

# SOUTH PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT EAGLE EYE

E-Newsletter

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## *Season's Greetings and Happy New Year*

**Winter Break for South Park students begins with a one hour early dismissal on Thursday, December 22.**

**School is closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2.**

**Friday, December 23 is a possible snow make-up day.**

**School resumes on Tuesday, January 3.**

### **Middle School Students Win Local Essay Contest**



Eleven South Park eighth graders were honored as winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest by the Library VFW Post 6664 on December 8. The

theme of this year's national essay competition was "The America I Believe In." The eleven eighth grade students who were winners of the local competition received a certificate and a \$50 savings bond. They now move on to the regional contest.

### **Third Grade Math-A-Thon Raises Nearly \$1,900**



South Park third grade students recently participated in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon and raised \$1,885 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Pictured are some of the third

graders who raised the most money. Students who participated completed work in their math fun book while collecting donations. This is the 14th year that South Park Elementary Center third graders have participated.

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## South Park High School Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen by the School Wide Positive Behavior Team at South Park High School as Students of the Month.

Academics: Brittany Andrews

Athletics: Dan Morgret

Creativity: Haley Faust

Politeness: Samaya Coury

School Spirit: Ava DeStefon

Leadership: Sammy Massimino

## Transportation Modifications Planned for Early 2017

The South Park School District recently completed a review of its transportation operations. Following this review, the district has identified several modifications that can be made to create a more efficient and economical system. These modifications are currently scheduled to go into effect sometime in January and will result in changes to some students' bus numbers and/or stop times. Students whose transportation assignments change because of these modifications will receive a letter from the transportation department before those modifications take place. More information will be posted on the district's website in early January.

## Performance Shows Students the Dangers of Prescription Drug Addiction



Saltworks, a non-profit arts company that performs in schools throughout the region, came to South Park High School on Monday, December 5 to teach students about the dangers of the misuse of prescription drugs. The performance "Off 'Script" tells the stories of three students who become addicted to prescription drugs. Those addictions quickly lead to dangerous consequences.

Saltworks' performances highlight the physical and emotional needs of children, youth and families.

## Pink Out Raises \$1,500



A representative from St. Clair Hospital was on hand at South Park Middle School on Thursday, December 8 to receive a \$1,500 check following the school's Pink Out in October. The money was raised through the sale of bandanas, bracelets and t-shirts. The money will go to St. Clair Hospital's Breast Care Center.

## Pinecone Animals Are Part of Cross-Curriculum Lesson



South Park fourth grade students in Mrs. McCormick's and Mrs. Finke's classes used pinecones to create animals native to Pennsylvania as part of a cross-curriculum project in science and social studies. Students explored ecosystems before creating the pinecone animals which now hang on a tree in the fourth grade hallway.

### **Officers Elected and Meeting Dates Set at Board of Directors Meeting**

At its reorganization meeting on Monday, December 5, the South Park School District Board of Directors reelected John Innocenti as president, Frank Wentzel as vice president and Nicholas Rudolph as assistant board secretary.

The Board of Directors also approved its meeting schedule for 2017. Meetings are held in the South Park High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

January 12, 2017  
February 9, 2017  
March 9, 2017  
April 13, 2017  
May 11, 2017  
June 8, 2017

August 10, 2017  
September 14, 2017  
October 12, 2017  
November 9, 2017  
December 4, 2017

(Reorganization and Regular Meeting)

### **SPHS Culture Club Holds First Meeting**



The newly-formed South Park High School Culture Club had its first meeting on December 15. The theme of the meeting was "Christmas in Western Europe." Club members created Spanish and German ornaments and sampled European holiday specialties. The theme for next month's meeting will be "Culture of Northern Africa."

### **South Park Student-Athlete Honored**



South Park senior Zack Skrabski was recognized at the December meeting of the Board of School Directors for advancing to the PIAA Cross Country finals. Superintendent Wayne Gdovic presented Zack with a certificate for his achievement.

### **High School Students Get a Taste of Spanish Culture**



On December 9, students in Mrs. King's Spanish 4 class visited Mallorca Spanish Restaurant in Pittsburgh's South Side. The students recently completed a unit on Spanish food and culture and were able to use that knowledge during their field trip. Students spoke in Spanish with the servers from Spain and tried foods like paella an flan. ¡Buen provecho!

### **South Park Wrestler Takes Third Place in Wrestling Tournament**

Congratulations to Dallas Bulsak who finished third in his weight class at the Sheetz Holiday Classic last weekend.

### **Look Out Below!**

Students in Mrs. Shirey's physics classes used what they learned in the classroom to construct an egg drop apparatus. The students dropped the eggs from the balcony of the pool at South Park High School on December 2. The overall winner from all of Mrs. Shirey's physics classes was Daphne Ng.

