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# Southern Way

Southern York County School District

## District Names Top Students

### Valedictorian



The Southern York County School District has named Tim Frey as Valedictorian of the Class of 2013. He is the son of Bill and Patty Frey of New Freedom. His grade point average of 4.7958 earned him the honor of being the highest ranked student in the class.

During high school, Frey served as president of the Future Business Leaders of America, was treasurer for the Senior Class and the Varsity Club, and also participated on the Principal's Advisory Committee.

He received the Physics Award, Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and earned Magna Cum Laude on his scores from the National Latin Exam.

Furthermore, he was awarded first place at the 2013 spring and 2012 fall VEX Robotics competitions as well as second

### Salutatorian



Colleen McGonigle's grade point average of 4.7947 earned her the honor of being the second highest ranked student in the class and Salutatorian of the Class of 2013. She is the daughter of Donald and Elizabeth McGonigle of Glen Rock.

As a student, McGonigle earned Gold Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam, received the History Department award (10th grade), the English Department award (10th and 11th grades), the Science Department Award (11th), and is a Commended National Merit Scholar.

She also participated in Concert Choir, the choral select ensemble, known as Chanticleer, the Earth and Knitting Clubs, Envirothon, and the high school musicals. Her most

## Engler to Address Class of 2013

Darryl Engler, recipient of the Susquehannock High School Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award for 2013, will address the Class of 2013 during commencement services on June 7th.

As the recipient, Engler joins a distinguished group of Susquehannock graduates and will also be recognized at commencement. He was nominated for this honor by fellow alumni and selected by the Alumni Council.

Engler is remembered as a middle and high school math and computer science teacher. His service to the School District also included designing the District's first technology curriculum and serving as its first director of computer services. In this position, he implemented and managed student and administrative systems.

Outside of his family (wife Pat and daughter Lori), Engler's life revolves around two passions: music and mathematics. He graduated from Susquehannock High School in 1965. As a student, Engler was active in the marching, concert, and dance bands, concert orchestra,



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# Commencement Set for June 7th

Susquehannock High School will hold its 62nd annual commencement on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held on the school's Robert Lau Memorial Field. Dr. Thomas Hensley, Superintendent of the Southern York County School District, and Robert Scheffter, School Board President, will award the diplomas.

Mackenzie Bates, Senior Class Vice President, will give the welcoming speech. Kristin Hedgeland, Senior Class President, will give the closing remarks. Valedictorian Tim Frey and Salutatorian Colleen McGonigle will both present orations. Jeanette Wilson, Senior Class Secretary, will also honor the school's three foreign exchange students. This year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award will speak during commencement as well.

## Class of 2013

Kristin Hedgeland ..... President  
 Mackenzie Bates ..... Vice President  
 Jeanette Wilson ..... Secretary  
 Tim Frey ..... Treasurer  
 Kristin Kowalczyk ..... Class Advisor  
 Daisy ..... Class Flower  
 Blue ..... Class Color  
 "Graduation Song" ..... Class Song

Class Motto:

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Mae West



# Student Forms

This year, the summer mailing will include bus assignments, teacher assignments, and emergency paperwork. Students and parents should expect to receive this mailing on or around August 12, 2013. As in the past, a separate mailing will be done with parent login and password information. For efficiency, this mailing will also include the Free and Reduced Meal Application.

The District encourages parents to take a few minutes before school begins to complete the required forms and return them with their children the first day of school. High school and middle school student schedules will be mailed by the end of July. Other student forms will be dispensed on the first day of school to all students.

A printed school calendar will also be distributed the first day of school. The 2013-14 calendar will also be available on the home page ('Upcoming Events') of the District's website and includes ongoing up to date District-wide information. Please note that since the printed calendar is static, daily updates are available on the website calendar. In addition, other student forms will also be available on the website prior to the first day of school ([www.sycsd.org](http://www.sycsd.org)). Look under the Quick Links: 'Student Forms & Information.'

**Planning a vacation?** If you are planning a vacation and need to know the school holidays, visit the District's website. Click either the District or Community tab and SYCSD Calendar at a Glance. This calendar lists the starting and ending dates for the 2013-14 school year as well as holidays and early dismissal days.



Class Officers for the Class of 2013: Left to right -- Jeanette Wilson, Mackenzie Bates, Kristin Hedgeland, and Tim Frey

### BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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### BOARD MEETINGS

The Southern York County School District Board of Education holds meetings on the third Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and the first Thursday of December, unless unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the District Administration Conference Center, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are also televised live, via Comcast's Cable TV Channel 99.

### CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Friendship Elementary ..... Ext. 1290  
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 Shrewsbury Elementary ..... Ext. 5360  
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 Susquehannock High School ..... Ext. 4238  
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### 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

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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.

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### WEBSITE

[www.sycsd.org](http://www.sycsd.org)

# Class of 2013 Graduates

The following Susquehannock High School seniors have been tentatively recommended for graduation, pending satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation and the recommendation of the High School Principal.

Taylor Alston	Kristen Filsinger	Rilee Lollis	Samantha Roloson
Jessica Amberman	Hannah Fletcher	Amy Longerbeam	Krystal Rose
Brianna Anderson	David Floyd	Elizabeth Lutz	Joshua Rosenberger
Kayla Anelli	David Fodel	Sarah Lynch	Caroline Savin
Brian Bailone	Emily Fodel	Lauren Mankin	Crystal Scott
Erin Baker	Nathan Freet	Morgan Martin	Allison Seabrease
Brandon Banchiere	Tim Frey	Natalie Martin	Jeremy Sechrist
Kelly Bange	Carlos Frost	Mikayla Mayoryk	Grant Senft
Mackenzie Bates	Elizabeth Garrison	Rachel Mays	Maggie Shade
Austin Bazuine	Azilee Gasque	Jeromy McCauley	Thomas Shaffer
Matthew Bell	Kyle Geesey	Jordan McGee	Melissa Shallcross
Madeline Berg	Dallas Gittings	Colleen McGonigle	Ashleigh Sharland
Matthew Bond	Cory Gootee	Justin McLee	Larry Sheng
Shane Bookhultz	Dillon Graham	Ryan McNamara	Jessica Shuman
Madison Bowe	Richard Grant	Shannon McNeal	Alysha Simmons
Corey Boyd	Ian Gray	Douglas Mentlik	Julia Singer
Courtney Brandt	Wynter Graybill	Kira Miller	Casey Slattery
Nathan Breighner	Mary Gross	Chelsea D Miller	Wesley Sparks
Tyler Brooks	Emily Grothey	Kyle Miller	Christopher Sproul
Konstance Brown	Abigail Hagee	Michael Miller	Shelby Stacharowski
Karl Brunner	Jason Hagel	Alex Miller	Molly Stanley
Kristina Bryson	Bradley Haller	Corey Mohar	Megan Stanski
Michael Buell	Robert Halterman JR	Rachel Moltz	Heidi Stevenson
Delani Bupp	Scott Hanson	John Morris	Katerina Stewart
Web Burrier	Austin Hart	Patrick Morrison	Dominique Svatey
Allison Burton	Kristin Hedgeland	Jacob Moul	Alexis Svatey
Allison Carberry	Kelly Heil	Lauren Mudrock	Ian Szyman
Dalton Carter	Jefrey Herbert	Dalton Munsell	Brittany Tedore
Laura Cathell	Scott Hess	Alexis Murphy	Jacob Temple
Lisa Cesenaro	Aaron Hill	Jenna Nace	Tobias Thiesse
Matthew Cheers	Cassandra Hinkle	Thomas Nace	Ryan Thomas
Alexa Choate	Mason Hof	Ellen Nelson	Bailey Tice
Lauren Clasing	Jacob Hoffman	Richard Ness	Austin Turner
Brooke Clasing	Skylar Holtzapple	Matthew Noel	Sarah Tyler
Lauren Clasing	Kristen Hricko	Allison Novak	Gabrielle Urik
Joshua Cleveland	Ciro Improta	Benjamen Oleska	Tyler Valentine
Brittany Corbett-Campbell	Roseanne Isang	Paul Orndorff	Aaron Vasilow
Gina Corey	Kasey Ives	Anjelica Jasmine Ortiz	Christopher Vatrak
Matthew Corio	Kelsei Jacobson	Dennis Osborne	Kyle Vecere
Michael Costa	Evan Jacque	Hailey Page	Caroline Vesper
Nathan Coulter	Abbey Jankalski	Giulia Pastorelli	Lee Angelo Viado
Emily Cox	Cole Jasinski	Katelynn Patterson	Nikole Walker
Travis Crane	Lucy Kalista	Rachel Price	Alexandra Weaver
Sierra Crone	Sean Kaliszak	Robby Pugaczewski	Darneshea Weber
Taylor Cubbler	Nicholas Karaskordas	Felicia Pulia	Kenyon Weber
Gina Dal Pezzo	Ryan Kauffman	Ryan Quigg	Genna Weger
Kristen Dansberger	Casey Kelly	Allison Quigg	Jesse Welk
Brenna Davis	Timothy Kemp	Elavell Quiles	Caitlin Werder
Bridget DeFelice	Molly Knox	Stacy Rae	Melissa Westerback
Alyssa Denis	Jonathan Koller	Morrigan Rassa	Lisa Willem
Corey DeSimone	Sarah Kulaga	Courtney Raver	Tyesha Williams
Leah Deter	M. Joseph Lackney III	Courtney Reed	Tameka Williams
Dakota Dufek	Nicholas Laferte	Matthew Reed	Dustin Wilson
Kyle Dulski	Lisa Laney	Nicholas Renzi	Jeanette Wilson
Jacob Dunkin	Chandler Larkin	Joshua Richardson	Zedekiah Wood
Taylor Dunlop	Elizabeth Lesko	Jesse Richardson	Davud Yeilding
Conor Ellington	Samantha Leslie	Jason Rinnier	Paul Young
Patrick Erdman	Jessica Libertini	Nathan Rivers	Jordan Zanella
Tyler Fallon	Cydney Liebhart	Mackenzie Roberts	Richard Zappardino
Cassandra Ferlitch	Christopher Linkous	Milene Rodrigue	

# Darryl Engler to Speak at Commencement Ceremony

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and the choral program. He also performed in the junior and senior plays, the basketball pep band, and played mandolin in a student organized folk-singing group.

Outside of school, he played in a local drum and bugle corps and also in the Glen Rock Band.

In school, he recalls his best subject being math, and he took as many math courses as Susquehannock offered, continuing its study when he attended Ursinus College.

After his graduation from Ursinus, his teaching career began in 1969 at Southern Middle School, when he was hired by

the new principal, Gerry Miller. He taught general math in his first year, but was soon teaching advanced courses and was named department head after only one year.

He was later named Director of Computer Services. He retired from Southern in 1999.

Throughout all these years, he remained active in the “other half” of his professional life, music. He played the organ and was the regular organist at Trinity United Church of Christ in Glen Rock for many years. He started singing with the Glen Rock Carolers in 1971 and has been with that organization continuously since that date, currently serving as its

director.

He became active in the York Little Theatre as a musical director for many shows throughout a 10-year period. He also directed shows at Susquehannock, and was the musical director of the White Rose Barbershop singing society.

In his “retirement,” he works for Wilkes University teaching at least two graduate level computer courses every semester. In his spare time, Engler joins wife, Pat and visits daughter, Lori in Florida,

where she works at the Disney World Corporate Office.



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## Tim Fry - Valedictorian

place at the 2012 spring and 2011 fall VEX Robotics competitions.

In addition, while a student at Susquehannock, Frey played volleyball and basketball, earning the YAIAA Academic All-League award and the District III E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence award. He also received the 2013 Gretchen Wolf Swartz Sportsmanship Award.

Outside of school, Frey participated in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball. Besides playing varsity basketball and volleyball, Frey said his most rewarding experiences of high school were participating on the VEX Robotics team, opening the Warrior Hangout Coffee Shop at the high school, and organizing the Boston Strong fundraiser.

After graduation, Frey will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, where he will major in Aerospace and Electrical Engineering. Frey advises the Class of 2014 to “take advantage of all of the opportunities and resources at your disposal. If you have an idea, just go out and try to do it.”

## Colleen McGonigle - Salutatorian

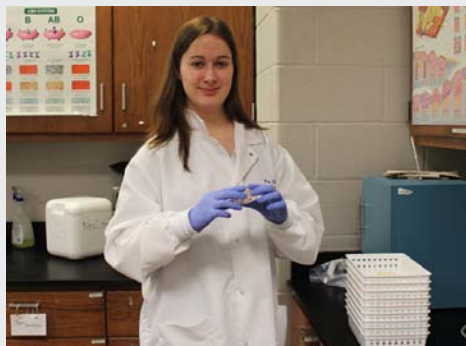
rewarding experiences during high school were being selected and performing in Pennsylvania Music Educators (PMEA) and National Association for Music Education (NAfME) choral festivals. “These festivals took up a great amount of time, but the experience of singing with talented singers and conductors made the festivals well worth the effort, and they were also very rewarding,” she said.

Outside of school, McGonigle performed with the Peabody Children’s Chorus, Deer Creek Chorale, York County Senior Honors Choir, the Stewartstown United Methodist Summer Theater, the Stewartstown United Methodist Company of Praise, and volunteered with the Helping Hands of York.

McGonigle plans to attend Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa, to major in neuroscience and vocal performance. “Stay true to who you are and cherish your time with everyone you know,” she said. “This world is so hectic that it’s easy to lose sight of who you are and the things that are important to you. Stay strong in your beliefs, despite the pressures around you.”

## Lesko Named Merit Scholar

Susquehannock High School senior Ellie Lesko was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist for 2013 and was selected for a National Merit corporate-based scholarship. She is



one of about 15,000 semifinalists nationwide who advanced to this standing. Winners of National Merit Scholarship awards were chosen from the finalist group, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), and by meeting specific program requirements.

Students are chosen as semifinalists because they scored the highest in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation’s seniors. To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, semifinalists have to fulfill requirements to advance to the finalist standing. Lesko became a semifinalist last fall then completed a detailed scholarship application. From the finalist group, 8,400 students will be notified by this summer that they will receive a National Merit Scholarship.

“I was pleasantly surprised and happy to become a finalist,” Lesko said of her recognition.

While in college, Lesko plans to major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for a career in plant genetics.

## All Star Athletes

The following 17 Susquehannock High School student-athletes were selected for the District III E. Jerry Brooks Academic All Star Award. To qualify for this award, students must have a minimum weighted 3.8 grade point average at the end of the first semester, possess good citizenship and sportsmanship, compete in a minimum of two different sports, and earn at least three varsity letters.

Jessica Amberman .....	Soccer, Swimming, Lacrosse Manager
Kayla Anelli.....	Football Cheerleader/Basketball
Mackenzie Bates .....	Soccer/Swimming/Boys' Soccer Manager
Leah Deter .....	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Timothy Frey.....	Basketball/Volleyball
Melissa Hedgeland.....	Swimming/Volleyball/Lacrosse Manager
Molly Knox .....	Basketball/Lacrosse Manager
Samantha Leslie .....	Swimming/Softball
Elizabeth Lutz .....	Football Cheerleader/Basketball
Mikayla Mayoryk .....	Swimming/Track/Tennis
Jordan McGee .....	Soccer/Swimming, Softball
Patrick Morrison .....	Cross Country/Track
Alexis Murphy .....	Soccer/Basketball
Melissa Shallcross .....	Tennis/Track
Caroline Vesper .....	Football Cheerleader/Basketball/Track
Alexandra Weaver .....	Field Hockey, Lacrosse
Jeanette Wilson .....	Soccer/Basketball/Lacrosse

## Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds

The seventh annual Susquehannock High School Celebrity Golf Tournament raised money toward scholarships and Susquehannock Alumni programs. Proceeds raised from the event, approaching \$14,000, will be donated to the Southern York County School District Foundation, and will help fund a future scholarship for one senior student for each varsity sport, for a total of 24 scholarships.

The funds will also be used toward continued work on the Susquehannock Alumni Field House and other Susquehannock Alumni Association activities. The Susquehannock All Sports Booster Club and Susquehannock Alumni Association



Athletic Director Chuck Abbott (L) presented the team prize to (l-r) Jeff Nycum, Brad McAlester (celebrity) Rick Kensinger, Chuck Erickson, and Art Partner.

co-sponsored the annual golf tournament, held at Hickory Heights Golf Course in Spring Grove. The event brought a record number of golfers this year along with a host of local celebrities. Highlighting the event were

also awards, door prizes, and an opportunity to play at an outstanding local sporting venue, hosted by course owner Lynn Snyder, a Susquehannock Alumnus. The event concluded with a luncheon and awards presentations.

## Athletic Ticket Prices

### Ticket prices for the 2013-14 Susquehannock High School Athletic Events:

#### Varsity Events

Adults.....	\$4
Students.....	\$2
Senior Citizens (62+) .....	\$1

#### Junior High Events

Adults.....	\$2
Students.....	\$1
Senior Citizens (62+) .....	\$1

#### Individual Season Passes are available as listed below:

##### All Home Fall Athletic Events

Adults.....	\$102
Students.....	\$51
Senior Citizens (62+) .....	\$37

##### All Home Winter Athletic Events

Adults.....	\$100
Students.....	\$50
Senior Citizens (62+) .....	\$33

##### All Home Spring Athletic Events

Adults.....	\$87
Students.....	\$43
Senior Citizens (62+) .....	\$37

Seasonal passes are on sale at the Susquehannock High School Athletic Office. Contact Chuck Abbott, Athletic Director, at [Chuck.Abbott@syscsd.org](mailto:Chuck.Abbott@syscsd.org), or call 235-4811, extension 4240.

In addition, the price to reserve parking for home football games will be \$50.

## SRPD Announcement

The Southern Regional Police Department would like to extend the graduating Class of 2013 best wishes. We would like to remind the students that we have a zero tolerance to any under-age drinking. Be sure to make smart decisions to assure a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.



## Reaching Out Electronically

In our continued effort to go green and increase efficiency, *The Southern Way* (this publication) will continue to be available electronically. These newsletters are available on the District's website ([www.sycsd.org](http://www.sycsd.org)) under the 'Community' section and are posted under each school's home page. District parents will be notified through the Parent Notification System when the newsletter is available online. All other residents are asked to visit the 'In the News' section of the District website ([www.sycsd.org](http://www.sycsd.org)), where they will be directed to the electronic newsletter, once it is published. For a printed copy, please call 717-235-4811, ext. 7231.

The newsletter is published four times during the 2013-14 school year: October, February, April/May, and June.

## Summer Hours to Change

As a cost/energy saving measure, the District will again be implementing a four-day work week for the summer. From June 10 through August 9, 2013, all Southern York County District offices will be open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. As of August 12, 2013, all offices will be open, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the start of the 2013-2014 school year. When school is in session, office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Student Performs with Band

Jeremy Sechrist, a senior at Susquehannock High School, was selected for the All-State Band Wind Ensemble for the trumpet. Jeremy performed at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) state festival in Erie, Pa and was one of two students selected from York County to be chosen to perform.

Sechrist was chosen for the All-State honors after being selected for the PMEA District 7 Band and then moved on to the PMEA Region 5 band, where he was first chair.

"Congratulations are extended to Susquehannock High School Band Director, Chris Poole and Jeremy for this very prestigious, outstanding honor and recognition," Superintendent Dr. Thomas Hensley said.



Senior Jeremy Sechrist (right) performed with the PMEA All-State Band Wind Ensemble.

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## Students Combine Books and Art into Personal Bookshelves

Sixth grade students combined art with their love of reading to design their own personal bookshelves.

Based on artist Jane Mount's book, *My Ideal Bookshelf*, students used their favorite books as inspiration to create their own works of art. Mount paints portraits through the spines of people's favorite books – the books that changed their lives, defined who they are, and those that people read again and again.

"We thought this was a great opportunity to collaborate and incorporate reading into the art room," art teacher Devon Smith said.

According to Southern Elementary School librarian Lynn Clements, students learned about the Library of Congress's list of the 100 most influential books. They then learned about the information found on a book's spine, like the title, author, and publisher.

"In both library and art class, we talked about typography and different types of fonts, and what the title font can tell us about a story," Smith said. "In art class, the students painted or collaged their favorite books."

For their bookshelf projects, students selected six of their favorite books since kindergarten, from picture books, to fiction, to nonfiction, Clements said.

"It was really great to see the kids talk about reading," Smith said.

For their projects, students created book spines that do not necessarily match those of the actual book design. From Lincoln Pierce's Big Nate comic strip books to those stories about Harry Potter and Alex Rider, students chose many types of books.

"The books we choose to read and display say a lot about who we are and how we see ourselves," Clements said.



Students collaborated on the bookshelf project for the library ceiling tiles.

After students completed their individual bookshelves, several were asked to then collaborate and compose designs that would be used to decorate the ceiling tiles for the Southern Elementary school library.

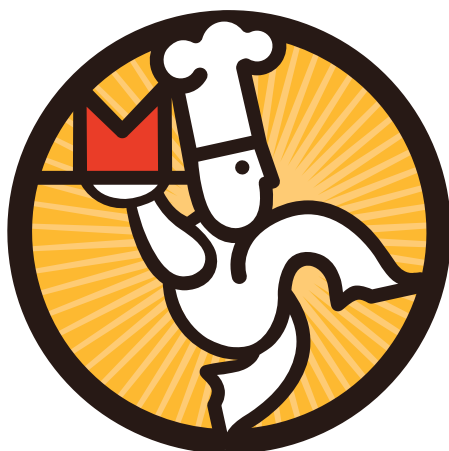
"Not only is the artwork wonderful, but to watch these kids collaborate was wonderful as well," Clements said. "Together, they planned, measured, designed templates, drew, and painted the bookshelves' designs."

For Nicolas Bell, the project generated a lot of teamwork, especially when the students had to narrow down their book choices.

"It really brought us together," Bell said. "I thought it was really fun and a great project."

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## Students Display Artistic Talents to Community with Annual Fair

Susquehannock High School was transformed into an art gallery recently as elementary, middle, and high school students displayed their artistic creations when the District presented its seventh annual Southern York County Arts and Technology Fair.

Students exhibited and sold an assortment of their work, which ranged from paintings, photographs, drawings, furniture, quilts, clothing, and metal sculptures. The exhibits were displayed in the Susquehannock High School gymnasium.

Susquehannock art teachers Wes Myers and Wade Bowers organized the free event, which they said continues to grow each year. Special guest for this year's fair was Kristopher Shaffer, a 2005 Susquehannock High School graduate, who displayed some of his artwork.

Susquehannock High School junior Tori Rassa planned to sell much of her artwork from the school year. Most of her work included oils and acrylics, she said. She also painted during the show and made a donation to the raffle. "I painted with the intention that others would like my work," she said. "I would rather have somebody purchase my work."

Next year, Rassa plans to double her display at the art fair. After



*Susquehannock High School Junior Tori Rassa displayed and sold most of her creations during this year's Arts and Technology Fair.*

high school, she said she wants to attend the York Institute of Art and study graphic design.

The event also included a raffle of items for which visitors purchased tickets. "As with previous years, I believe that the raffle was a success," Myers said. "It helped generate some funds to extend to next year's show."

## Student Transportation Information

Our staff is working with First Student to develop the student transportation system for the 2013-14 school year. As you can imagine, designing an efficient and safe system that transports more than 3,000 public and private school students is a time consuming process.

### Elementary Students (Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Each student has a bus stop assignment that is designated to an attendance zone at Friendship Elementary School, Southern Elementary School, or Shrewsbury Elementary School. Each student must attend the elementary school located in the attendance zone assigned to his/her home address. You may choose a bus stop within your elementary school attendance zone. Unless we are notified otherwise, your child will retain his/her current bus stop assignment.

### Secondary Students (Grades 7 to 12)

Unless we are notified otherwise, all secondary students will retain their current bus stop assignment. Current sixth grade students will automatically be assigned to his/her current bus stop or the nearest existing secondary bus stop.

### Requests to change to another existing bus stop

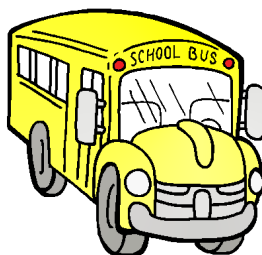
If you need to change the location of your child's bus stop, please notify the Student Transportation Office prior to June 14, 2013. Please note that bus stop changes for the first week of school cannot be made after August 19, 2013.

### Requests for a new bus stop

Requests for new bus stops must be submitted in writing to the Student Transportation Office prior to Friday, June 14, 2013.

### All Students

Letters notifying all students of their bus assignments will be mailed on or about August 12, 2013. We are committed to providing all students with a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school. Please contact the Student Transportation Office with questions:



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Southern York County School District  
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Glen Rock, PA 17327-0128  
717-235-4811, extension 7350  
Doug.Walters@sycsd.org



# SYCSD Programs Named Exemplary

Two Southern York County School District programs have been selected by Shippensburg University as 'Exemplary Programs.' The Shippensburg University Study Council recognized the 'Literacy and History' program at the Middle School and the 'Elementary Mentor Program' at each of the elementary schools. The District showcased these programs at Shippensburg University's annual 'Exemplary Program' presentation.

The 'Literacy and History' program was developed to combine 21st century literacy skills with critical thinking skills in the social studies curriculum. It infuses non-fiction text into the English/language arts and social studies programs. Students learn to read and write with historical texts and provide evidence to support their ideas. The mentor program, which has been part of the Southern York County



(From left to right are Spring Grove Area School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Lombardo, Southern Middle School teacher Andrew Warren, Dr. Nellie Cyr, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Southern Middle School Assistant Principal Donna Shick, Assistant Superintendent Sandra Lemmon, and Superintendent Dr. Thomas Hensley)



(From left to right are Spring Grove Area School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Lombardo, Dr. Nellie Cyr, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Shrewsbury Elementary instructional support teacher Stacey Elliott Shrewsbury Elementary Assistant Principal Lisa Boyer, Assistant Superintendent Sandra Lemmon, and Superintendent Dr. Thomas Hensley)

School District since 2002, is designed to help students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Students receive one on one support as they build relationships from positive adult role models, such as

senior citizens, parents, and community members. Together, they work on educational computer and flash card games, review for tests, read books, write stories, or create crafts.

## School Calendar — June 2013

- Friday June 7..... Last Day of School (**Early Dismissal**) for All Pupils
- Friday, June 7..... Commencement
- Friday, June 7..... Elementary Report Cards Distributed
- Friday, June 14..... Secondary Report Cards Mailed

### Upcoming Board Meetings

- Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Building
- Thursday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Building
- Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Building

## Senior Picture Information For Class of 2014

Lifetouch Photography has scheduled two days for senior photos. Pictures will be taken on July 17 and 18, 2013, in the high school auditorium from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Students will receive information about their scheduled time on a postcard in the mail. A make-up day is also scheduled for August 20, 2013 in the Susquehannock High School Auditorium. If these days are not convenient, students should call the studio in York at 845-1578 or 845-3714 immediately to schedule a photo session at a more suitable time at the temporary studio at the York County School of Technology.

Remember that students who want their photos to be included in the senior section of the yearbook are required to have their photos taken by Lifetouch, and they must be taken by the first weekend in October to meet the publishing deadline. Guys must wear a dress shirt and tie. Girls must have their shoulders covered with a nice dress, blouse, or sweater unless they opt for the traditional drape. If an appropriate pose is not selected for the yearbook, one will be chosen by the advisor. Please email Ms. Jessica Beste at Jessica.Beste@syncsd.org if there are questions or for more information.

## ACT 1 Update

The 2008-09 tax bills provided the first year of broad-based property tax relief in Pennsylvania, based upon the Taxpayer Relief Act, Special Session Act 1 of 2006 (Act 1). As required by law, the Commonwealth's Budget Secretary certified on April 15, 2013, that \$611,600,000 will be available in 2013-2014 for the sixth year of this state-funded tax relief.

The state-funded tax relief available for Southern York County School District is \$1,065,927.76. This money will be distributed to all approved homestead and farmstead properties through a tax assessment exclusion on the July 1, 2013 real estate tax bills. The amount of the reduction in 2008-09 was \$185.02, in 2009-10 was \$178.01, in 2010-11 was \$176.21, in 2011-12 was \$173.59, in 2012-13 was \$172.47, and the reduction for the upcoming tax year is estimated to be \$176.59 or \$4.12 more. The reason for the increase is because less properties were approved as homesteads as compared to the prior year and the the allocation from the state is slightly more than last year.

The July 1, 2013 real estate tax bills will show a separate line item for this reduction for properties approved as a homestead or farmstead. This money is a reduction in the tax bill, not paid as a rebate check. Please contact the District (717-235-4811, x7300) with any questions.