

June
2020

The Southern Way

Southern York County School District



Congratulations Warriors!

Dr. Sandra Lemmon

While the year didn't end the way we had hoped, this was still another memorable school year for the Southern York County School District. Even though the year was cut short, we couldn't be more proud of our students and how they persevered through these challenging times. Now, more than ever, your partnership is invaluable in helping our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our collaborative efforts help to ensure that our students are prepared when they enter the world beyond Southern York County School District.

At the start of the year, we fully embraced Social Emotional Learning and even more specifically – the component of Self-Awareness. We focused on why we must all recognize our own emotions and their influence on behavior, the importance of possessing a sense of confidence and optimism, and the power of assessing our own strengths and limitations. Never though, did we realize how important self-awareness was until we discovered March 12th was the last time we would be together in-person as a Warrior family. Yet, as Warriors, it was confidence, optimism, and strength that brought us together as a family for the benefit of every student. We were still together as one, just not in the same location.

We send congratulations and the best of luck to the Class of 2020! We wish our graduates ongoing success in their future endeavors and know they will continue to make us Warrior Proud!

As you are aware, we will continue to send ongoing communication this summer about the start of the 2020-21 school year. I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and happy summer filled with wonderful memories.

Southern York County School District Names Top Students

Valedictorian Cassidy Bolio

Southern York County School District has named Cassidy Bolio Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. She is the daughter of Bruce and Allison Bolio. Bolio's grade point average of 4.96 earned her the honor of being the highest ranked student in her class.

Cassidy was a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin Club. She was also a member of the Marching Band and won several Cavalcade of Bands medals. Cassidy was a member of the Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Jazz Band. She was active in the Susquehannock Theatre for four years.



Salutatorian Lucy Mettee

Southern York County School District has named Lucy Mettee Salutatorian of the Class of 2020. Mettee's grade point average of 4.88 earned her this honor. Her parents are Christopher Mettee and Coleman Mettee.

During her years at Susquehannock, Lucy received Mathematics, English, Latin, History, and Science awards. She also received the President's Education Award, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was a Rensselaer Medalist.



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Susquehannock Class of 2020 Officers: from left, Andrew Beamesderfer, Grace Gorham, Saige McKenzie, and Madeline Marzullo.

Class of 2020

Andrew BeamesderferPresident
 Saige McKenzieVice President
 Grace GorhamSecretary
 Madeline MarzulloTreasurer

LilyClass Flower
 "Fortunate Son"Class Song
 "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." Class Motto

Senior Photos: Class of 2021

Lifetouch Photography has scheduled three days for senior photos. Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 7, 8, and 9, 2020, in the Susquehannock High School Richard R. Hupper Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If these dates are rescheduled, emails will be sent to students. Students will receive information about their scheduled time on a postcard in the mail. If a student can attend the appointment, no action is needed. However, if these days are not convenient, students should call the studio in York at (717) 845-1578 immediately to schedule a photo session at a more suitable time.

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 mid-October to meet the publishing deadline. Men must wear a dress shirt and tie. Women 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.

SYCS D Calendar

June 18	School Board Meeting, 3:00 PM
July 3.....	Independence Day, Offices Closed
July 9.....	Special School Board Meeting, 3:00 PM
August 20	School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
August 19	1st Day of School for Students in Kindergarten - 9th Grade
August 20	1st Day of School for Students in Grades 10th - 12th

For a full calendar of dates, please visit the District website at www.syncsd.org.

Student Forms

This year, the summer mailing will be completely electronic and will include bus assignments, teacher assignments, and emergency paperwork. Students and parents should expect to receive a general letter detailing how to access the information in mid-July. In the past, a separate mailing occurred which included the Free and Reduced Meal information, all documents will be provided electronically this year before school begins.

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. The Free and Reduced Meal application may be completed online. Other student forms will be distributed on the first day of school to all students.

A printed school calendar will be distributed the first day of school. The 2020-21 calendar will also be available on the home page ("District Calendar") 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.syncsd.org). Look under the Quick Links: 'Student Forms & Information.'

Planning a vacation? If you are, and you need to know the school holidays and test dates, visit the District's website. This calendar lists the starting and ending dates for the 2020-21 school year as well as holidays and early dismissal days.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Robert Scheffer	President
James Holley.....	Vice President
Bruce Bauman.....	Treasurer
Susan Green	Secretary (Non-Member)
John Dorr Jr.	Member
Judi Fisher	Member
Ronald Groncki	Member
Kelly Jarvis	Member
Deborah Kalina.....	Member
Danielle Weaver-Watts	Member

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.

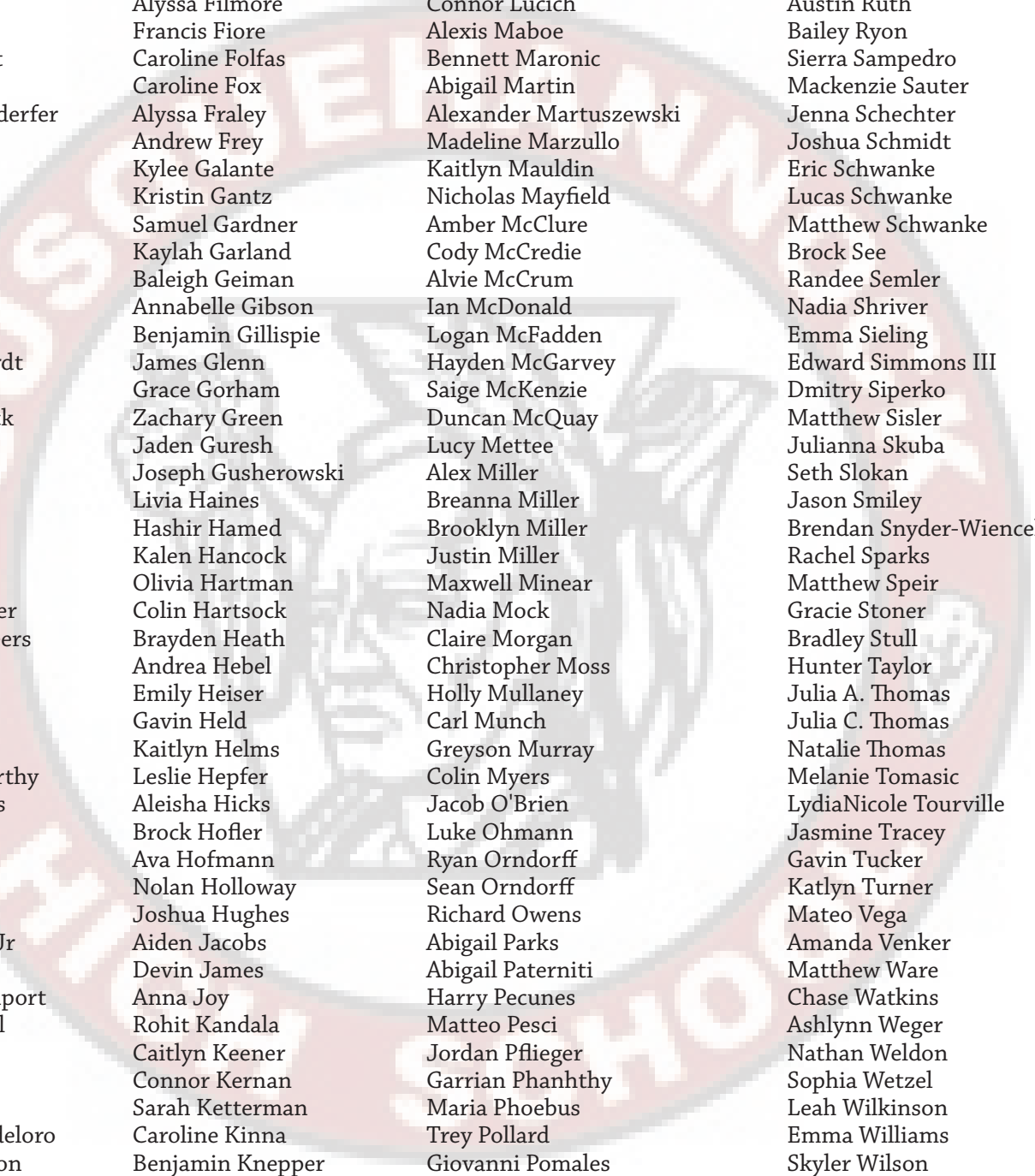
PUBLICATION

If you would like to receive a monthly electronic version of *The Southern Way*, please contact us at info@syncsd.org to be added to our distribution list.

WEBSITE
www.syncsd.org

Class of 2020 Graduates

The following Susquehannock High School seniors have graduated.



Ian Achterberg	Kaitlyn Endres	Sophie Leslie	Jeremiah Rodriguez
Hannah Adler	Morgan Farace	Aileen Limon-Rios	Donald Rohrbaugh
Jacob Alexander	Mary Farkas	Christopher Lippy	Colby Romjue
Matthew Allen	Carly Farmer	William Lochte	Kayla Ross
Paul Anthony	Anna Feild	Kayla Lofland	Phillip Rowe
Julianna Baibos	Alyssa Filmore	Connor Lucich	Austin Ruth
Gavin Bailey	Francis Fiore	Alexis Maboe	Bailey Ryon
Gracen Barnhart	Caroline Folfas	Bennett Maronic	Sierra Sampedro
Jacob Barnhart	Caroline Fox	Abigail Martin	Mackenzie Sauter
Andrew Beamesderfer	Alyssa Fraley	Alexander Martuszewski	Jenna Schechter
Jason Beck	Andrew Frey	Madeline Marzullo	Joshua Schmidt
Emily Beran	Kylee Galante	Kaitlyn Mauldin	Eric Schwanke
Joseph Binko	Kristin Gantz	Nicholas Mayfield	Lucas Schwanke
Nathan Binko	Samuel Gardner	Amber McClure	Matthew Schwanke
Ryan Bircckhead	Kaylah Garland	Cody McCredie	Brock See
Cassidy Bolio	Baleigh Geiman	Alvie McCrum	Randee Semler
Selena Bolson	Annabelle Gibson	Ian McDonald	Nadia Shriver
Taylor Bond	Benjamin Gillispie	Logan McFadden	Emma Sieling
Coleman Bongardt	James Glenn	Hayden McGarvey	Edward Simmons III
Owen Bortner	Grace Gorham	Saige McKenzie	Dmitry Siperko
Connor Broderick	Zachary Green	Duncan McQuay	Matthew Sisler
Amber Brose	Jaden Guresh	Lucy Mettee	Julianna Skuba
Mitchell Brown	Joseph Gusherowski	Alex Miller	Seth Slokan
Ian Brusse	Livia Haines	Breanna Miller	Jason Smiley
Kayla Buchanan	Hashir Hamed	Brooklyn Miller	Brendan Snyder-Wienczek
Emma Burns	Kalen Hancock	Justin Miller	Rachel Sparks
Taina Cajigas	Olivia Hartman	Maxwell Minear	Matthew Speir
Karissa Carpenter	Colin Hartsock	Nadia Mock	Gracie Stoner
Christopher Cheers	Brayden Heath	Claire Morgan	Bradley Stull
Allen Clapp	Andrea Hebel	Christopher Moss	Hunter Taylor
Daniel Clapp	Emily Heiser	Holly Mullaney	Julia A. Thomas
Riley Clark	Gavin Held	Carl Munch	Julia C. Thomas
Cameron Clarke	Kaitlyn Helms	Greyson Murray	Natalie Thomas
Jennifer Clatworthy	Leslie Hepfer	Colin Myers	Melanie Tomasic
Jonathan Collins	Aleisha Hicks	Jacob O'Brien	LydiaNicole Tourville
Logan Comber	Brock Hofler	Luke Ohmann	Jasmine Tracey
Jessica Cook	Ava Hofmann	Ryan Orndorff	Gavin Tucker
Brittany Copp	Nolan Holloway	Sean Orndorff	Katlyn Turner
Keely Coyle	Joshua Hughes	Richard Owens	Mateo Vega
Michael Daiuto Jr	Aiden Jacobs	Abigail Parks	Amanda Venker
Simon Dance	Devin James	Abigail Paterniti	Matthew Ware
Savannah Davenport	Anna Joy	Harry Pecunes	Chase Watkins
Olivia Deffendall	Rohit Kandala	Matteo Pesci	Ashlynn Weger
Ashleigh Dell	Caitlyn Keener	Jordan Pflieger	Nathan Weldon
Jemma Delozier	Connor Kernan	Garrian Phanhthly	Sophia Wetzell
Lillian Denis	Sarah Ketterman	Maria Phoebus	Leah Wilkinson
Anthony DiCandeloro	Caroline Kinna	Trey Pollard	Emma Williams
Michael Dickerson	Benjamin Knepper	Giovanni Pomaes	Skyler Wilson
Jacob Dildine	Nicholas Koval	Shannon Porter	Lauryn Wojcik
Rachel Dill	John Kroh	Marciala Quintanal	Morgan Wright
Nathan Driscoll	Olivia Kubin	Laura Rask	Zachary Yerkes
Stephanie Durity	Bethany Kuhns	Shelby Rehmeyer	Madison Yoakum
Megan Eagan	Alexis Landis	Emma Robert	
Jacob Eden	Noel Laven	Andrew Roberts	
Kayla Ellison	Charlotte Lemmon	Cody Rodgers	

Student Transportation Information for 2020-21

Our staff is working with First Student to develop the student transportation system for the 2020-21 school year.

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 their home address. Unless we are notified otherwise, your child will retain their 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. Incoming seventh grade students will automatically be assigned to 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 26, 2020. Please note that bus stop changes for the first week of school cannot be made after August 7, 2020.

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 26, 2020.

Audio and Video Policy

First Student aids the Southern York County School District in maintaining the safety of its students by obtaining video and audio recordings of all behavior on its buses. As a result, students and their parents/guardians are informed that they should not expect any conversations or behavior to be exempt from this recordation.

All Students

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:

Mark Rill

**Coordinator of Student Transportation
Southern York County School District
P.O. Box 128 Glen Rock, PA 17327-0128
717-235-4811, extension 7350
mark.rill@sycsd.org**

SRPD Announcement

The Southern Regional Police Department would like to extend the graduating Class of 2020 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 ensure a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

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Cassidy Bolio, Valedictorian

Bolio participated in Johns Hopkins's ASPIRE mentorship program in the 2018-2019 school year with a focus on programming and computational quantum chemistry.

Cassidy was awarded the Southern Middle School Scholarship and the National Merit Scholarship.

"In times of great stress, the bonds between people become more important than ever. Within both the class of 2020 and the community, we stand together," said Cassidy.

Bolio will attend Carnegie Mellon University after graduation. She is planning on majoring in computer science.

Lucy Mettee, Salutatorian

Lucy interned as an AutoCAD Draftsman at JLB Architectural Engineering in York. She also volunteered at First Fruit Farms.

Lucy was awarded the Southern York County Rotary Club Scholarship, the Doris Schwartz Scholarship, the New Freedom Lions Club Scholarship, and the National Merit Scholarship.

Mettee will attend University of Texas at Dallas after graduation. She plans on majoring in biomedical engineering.

Local Wellness Assessment

The Southern York County School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and we are required to complete an assessment of our local wellness policy at least once every three years and make these results available to the public. This assessment measures the implementation of the local school wellness policy. Please click this [link](#) for more information about the completed assessment and this [link](#) for access to our board approved School Wellness Policy. If you have any questions or are interested in finding more out about our wellness committee, please contact Susan Green at susan.green@sycsd.org.

District Summer Hours

As a cost/energy saving measure, the District will again be implementing a four-day work week for the summer. From June 8 through July 31, 2020, all Southern York County District offices will be open Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As of August 3, 2020, all offices will be open, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the start of the 2020-21 school year. When school is in session, office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Britcher '12 Named Distinguished Alumni for 2020



The Susquehannock High School Alumni Association Steering Committee named Summer Britcher as its “Distinguished Alumni” for 2020. Britcher will address the graduating class during commencement services and will be honored with a plaque in the High School’s auditorium lobby.

Summer grew up in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. She was introduced to the sport of luge in 2006 through a recruitment program at Ski Liberty. She has been a member of the USA Luge National Team for the past seven years and has competed in two Winter Olympic Games, 2014 and 2018.

Summer has had an amazing athletic career. As of 2020, she has the most World Cup wins of any individual USA Luge athlete, with five World Cup wins. She has captured 22 World Cup medals, two Overall World Cup bronze titles, a World Championship Bronze medal, and she won a Youth Olympic Gold medal in 2012 while attending Susquehannock.

“I am so honored to have been named the Distinguished Alumni for 2020. I grew up a mile down the road from Susquehannock. When my athletic career grew, it became impossible to pursue a traditional high school education. I transferred between three different high schools to make it work, but it was always so important to me that I graduate from SHS and to have that tie to the community I grew up in,” said Summer. “I am excited to go back and see some of the many teachers and staff members who made it possible for me to pursue my dreams while getting an education,” she added.

She lives and trains in Lake Placid, New York. In 2019, she was elected by her peers and competitors to serve a four-year term as an International Athlete Representative to the International Luge Federation (FIL). Summer is also a member of the FIL Technical Commission, which oversees the rules and regulations of Luge.

She is actively involved with the Strategic Planning Commission, which determines the future of the sport.

Summer is currently pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Communication and training for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China.

As a Warrior, Summer ran cross country, played tennis and soccer and was named a county All-Star in soccer. She competed and won a Gold Medal at the 2012 Winter Youth Olympics.

Summer’s career statistics are as follows:

- 2012 Youth Olympic Gold Medalist in Team Relay
- 2014 Winter Olympian, 15th place
- 2018 Winter Olympian, 19th place, 4th in Team Relay
- 22x World Cup Medalist
- 5x World Cup winner
- 2x World Cup Overall 3rd, 2018, 2019
- 2017 u23 World Champion
- 2020 World Championship Team Relay Bronze medalist
- 3x National Champion
- 2x Youth Overall World Cup Champion



Act One Update for 2020-21

The state-funded tax relief available for Southern York County School District is \$1,060,274. This money will be distributed to all approved homestead and farmstead properties through a tax assessment exclusion on the July 1, 2020 real estate tax bills. The amount of the reduction has declined from 2008-09 when it was \$185.02, to the calculated rate of \$179.94 for 2020-21.

The July 2020 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, ext. 7300) with any questions.

Congratulations Class of 2020!

