Students in Grades 3-11 to Keep Chromebooks This Summer

Students in grades 3 through 11 will keep their Chromebooks this summer. The South Park School District’s Technology Department will hold a Chromebook repair day in August before school starts. The date of this repair day will be announced later this summer.

More information about the Chromebook protection plan for the 2017-2018 school year will be shared soon.

Last Day of School is Friday

The last day of school for South Park students is Friday, June 9. There will be early dismissals at all three schools.

South Park High School will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

South Park Middle School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

South Park Elementary Center will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

Lunch will not be served on the last day of school.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!

Graduation 2017

Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Commencement 2017 is scheduled for Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Park High School gymnasium. Only guests with tickets will be permitted entry into the gymnasium. Gymnasium seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All others are invited to watch a live stream of the commencement exercises in the South Park High School auditorium.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!
Sixth Graders Host STEM Carnival

Science, technology, engineering and math came together in a fun way for South Park sixth graders on Tuesday, May 30 during the STEM Carnival. Sixth graders were given the task to create a carnival game involving probability and simple machines which was part of a “profitable business.”

The idea for the STEM Carnival came from Mr. Buch, Mrs. Como, Mr. Criswell and Mr. Whittington. Students engaged in lessons about simple machines and probability in science and math classes. They learned about machine safety, scale drawings, 3D printing and building construction in applied engineering and technology.

The student engineering teams brainstormed, designed and built their choice of a carnival game utilizing two simple machines. Additionally, students spent time investigating the various elements of probability, calculated “make believe” costs for games, considered the cost of prizes and determined break-even points prior to hosting Carnival Day.

Sixth grade students attending the carnival used their mock checking account money to determine their budget for the games, concessions and other activities provided by other AET students.

Carnival games included a dunk tank, basketball shoot, ping pong pool and crazy cup toss.

Following the carnival, lessons included data collection analysis, profit/loss review, individual payout valuation and the overall profit of the carnival event.

Preschool Graduation

The students of the Eagle Ridge Child Development Center four-year-old program celebrated their graduation on Thursday, June 1. Ms. Stull and the high school buddies helped to make the day very special for the young graduates.

Seniors Recognized at Awards Ceremony

The Class of 2017 was recognized at the annual South Park High School Senior Awards Ceremony on Wednesday. Representatives from a number of groups, colleges and universities attended to present members of the Class of 2017 with scholarships and awards.
South Park Student-Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Five more South Park student-athletes recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and educational careers.

Kyle Thompson will attend Clarion University and play baseball.

Zachary Schmader will attend Penn State Greater Allegheny and play baseball.

Mitchell Roell will attend Point Park University and play soccer.

Bryce Groff will attend Alderson Broaddus University and play baseball.

Josh Wagner will attend Penn State Behrend and play baseball.

Congratulations to Kyle, Zachary, Mitchell, Bryce and Josh!

Baseball and Softball Teams Advance to PIAA Playoffs

After advancing to the WPIAL championship game, the South Park Eagles baseball team will play today in the first round of the PIAA playoffs. The Eagles were the WPIAL 4A runners-up after facing Blackhawk in the WPIAL championship game on Tuesday, May 30 at Wild Things Park in Washington, PA. The Eagles will play Clearfield today at 4:30 p.m. at Punxsutawney High School.

The South Park Lady Eagles softball team advanced to the PIAA playoffs after winning the WPIAL 3A consolation game. The Lady Eagles will play Titusville today at 2:00 p.m. at Penn State Behrend.

South Park Student-Athlete Takes Sixth Place in State Championships

South Park’s Maura Huwalt finished sixth in the discus at the PIAA Track and Field Championships last month in Shippensburg. Congratulations, Maura!

8th Grade Picnic

The Class of 2021 is getting ready to move to South Park High School. Students enjoyed one of their final days as middle schoolers at the 8th grade picnic at the South Park Oval. There were fun games, good food, and cool treats.

Home Access Center to be Offline This Summer

Home Access Center will be unavailable due to maintenance beginning in early July. Home Access Center will be available in mid-August when transportation and homeroom assignments are emailed.
South Park High School
Art Show

The South Park High School Art Show was held at the South Park Township Library on Thursday, May 25. Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their great work!

1st Place: Mikayla Ridgeway, “Happily Ever After”
2nd Place: Karla Swindell, “Tea for Me”
3rd Place: Miranda Scanlon, “Vibrant Vocals”

Honorable Mentions:
Kristin Swindell, “Russian Dolls”
Kayla Lukitsch, “Past Times”
Elizabeth Mack, “Libra & Virgo”
Kylie Tranter, “Cupcake”

Middle School Band
Performs at South Park Elementary Center

The 7th and 8th grade band from South Park Middle School treated elementary students to a performance on Wednesday, May 31. The visit was meant to encourage students to get involved with the band when they become middle schoolers.

Board of School Directors
Meeting

The June meeting of the South Park School District Board of Directors is this Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the South Park High School cafeteria.

South Park High School
Teacher Receives Male Leadership Award

South Park High School physical education teacher Mike Collodi was recently honored as the western Pennsylvania recipient of the Excellence in Male Leadership award by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Collodi, who also serves as head coach of the Elizabeth Forward football team, was recognized on the field before the Pirates game on Sunday, May 28. The award recognizes individuals who promote healthy relationships and serve as positive mentors to boys and young men.
First Graders Enjoy Learning with Classroom Creatures

First graders have enjoyed having many different creatures in the classroom. On May 22, several classes released butterflies after studying caterpillars and butterflies. They also released recently hatched praying mantises. Students in Mrs. Dubyak's class have also raised bess beetles and hermit crabs. To see a video of the butterfly release, visit the South Park School District Facebook page.

8th Grade Students’ Projects
Explore Potential Careers

As part of a cross-curricular career exploration addressing the new career standards and initiatives, South Park eighth grade students investigated careers in ELA class and prepared supplemental information in math class. The students' presentations included college costs and a budget with their first-year salaries. The 8th grade ELA and math teacher teams include Ms. Cherico, Mrs. Friburger, Ms. Annarella and Mrs. Como.

Kindergarten Grand Finale

Kindergarten students celebrated the end of the school year at their Grand Finale on Friday, June 2. There were games, crafts and snacks.

Make a Difference in the Lives of Children with SmartSTART

Build your resume, gain experience and make a difference in the lives of children by being a substitute teacher in your district. SmartSTART grants emergency teaching certifications to those who already have a bachelor's degree but are not certified teachers. SmartSTART offers flexible scheduling, professional training, valuable experience and an opportunity to have a positive impact on kids.

Contact the South Park School District Administration Office, go to PA Educator.net or call (412) 394-5700 to apply.

Training sessions are held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Central Office. The next scheduled class is Friday, September 29, 2017. The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 5, 2017.
8th Grade Career Day

South Park Middle School hosted the annual 8th Grade Career Day on Friday, June 2. Students heard valuable insight and advice from more than a dozen guests. Some of the featured careers included engineering, human resources/leadership development, athletic training, nursing, the military and STEM technology.

High School Students Visit County Courthouse & Former County Prison

South Park High School students enrolled in Mr. Correll’s Modern Issues in America and Honors Law and Legal Studies courses visited the Allegheny County Courthouse and former county prison on Wednesday, May 24. While there, they observed criminal trials and had the opportunity to hear from speakers who have various roles in the criminal justice system. Students heard from Allegheny County K9 officer Mike Bello and Common Pleas Judge Kevin Sasinoski.

Steel Center Extra Effort Awards

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:

- Joe Christman- Electrical Construction
- Syera Davis- Protective Services
- Samuel Dragovich- Welding
- Alex Kaczmarek- Advertising and Design
- Brittany Patterson- Culinary Arts
- Vanessa Rampero- Baking
- Kevin Somal- Auto Mechanics

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