be used in the elementary center library and classrooms.



PROM 2022

South Park High School's Prom will be held on Friday, May 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe.

Prom reservations will be sold from Wednesday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 13. Reservations will be taken during all three lunch periods outside of the cafeteria as well as during homeroom and period 8 in room 214 in the business hallway. The cost of the prom is \$130 per couple and \$65 for singles.

For more information, click [here](#) to visit the Prom website.



BLANKET PROJECT

The South Park High School National Honor Society participated in Project Linus as its service project for the third nine weeks. Project Linus, a non-profit organization, provides handmade blankets for children in need. After school, NHS members crafted blankets that will be distributed to sick children who are in need of a little bit of comfort. Each member of NHS made two blankets, creating a total of more than 80 blankets. The blankets will be distributed throughout the greater Pittsburgh area to hospitals including UPMC Children's, Jefferson and Magee Women's.



EXTRA EFFORT AWARD

Every quarter, Steel Center for Career and Technical Education recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding attitude, work ethic, attendance and dependability. Instructors choose students to receive the Extra Effort Award.

Congratulations to the following South Park students who won the Extra Effort Award:

Makenzie Farrier
Cosmetology

Ridvan Karakoca
Collision Repair & Refinishing

Kaden Kuzawinski
Electrical Construction

Taylor Nelson
Advertising & Design

Daniel Parker
Building Trades

Giana Shrub
Health Assistant

SPEF CASINO NIGHT

The South Park Education Foundation is proud to bring back its popular Casino Night fundraiser on Saturday, April 30 at South Hills Country Club. This year, the foundation will treat guests to an "Evening at the Derby" with food, fun and prizes.

Tickets to this 21+ event includes a dinner buffet, dessert, a funny money voucher for the table games and five raffle tickets. Don't know how to play the table games? Don't worry! Professional dealers will teach you the games before you place your pretend bets. You'll also be able to visit the virtual track with exciting triple crown racing. All table games are complimentary. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The foundation awards student scholarships and educator grants throughout the South Park School District. To date, it has awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and more than \$12,000 in educator grants in every South Park school.

Tickets are \$80 each and \$150 for a couple. Call (412) 655-3111, extension 1002 to reserve your tickets today!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

South Park High School's Eagle Ridge Preschool Program will be accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year from April 1 until May 29. In order to apply, families will need to complete and print the following forms: health assessment, parent consent, emergency contact information and the application. These forms can be found by clicking here.

All four of these items, along with a check made out to "Eagle Ridge Child Development Center" for \$170 will need to be mailed to South Park High School or dropped off in the main office.

Envelopes can be addressed to:

Erika Stull
Preschool Enrollment
2005 Eagle Ridge Drive
South Park, PA 15129

Twelve preschoolers for the Monday-Thursday program (4 days a week) will be accepted. As always, those 3 year olds (turned 4 in the program) who are enrolled in this current year will have a guaranteed spot in the upcoming year after reapplying. There will be spaces available from our current 4 year olds (turned 5 in the program) who will be attending kindergarten next year.

Families with questions may call 412-655-3111, ext. 2126 or email erika.stull@sparksd.org.

POLICE K-9 VISIT

Ms. Stull's Eagle Ridge Preschool students and their high school buddies welcomed three special visitors this month. Officer Schwartz, Officer Posa and K-9 Mitch from the Port Authority Police stopped by the high school. The students learned about the officers' work, and the officers shared some important reminders for our youngest learners.



ACADEMIC GAMES COMPETITION

Last month, a group of middle school students in the Academic Games traveled to Grove City College to compete in the Tri-Bowl, a state-level competition. In order to attend, each student had to qualify in one of the previous tournaments.

Throughout the day, students played several rounds of Linguistics and Propaganda, two games that challenge students in the subjects of grammar, comprehension, problem solving and critical thinking.

Congratulations to Sophia Hale, Kate DeYoung, Isabella Cardillo, Cameron Beaver and Jonathan Breneman.



DELICIOUS MATH

Mrs. Feth's high school students celebrated National Oreo Day this month by completing some Oreo fractions. The students made different fractions with the icing in the Oreos.



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