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One Warrior at a Time

- Dr. Sandra Lemmon

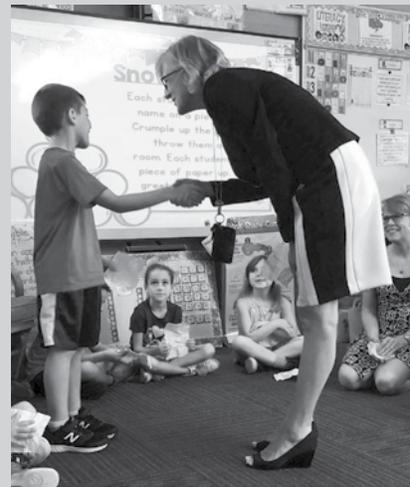
In the second half of the school year, we are excited to continue on our journey to make a difference in each student's life, one Warrior at a Time! Through teamwork and collaboration, we are committed to providing an environment in which all students will develop skills to benefit them in their futures and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Our students have been using the 'Design Thinking Process' to provide solutions. The 'Design Thinking Process' begins with conducting empathetic interviews with those involved to identify the need for change, forming new ideas, testing, and improving. This reduces risk in innovation by involving potential customers on a series of prototypes to discover, test, and improve concepts. This process can be used to explore solutions to any problem.

Just a reminder that parent teacher conferences will be held in the evenings of February 13 and 14. These conferences provide an excellent opportunity for you to communicate with your child's teacher and hear first hand about the learning taking place

in our classrooms.

We hope you are able to join us for our annual Battle of the Buildings fundraiser. This year's Battle will take place on February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School gym. Come out to cheer on our staff and students as we join together for a fun-filled evening which benefits SHS student scholarships!



Senior Citizen Tax Relief - Expanded Program

The Southern York County School District is pleased to announce that 2018-19 is the thirteenth year of the Property Tax Rebate Program. Senior and disabled citizens may receive a rebate of up to \$650 of property taxes paid, if eligible. During 2017-18, the district provided over \$78,000 to 211 qualifying taxpayers.

In June 2018, the Southern York County School District Board of Education approved updates to the program which expands the income limit to \$35,000 (up from \$25,000) and offers a higher potential rebate of \$650 (up from \$500).

To qualify for the program, you must be:

- 65 years or older, widow or widower (50 or older), or permanently disabled;
- Own and occupy your home in the Southern York County School District;
- Your total eligible annual household income is \$35,000 or less, which excludes one-half of Social Security benefits, supplemental Social Security income, and Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits; and
- Your 2018-19 tax bill must have been paid by December 31, 2018.

Applications are available at the Southern York County School District Administration Building, the South-Central York County Senior Center, or can be downloaded from the Southern York County School District's website (www.sycsd.org – at the top left corner, place your cursor on District, and navigate to Tax Information towards the bottom of the drop down menu, then select "Property Tax Rebate Program"). For questions, call the school district at 717-235-4811, extension 7300. We will be happy to help you complete the form by appointment. The deadline for filing the rebate form is May 15, 2019.

SYCS D Highlights Accomplishments

The Southern York County School District's Annual Report to the Community for the 2017-18 school year is available.

We have exemplary academic achievement at all levels, and our students continue to excel outside the classroom. In addition, our business operations continue to be a model of efficiency. We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments, dedication, and commitment to providing the highest quality learning environment for our students in partnership with parents, guardians, and the entire community.

Here are a few highlights from 2017-18 as featured in the Annual Report:

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Southern York County School District's Advanced Placement (AP) program had another successful year. Susquehannock students participated in 346 AP exams in 2018. Students can earn college and university credits in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores

The SAT assessment is utilized by many colleges and universities in the admissions process. SHS students performed well beyond the state and national averages on the SAT and these results reflect the efforts of outstanding teaching and learning.

"We are very proud that our SAT scores exceed the state average even though our instructional cost per student is one of the lowest in York County," said Dr. Lemmon.



FES Students Fill Holiday Smile Bags for Charity

Students at Friendship Elementary collected hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for Holiday Smile. This event was organized by FES student council. Mrs. Walker's 3rd grade class organized all the items and assembled 300 bags that were given out at The Holiday Smile event in downtown York. Coats of Friendship also donated hats and gloves for this very special event. It was a heartwarming service project for all involved at FES!



SYCS D Foundation Completes Exceptional Year

The 2017-18 fiscal year was an exceptional one for the Southern York County School District Foundation (SYCSDF). The SYCSDF provides giving opportunities for scholarships, projects, equipment, supplies and other purposes that benefit District students.

"In 2018, 161 scholarships were awarded to 110 students at Susquehannock High School," said Foundation President Glenn Geiple. The Foundation distributed \$119,446 in scholarships and awards through the Dollars for Scholars program. The scholarship program now features 36 permanently endowed scholarships.

Last year the Foundation received more than \$244,000 in contributions. Net assets through the SYCSDF are over \$700,000. Furthermore, \$31,000 was donated to the School District for technology through gifts from community members, businesses, and supporters.

To view the most recent annual report for the Southern York County School District Foundation or to learn about ways to contribute to the Foundation, visit the district website at www.sycsd.org or contact Susan Green, Executive Director, at 717-235-4811 ext. 7274 or susan.green@sycsd.org.



Gail Seitz Prego presents 2018 grad Kendel Abrams with a Foundation Scholarship.

Warrior Baseball Team Volunteered with Veterans

On November 11th, Veterans' Day, The Warrior Baseball Team volunteered to help with the Food Run organized by the Veterans Helping Hands Program in York.

Players helped out with bagged lunches and loading vehicles. "In about an hour and a half, we had 200 bagged lunches prepared," Coach Farmer said.

"I thought that this experience was very beneficial for two reasons. It showed us how fortunate we are, and also showed us we can rely on our teammates to help us when we need it," Joe Gusherowski, a player on the Warrior Baseball Team, said.

When Farmer took over coaching, he wanted the boys to be accountable and involved in the community. He thanked his players and parent volunteers for the overwhelming interest in helping the community.



Possible Property Tax Reduction for Homeowners

As part of Act 1 of 2006, each year by May 1st, the State Secretary of the Budget must certify if there are enough funds to provide homeowners with property tax relief. There may be enough money in the Property Tax Relief Fund for the 2019-20 tax year that begins on July 1, 2019 to offer this relief again.

To receive this tax reduction, which comes in the form of a homestead/farmstead assessment reduction, the homeowner must have an approved homestead/farmstead application on file with the York County Assessment Office by March 1, 2019. In December 2018, as required under Act 1, the District sent out a homestead/farmstead application to any residential property that was not currently approved as a homestead/farmstead. This application needs to be completed and returned

to the County by March 1, 2019 to determine if your property is an eligible homestead/farmstead property. Unfortunately, per the Act, properties acquired after the March 1st deadline must wait until the following year to qualify for an exclusion.

If you have submitted an application in the past, received an approval for your property, and your primary residence has not changed, that approval is still good. If you are unsure whether your property is on the approved list of homestead/farmsteads you may check by accessing the website via www.sycsd.org and navigating to Tax Information. There will be a link to put in your property information to check to see if your property has been approved.

Act 1 Index and the 2019-20 Budget

Section 311(d)(1) of Act 1 permits a school district to elect to adopt a resolution indicating it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index. Upon approval of the resolution, the school district can then follow a traditional budget development process and forego the accelerated Act 1 timeline.

The Southern York County School District is happy to announce that the Board passed a resolution on December 6, 2018 not to raise property taxes more than the Pennsylvania Department of Education index for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The Board of Education is committed to delivering a tax increase at or below the 2.9%

index, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

It should be noted, however, that the percentage increase has not yet been determined. The proposed budget for the District is expected to be approved by the Board of Education at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting. The final budget is expected to be approved by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Following the April Board meeting, the proposed budget will be available for review on the District's website and also available at the Thomas R. Hensley District Administration Center.

SHS Theatre Presents *Wizard of Oz*

April 5-7, 2019

Susquehannock High School, Richard D. Hupper Auditorium
Friday 7:00 p.m., Saturday 2:00 & 7:00 p.m., and Sunday 2:00 p.m.

For ticket information, visit www.susquehannocktheatre.com
or call 235-4811, ext. 4901

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Sandra L. Lemmon	Superintendent
Dr. Robert J. Bryson	Asst. Superintendent
Susan Green	Chief Financial & Operations Officer

BOARD MEETINGS

The Southern York County School District Board of Education holds meetings on the third Thursday of January through November, and the first Thursday of December, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the District Administration building. Meetings are also televised live via Comcast's Cable TV Channel 99.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(717) 235-4811

Friendship Elementary	Ext. 1901
Shrewsbury Elementary	Ext. 5901
Southern Elementary	Ext. 2901
Southern Middle School	Ext. 3901
Susquehannock High School	Ext. 4901
Susquehannock Guidance	Ext. 4902
Transportation	Ext. 7350
Business Office	Ext. 7278

MISSION STATEMENT

The Southern York County School District, through a cooperative effort with the family and community, will provide a quality learning environment that promotes character, fosters responsibility, and challenges students to achieve their potential.

Adopted by Board of Education - 6/21/01

The Southern York County School District is an equal opportunity educational institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or disability in any of its activities, programs, employment policies or practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, or Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the American Disabilities Act of 1990. Employees and participants who have an inquiry or complaint of harassment or discrimination, or who need information about accommodations for persons with disabilities, should contact the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Southern York County School District, P.O. Box 128, Glen Rock, PA 17327-0128 or call (717) 235-4811.

PUBLICATION

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WEBSITE

www.sycsd.org

Spring 2019 Adult Education Program

Class:	Instructor/s:	Description:	Location/Dates/Time:	Cost:
NEW! Getting Published	Cara Achterberg <i>6 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Learn various avenues to publication, prepare your writing, learn to build your platform, brand and more. You will have the opportunity to submit your work for publication. Bring notebook, pen or laptop.	Shrewsbury Elementary Library/Tuesdays/March 12 - April 16/7:00-9:00 p.m.	Resident: \$52 Non-resident: \$56 Senior Resident: \$26 Senior non-resident: \$30
Creative Writing	Cara Achterberg <i>6 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Participants will explore writing from many angles and learn the basics of fiction and creative non-fiction writing. Hands-on class with writing at every session. Bring notebook, pen or laptop.	Shrewsbury Elementary Library/Mondays/March 11 - April 29/7:00-9:00 p.m. (No class on April 1 or 22)	Resident: \$45 Non-resident: \$49 Senior Resident: \$22 Senior non-resident: \$26 An additional amount of \$10 will be payable to the instructor for a blank journal, colored pens and decorating supplies.
Introduction to Digital Photography	David Crough <i>6 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Participants will learn about camera controls and their effects on the image as well as the use of qualities to make images interesting and attractive to the eye. Bring your digital camera and manual (if available) to class.	Susquehannock High School Room 103/Tuesdays/March 12 - April 16/7:00-9:00 p.m.	Resident: \$48 Non-resident: \$52 Senior Resident: \$24 Senior non-resident: \$28
Intro to Microsoft Word and Excel	Walt Cerkan <i>4 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Participants will learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel. You must bring a USB drive to save files during class.	Southern Elementary School Computer Lab/ March 20, 21 (Word) 27, 28 (Excel)/6:15-8:15 p.m.	Resident: \$30 Non-resident: \$34 Senior Resident: \$15 Senior non-resident: \$19
Small Engine Repair	Henry Hartman <i>8 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Students will learn the basic principles of 2-stroke and 4-stroke cycle engines, carbureation, fuel systems, governors, ignition systems, general maintenance, overhauls , and valve jobs. Equal time in classroom and hands-on.	Susquehannock High School Rooms 014 & 022/Thursdays/ March 21 - May 16/7:00-9:00 p.m. (No class on April 18)	Resident: \$70 Non-resident: \$74 Senior Resident: \$35 Senior non-resident: \$39
Adult Beginner Spanish Part II	Tracy Noll <i>6 sessions, 1.5 hours each</i>	Review basic grammar concepts of Spanish. Participants will continue with parts of speech, such as object of preposition and direct object pronouns. Ideal for students who took Beginner Spanish or who had Spanish in school. *Not for those who have never taken Spanish.	Susquehannock High School Room 100/Tuesdays/March 12 - April 16/6:30-8:00 p.m.	Resident: \$32 Non-resident: \$36 Senior Resident: \$16 Senior non-resident: \$20
Basic Folk Guitar	Jessica Mary Buck <i>8 sessions, 1 hour each</i>	No prior music training required. You will learn chords and finger picking on acoustic guitar. Bring a playable acoustic guitar, electronic guitar tuner and a 3-ring notebook.	Southern Middle School Orchestra/Wednesdays/March 13 - May 8/7:30-8:30 p.m. (No class on April 17)	Resident: \$32 Non-resident: \$36 Senior Resident: \$16 Senior non-resident: \$20
Over 30 Basketball	Jack Stoneberg <i>8 sessions, 2 hours each</i>	Players over 30 will play full-court "pickup" basketball games. Participants should know basketball rules and be able to compete with a minimum of an average skill level. Bring a light and a dark t-shirt and wear sneakers to play.	Shrewsbury Elementary School Gym/Thursdays/March 7 - May 2/8:00-10:00 p.m. (No class on April 18)	YMCA Member: \$33 Non-Y Member: \$65

Spring 2019 Wellness Classes

Classes take place at the Southern Branch YMCA and are taught by certified instructors.
Classes are FREE for YMCA members and \$50 for non-members per class 10-week session.

Class:	Description:	Day/Dates/Time:
X-Bike: Mountain Biking Indoors	Outdoor attitude brought indoors. This is no spin class- X-bikes have handlebars that move and are weighted to involve the upper body, too! This is mountain biking! Join the ride!	Mondays: 3/11 - 5/13/19, 5:30-6:00 p.m. Tuesdays: 3/12 - 5/14/19, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Thursdays: 3/14 - 5/16/19, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Cardio Barre	We believe that everyone is capable of rocking our classes: no dance experience required! As long as you can hold a ballet barre, you can do this class.	Thursdays: 3/14 - 5/16/19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
BodyCombat	This empowering group cardio program is inspired by mixed martial arts and draws from disciplines such as karate, boxing, taekwondo, tai chi, and muay thai. Get unleashed!	Mondays: 3/11 -5/13/19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays: 3/13 - 5/15/19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturdays: 3/16 - 5/18/19, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Yoga	Strengthen and re-energize by challenging your muscular strength, flexibility, and balance while training the mind to be focused.	Mondays: 3/11 -5/13/19, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Tuesdays: 3/12 - 5/14/19, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Thursdays: 3/14 - 5/16/19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
NEW! Flow Yoga	Flow yoga encourages a more mobile practice where the poses are held for shorter periods but are linked with dynamic movements. Following the breath keeps this form of yoga engaging and physical while still slow enough for a mindful experience.	Wednesdays: 3/13 -5/15/19, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Intro to Cardio Hoop	Start your journey to learning how to hoop to fitness! We provide hoops for this workshop style class designed to get your heart-rate up while learning a new skill! Build your core, posture, balance, and waistline by hooping with weighted hoops. Beginners to intermediate are welcome!	Tuesdays: 3/14 - 5/16/19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Circuit Class	Cardio, endurance and strength make up this class!	Fridays: 3/15 -5/17/19, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Tai Chi Movements	A standing series of Tai Chi movements is a choreographed routine where one movement links into another continuously. After warming up with traditional Tai Chi techniques and preparatory exercises, the focus will be on learning the sequence of forms.	Mondays: 3/11 -5/13/19, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Tuesdays: 3/12 - 5/14/19, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Seated Tai Chi	Tai chi class executed in a seated position.	Fridays: 3/15 -5/17/19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tai Chi FIT	Tai Chi Fit is all about finding FLOW! There's no memorization here, just following the movement. This class includes simple to complex Tai Chi patterns that build leg strength. This is a place where body and mind function in harmony, allowing you to find the flow within!	Thursdays: 3/14 - 5/16/19, 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Pilates	This class provides a safe, non-impact workout that builds core muscles to stabilize the spine and protect your back. A yoga/pilates mat is provided.	Wednesdays: 3/13 -5/15/19, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Fridays: 3/15 -5/17/19, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Abulous!	Moves, sequences and routines put together to target and strengthen the abdominal region.	Mondays: 3/11 -5/13/19, 10:00-10:20 a.m. Tuesdays: 3/12 - 5/14/19, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Zumba	Ditch the workout and join the party! Easy-to-follow Latin-inspired dance workout.	Wednesdays: 3/13 - 5/15/19, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Total Body Conditioning	This sculpting and toning class starts with a warm up and moves into exercises with resistance and stability balls.	Wednesdays: 3/13 - 5/15/19, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Wednesdays: 3/13 - 5/15/19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kettlebell	Develop strength and muscle endurance with compound exercises that work multiple muscle groups simultaneously giving you an overall body workout. From the basics of a kettlebell swing, to functional movements like the triangle, you'll get a workout like no other!	Mondays: 3/11 -5/13/19, 6:15-6:45 p.m. Saturdays: 3/16 - 5/18/19, 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Power Pump	Increase muscular strength and endurance through the use of bars and rubber plates. This class will work your whole body, including arms, legs, core and more! Using barbells to do everything from lunges and squats to chest presses and crunches, this is a total-body program.	Tuesdays: 3/12 - 5/14/19, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Fridays: 3/15 -5/17/19, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays: 3/16 - 5/18/19, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Residential Customer

Spring 2019 Adult Education Registration Form

Please make checks payable to "Southern York County School District" and mail to:

Southern York County School District, Office of Community Relations , P.O. Box 128 , Glen Rock, PA 17327-0128



Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Southern York Co. School District Resident? Yes No

Senior Citizen (62 years or older)? Yes No

FOR Y WELLNESS CLASSES ONLY: YMCA Member? Yes No

Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ Course Name: _____

2nd Course Choice: _____

I fully understand the risks involved in participating in any strenuous activity and I absolve the Southern York County School District from all liability for any personal injury incurred through my participation in any Southern York County School District sponsored Adult Education program.

Signature: _____

SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPORTANT DATES:

<p>Feb. 6..... Grade 6 Parent Transition Night at SMS 6:30 PM</p> <p>Feb. 7..... ShES Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb. 13..... SHS 8th Grade Curriculum Fair 7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb. 13 and 14..... Parent-Teacher Conferences Evening</p> <p>Feb. 15..... No School/ Teacher In-Service Day</p> <p>Feb. 18..... No School/ Presidents' Day</p> <p>Feb. 20..... SYCSD Orchestra Concert at SHS 7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb. 21..... School Board Meeting 7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb. 27..... Battle of the Buildings at SHS 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mar. 1..... FES Winter Carnival 6:00 PM</p> <p>Mar. 5..... SMS Orchestra Chamber Music Concert 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mar. 8..... SHS Pre-ACT Test</p> <p>Mar. 8..... Early Dismissal/Teacher In-Service Secondary 11:44 AM, Elementary 12:30 PM</p> <p>Mar. 12..... SES Kindergarten Registration</p> <p>Mar. 13..... FES Kindergarten Registration</p> <p>Mar. 14..... ShES Kindergarten Registration</p> <p>Mar. 21..... School Board Meeting 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mar. 22..... Third Marking Period Ends</p>
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