

# South Fayette High School Student Clubs and Activities

**We encourage all students to get involved  
and have some fun with their school's clubs and activities.**

## Circle of Friends

Mrs. Cardillo (Ext. 724 or [hmcardillo@southfayette.org](mailto:hmcardillo@southfayette.org))

Circle of Friends focuses on helping those with special needs. The club chaperones monthly dances for teens and young adults with special needs, including the annual Mardi Gras dance. In addition to volunteering at the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk at Highmark Stadium, members spearhead the Penny Challenge fundraiser each year to benefit programs and sports teams for children with special needs. Activities like movie nights encourage friendships throughout the high school. Students who are kind and caring and who want to meet new people while giving back to their community are encouraged to participate. Meetings usually take place once or twice a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

## Class Council

Mr. Smith (Ext. 523 or [gsmith@southfayette.org](mailto:gsmith@southfayette.org)) and Mr. Hobbs (Ext. 697 or [arhobbs@southfayette.org](mailto:arhobbs@southfayette.org))

Class Council at every grade level is focused on fundraising and working to organize events in the school and community. The ultimate goal is to raise enough money to fund events that will occur during senior year, including the Senior Banquet and Picnic.

## Criminal Science Club

Mr. McGowan (Ext. 518 or [jmcgowan@southfayette.org](mailto:jmcgowan@southfayette.org))

Students interested in forensic science and enjoy television shows like "CSI" are encouraged to join. Those who participate are required to pay a membership fee which covers fundraising and a club t-shirt. Days of meetings vary throughout the year.

## Drama Club

Mrs. Rabi (Ext. 519 or [carabi@southfayette.org](mailto:carabi@southfayette.org))

The drama club is open to any high school student. Members perform in the spring musical and the Fall Showcase. Meetings are held throughout the year. More information can be found on the callboard in the Theatre lobby.

## French Club

Madame Endy (Ext. 734 or [anendy@southfayette.org](mailto:anendy@southfayette.org))

The French Club meets at least once a month to share French culture and to speak French while enjoying activities such as movies, playing petanque, Milles Bornes, decorating t-shirts, planning preschool lessons and singing Christmas carols in French. The group also has a Homecoming carnival booth, makes crepes and Belgian waffles, and holds French-themed painting nights.

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## Future Educators of America (FEA)

Mr. Smith (Ext. 523 or [gsmith@southfayette.org](mailto:gsmith@southfayette.org)) and Mr. Bal (Ext. 698 or [drbal@southfayette.org](mailto:drbal@southfayette.org))

Future Educators of America (FEA) is a group dedicated to helping students who want to become teachers. The focus is on creating a bond between high school students and middle/intermediate students via a pen-pal program and tutoring.

## Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mbquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mbquirk@southfayette.org))

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is open to high school students of all backgrounds, not only those business-minded. The club enables students to participate in a variety of character and leadership building activities. Members participate in activities such as regional and state competitions (test-taking or performance events), field trips to area businesses, and fundraisers as participants and as volunteers. FBLA is a positive addition to college applications.

## Gay-Straight Alliance

Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mquirk@southfayette.org))

As a student-led club under the guidance of an advisor, Gay-Straight Alliance members will set the agenda for activities for the school year. Activities will support LGBTQ individuals, advocating for dignity and respect for all. Interested students may be added to the distribution list for updates.

## German Club

Frau Wiernik (Ext. 788 or [wiernik@southfayette.org](mailto:wiernik@southfayette.org))

German Club meets to learn about German language and culture. Activities may vary from year to year, depending on students' interests. Typical activities include scavenger hunts, Herbst Oktoberfest, making chocolate-covered pretzels, Adventskalender and gingerbread houses, celebrating Fasching/Karneval, watching German movies, creating t-shirts, having a Kaffeeklatsch, and preparing for the German day competition. Meetings are usually held once a month.

## Interact Club

Felix Yerace (Ext. 603 or [fjyerace@southfayette.org](mailto:fjyerace@southfayette.org))

The Interact Club is the community service organization at South Fayette. Sponsored by the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary, Interact is part of an international movement of over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas with more than 340,000 students worldwide belonging as members. Interact sponsors community service projects for students at South Fayette and helps make students aware of community service opportunities with partner organizations. The club meets monthly to discuss member opportunities to participate in community service projects.

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## Library Club

Mrs. Simon (Ext. 231 or [nsimon@southfayette.org](mailto:nsimon@southfayette.org))

Students who are interested in assisting the librarian with running the library are invited to join the Library Club. Members will focus on promoting reading and organizing fundraising activities. Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month in the library. It is preferred that members have one scheduled study hall or online class scheduled in the library for at least one semester.

## Media Club

Mr. Caprio (Ext. 526 or [mcaprio@southfayette.org](mailto:mcaprio@southfayette.org))

Being a member of the Media Club provides students with the opportunity to work with their peers more creatively than permitted in the everyday media classroom. Students can create videos using a green screen, film music videos and more. Meetings are held weekly or bi-weekly, as needed.

## Mock Trial

Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mquirk@southfayette.org))

Mock Trial is a competition between schools in which students stage a simulated jury trial. Students prepare arguments and play the role of lawyers and witnesses in an actual courtroom before a judge. Students are assisted in their preparation by a faculty coach and an attorney advisor. Winners are determined by the jury (made up of attorneys and community leaders) based on the teams' abilities to prepare their cases, present arguments and follow court rules. District competitions will take place in a courtroom in Pittsburgh. Teams continue to compete in further rounds to determine an overall regional and state winner.

## Model United Nations

Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mquirk@southfayette.org))

Students who enjoy world affairs, international relations and politics, who like to debate, and want to learn more about others and the world will enjoy participating in the Model United Nations. This club is an opportunity for students to research nations from around the world, then attend conferences to assume the role of that nation's ambassador to debate real world events. Competitions take place at local colleges.

## National Honor Society

Mr. Smith (Ext. 523 or [gsmith@southfayette.org](mailto:gsmith@southfayette.org)) and Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mquirk@southfayette.org))

The National Honor Society is founded upon the principles of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Members demonstrate these principles by maintaining good academic standing, academic integrity, and displaying their passion for service, volunteering and helping others. Members are active in their school and local community.

Membership to National Honor Society is by invitation only. Students in the Class of 2017 and 2018 who meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.5 will be invited to apply in the spring of 2016. The application includes demonstration of leadership and service.

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## National Honor Society (continued)

Beginning with the Class of 2019, the minimum cumulative GPA will be 3.75 with five documented hours of community service. Once inducted, members are required to maintain the GPA under which they invited, submit community service hours and participate in the Chapter community service project. Membership dues are collected. Meetings are held at least once per nine-week grading period and begin after applications have been distributed to eligible students.

## Prom Committee

Mrs. Shrewsbury (Ext. 589 or [tjshrewsbury@southfayette.org](mailto:tjshrewsbury@southfayette.org))

Beginning in September each year, the Prom Committee meets on Tuesdays or Thursdays once a month (until closer to the prom season when meetings are more frequent) to plan the theme, song, colors, entertainment and activities for the event.

## Quiz Bowl

Mrs. Quirk (Ext. 647 or [mquirk@southfayette.org](mailto:mquirk@southfayette.org))

Students who enjoy trivia and game shows are encouraged to join the SF Quiz Bowl team which enters competitions throughout the school year. Three students from this group will represent South Fayette on Hometown High Q.

## SF Reads

Mrs. Simon (Ext. 231 or [nsimon@southfayette.org](mailto:nsimon@southfayette.org)) and Mrs. Quirk

This club is for students who love to read or who want to be exposed to different authors and genres of reading. Books are chosen and those who want to participate will meet to discuss the story.

## Ski Club

Mr. Sekelik (Ext. 550 or [dssekelik@southfayette.org](mailto:dssekelik@southfayette.org))

The South Fayette Ski Club takes an average of four to six chaperoned trips annually to Seven Springs Resort in Champion, Pa. There is also the possibility of an overnight trip as has been done in the past to Vermont. Students are taken safely to the mountain and then are free to ski on their own until departure time.

There are many clear benefits of traveling to the mountain as group members of a school club. First of all, rates are discounted to half the cost of standard lift ticket and equipment rental. Also, trips are chaperoned by an adult and transportation is provided by a professional Lezner Coach driver, providing peace of mind for parents. Students who are new to skiing may purchase lessons with the trip package. Two-hour snow tubing sessions can be purchased by students who would prefer that activity over skiing. Students who are interested in the Ski Club should email Mr. Sekelik (see above) expressing interest in joining. Dates of trips will vary. Forms and payment are required prior leaving on the trip.

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## **Ski Club (continued)**

Each trip requires chaperones who have their clearances or who are willing to apply for them at a nominal cost. Adults who are interested are asked to contact Mr. Sekelik. Chaperones who would like to ski are provided with a free lift ticket.

## **Spanish Club**

Mrs. Clonan (Ext. 774 or [mclonan@southfayette.org](mailto:mclonan@southfayette.org) or Mrs. Surloff, Ext. 733 or [tsurloff@southfayette.org](mailto:tsurloff@southfayette.org))

The Spanish Club meets once a month to provide opportunities for students to learn more about the Spanish language and culture. Cultural activities range from enjoying particular food related to a Spanish-speaking country, creating cultural crafts, participating in dance workshops and attending cultural presentations by invited guests.

## **STEM Club (previously BOTS club)**

Mr. Garlick (Ext. 761 or [bhgarlick@southfayette.org](mailto:bhgarlick@southfayette.org)) and Mr. Isaac (Ext. 672 or [taisaac@southfayette.org](mailto:taisaac@southfayette.org))

The main objective of the STEM club is to offer a broad spectrum of students an array of advantages from career readiness and hands-on experience to college level curriculum, labs and creative competitive challenges. High standards are set for rigorous, focused and engaging study, developing students innovative, collaborative, cooperative and problem-solving skills. The year's activities will include, but not be limited to, the following programs:

### **BOTS-IQ 15# and COMBAT-BOTS 4#**

Working with a robotics curriculum based on the National Curriculum Standards and Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) mechanical engineering methodology, southwestern Pennsylvania students are taught to design, engineer, build and battle four and 15 pound robots in a gladiator-style competition arena. The competition draws on students' knowledge of math, science, engineering and public speaking.

### **Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC)**

The Team America Rocketry Challenge is the world's largest rocket contest sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). It was created in the fall of 2001 as a one-time celebration of the Centennial of Flight, but the enthusiasm about the event was so great that AIA and NAR were asked to hold the contest annually.

Approximately 7,000 students from across the nation compete in the TARC each year. Teams design, build and fly a model rocket that reaches a specific altitude and duration determined by a set of rules developed each year. The contest is designed to encourage students to study math and science and pursue careers in aerospace.

The top 100 teams based on local qualification flights are invited to Washington, D.C., in May for the national finals. Prizes include \$60,000 in cash and scholarships divided between the top 10 national finishers. NASA invites top teams to participate in their Student Launch Initiative, an advanced rocketry program. AIA member companies, such as Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have sponsored additional prizes such as scholarship money and a trip to an international air show.

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## Student Government

Mr. Bal (Ext. 698 or drbal@southfayette.org), Mr. Flannery (Ext. 583 or bmflannery@southfayette.org), Mr. McArdle (Ext. 534 or sjmcardle@southfayette.org) and Mr. Yerace (Ext. 603 or fjyerace@southfayette.org)

Student Government meets every Wednesday to provide students an opportunity to become involved in the school in many ways. The organization sponsors a variety of programs throughout the year including Homecoming, the Homecoming carnival, the Student Leadership Recognition Breakfast, Random Acts of Kindness, Stuff-A-Bus, an annual weekend trip to Washington, D.C., the South Fayette Mini-THON, and the South Fayette Glow Run. Student Government serves as the voice of the student body. As such, members meet monthly with the High School principals over lunch to discuss issues in the school. Attendance at these meetings is rotated so that all students have the opportunity to participate. Student Government also selects the student representative to the South Fayette School Board. Students may choose to run for office at the beginning of the school year, or they may choose to serve as a representative of their class both in Student Government and on Class Council. Students can join Student Government at any point in the year and do not need to run for an office to join.

## Technology Student Association (TSA)

Mr. Garlick (Ext. 761 or garlick@southfayette.org)

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) which has been an integral part of technology education programs across the country for the past 30 years. Its mission is to foster personal growth, leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematic concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. Students involved in TSA participate in activities that help prepare them for the future – ideally, for fulfilled lives, rewarding careers and civic responsibility. TSA offers camaraderie, co-curricular educational programs, and competitions at regional, state and national conferences. Membership requires a completed application and a fee to cover affiliation dues along with the cost for participation in the yearly Regions 1 and 6 Conference at California University of Pennsylvania.

## Teen Institute

Mrs. Martin (Ext. 251 or martin@southfayette.org)

As many students often prefer to talk to peers regarding their concerns, the concept of the Teen Institute is to have high school students who are good role models, have strong character and are involved in school activities serve as mentors to middle school students as well as freshmen and sophomores, when needed. Interested juniors and seniors are required to complete the competitive application process in September of each school year. Meetings are held on Tuesdays, with training starting in October and members mentoring November through May each school year.