



EAGLE EYE



NOVEMBER 23, 2021

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

During a ceremony on Thursday, November 18, a group of 21 South Park High School students was inducted into the National Honor Society. Students were selected based on their achievements in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. Members of the National Honor Society are required to maintain a 3.8 GPA, be involved in service projects, excel in leadership positions and have a strong reputation among the school's faculty and staff.

The 2021 inductees are: Kayla Bennett, Addison Cope, Mia DeAndrea, Alex Duing, Layla Gillis, Zachary Graham, Nicole Kempton, Timothy Lakatos, Isabella Mikelonis, Cassondra O'Connor, Geana Paranzino, Ava Rongaus, Madison Scherer, Ella Schlater, Lanie Schultz, Haley Spitznagel, Andrew Spowart, Shannon Stitch, Dakota Thompson, Jack Tumas and Julia Westland.



COCA-COLA SCHOLAR SEMIFINALIST

Avery Morgan, a South Park High School senior, has been named a semifinalist for the 2022 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. More than 68,000 high school seniors from across the country submitted applications based on their academic excellence, leadership and service. Avery is one of only 1,617 seniors selected as a semifinalist.

Semifinalists will now complete another phase of applications, which includes essays, a recommendation and transcripts. An independent selection committee will review those applications and select 250 regional finalists by the end of January to participate in online interviews. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be named in March to receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and participate in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. After the 2022 class, the program will have provided more than 6,600 scholars nationwide with more than \$79 million in scholarships over 34 years.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 24	One-Hour Early Dismissal
November 25 through November 29	District Closed, Fall Break
December 6	Board of Directors Reorganization/Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m. South Park High School

FALL BREAK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
ONE-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
DISTRICT CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
CLASSES RESUME



Clue

Last weekend, the South Park High School Drama Club presented four performances of "Clue." The production, based on the motion picture and board game, featured mystery, crime and a lot of laughs! Bravo to the Drama Club!



BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

At the November Board of Directors meeting, three long-term school directors were honored by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, PSBA, for their years of service.

Board of Directors President John Innocenti received recognition for 32 years of service to the South Park School District. Wayne Perry received recognition for 16 years of service to the South Park School District. Patrick Sable received recognition for eight years of service to the South Park School District.

PSBA representative Lena Hannah spoke about the recipients and their years of dedicated volunteer service to South Park students, the community and public education.

"These elected leaders give unselfishly of their time and energy to support and guide our public schools and the students they serve," Hannah said. "Their efforts, along with those of their fellow board members, reflect the mission of our schools to provide opportunities for success for every student."



PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

Social studies students in Mrs. Baldigowski's sixth grade and Mr. Levdansky's eighth grade classes participated in the annual Patriot's Pen competition. The nationwide, VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on a patriotic theme. This year's theme was, "How Can I Be A Good American?" Students in both classes engaged in an in-depth discussion about ways they can show good citizenship, assist others and stand as role models for others to be the best American citizens they can.

Students in these classes have participated in this contest for the past several years and placed at the local and regional levels, earning recognition and cash prizes. Mr. Levdansky and Mrs. Baldigowski thank the local Library VFW for their invitation to this year's contest and wanted to say "good luck" to all students participating. Winners will be announced in December.

LIFE-SAVING LESSONS

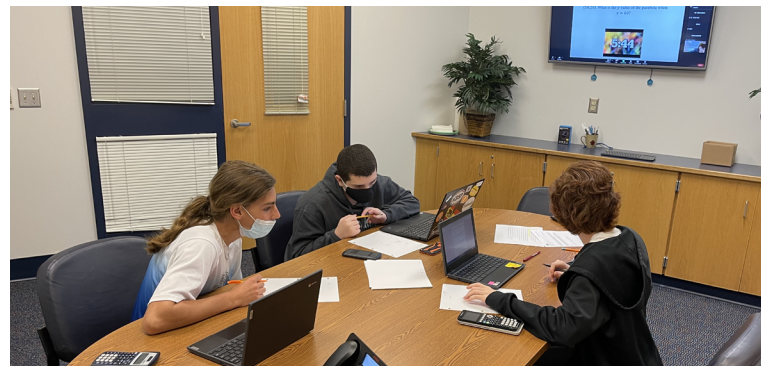
All high school students in Pennsylvania are required to learn CPR prior to graduation, according to a state law signed in 2019. At South Park High School, students are certified in CPR their senior year.

Over the past few weeks, South Park Director of School Police Todd Naylor led small-group instruction, certifying Class of 2022 students in this emergency procedure.



VIRTUAL MATH TOURNAMENT

South Park High School students Nicolas Bove, Walter Kivala and Sean Swartzwelder competed in the virtual CalcuSolve tournament in October. CalcuSolve is a competition that tests students' problem-solving skills related to mathematics.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The first grade Veterans Day program is a tradition at South Park Elementary Center. This year, that tradition continued, just in a different way.

Students learned about the importance of Veterans Day and the important role veterans play in our country. They also submitted photos and information about veterans from their families and friends.

In time for Veterans Day on November 11, the first grade team released a video of this year's Veterans Day program. In the video, students performed patriotic songs and heard from veterans who answered some of the students' questions.

To see the entire Veterans Day program, [click here](#).



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:

Amanda Dawson
Baking & Pastry Arts

Mateo Hayes
Culinary Arts

Nevan Snyder
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

Earlier this month, students in the South Park High School Marching Band traveled to Slippery Rock University to participate in the Slippery Rock University Marching Pride's annual High School Band Day. High school students took the field at halftime and performed with more than 300 high school and collegiate musicians, including several South Park alumni who are currently in the Slippery Rock band.



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SOUTH PARK ATHLETE SIGNINGS

Congratulations to two South Park High School seniors who will continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Drew Lafferty will attend the University of Kentucky and play baseball.

Conner Klingensmith will attend Mount Aloysius College and play baseball.

Congratulations, Drew and Conner!



WARMING UP IN FCS

Mrs. Masa's middle school family and consumer sciences students have been preparing for the colder weather with some creative projects.

First, the students dyed wool yarn with Kool-Aid. After setting the dye, they took the yarn and made winter hats on knitting machines. Mr. Whittington worked with the students to create a bit for a drill that went on their hand-cranked knitting machine. That turned it into a faster machine. It took students only 25 minutes to create a hat! Hand turning usually takes three to four hours.

Next, students turned their attention to shibori, an ancient dyeing technique. This FCS project turned into a science lesson, as students learned about natural chemical reactions and watched the dye turn their white hoodies green. Once the air hit them, they turned a beautiful indigo. After dyeing the sweatshirts, some students made their hoodies unique by creating designs on the Cricut machine.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 1 - 13**

RING PRESENTATION

South Park alumna Maddie Raymond returned to the high school on Wednesday, November 10 to receive her PIAA state championship ring during the Board of Directors meeting. Maddie was presented the ring by superintendent Wayne Gdovic.

Last spring, Maddie won the state title in the 100 meter and took second in the 200. She now attends Robert Morris University.



BUZZING IN

On November 18, South Park High School hosted five local school districts for the annual Academic League Competition. The South Park High School team competed against teams from Elizabeth Forward, Moon, Ringgold, South Fayette and West Jefferson Hills.

The Academic League quizzes students on questions from 22 subjects under the basic subject areas of math, English/language arts, science and social studies.



PUMPKIN DAY

First graders recently celebrated all things pumpkin with a fun-filled day of learning. They studied pumpkins in many of their classes, tested to see whether pumpkins sink or float, weighed them, counted their seeds, measured them and decorated them.



RED RIBBON WEEK: GUESS WHO

The sixth grade team dressed the part for the middle school's Red Ribbon Week. This was what they looked like on "Dress Like a Friend Day." Can you guess what they're dressed up as?



They're the Dunking Donuts!

COLORFUL KINDNESS WEEK

November 15-19 was Kindness Week at South Park High School. During the special week, an initiative of the high school's school-wide positive behavior program, students and staff were encouraged to wear a different color signifying a positive attribute. On Monday, students and staff wore green for gratitude. On Tuesday, they wore red for kindness. On Wednesday, yellow signified positivity. On Thursday, students and staff wore purple for politeness. And on Friday, everyone was encouraged to wear blue for South Park Eagle pride.

As part of Kindness Week, students received eagle feathers from faculty and staff for practicing those positive behaviors during the school day. Those students were entered into a drawing to receive Amazon gift cards.



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