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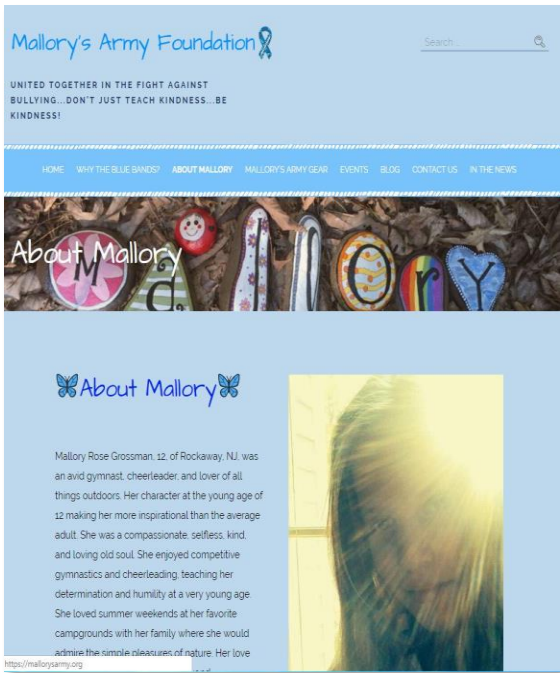
SOUTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN EDUCATIONAL DELEGATION TO CHINA

Superintendent Diaz participated in an educational delegation to China during the Spring break. As a member of a team of 10 NJ administrators, Mr. Diaz visited 15 different schools in seven major cities in China. Traveling to Beijing, Shijiazhuang, Jinan, Qingdao, Changzhou, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, the delegation met with school faculty and students, and presented highlights of NJ schools. The purpose of the visit was to establish sister-school relationships and explore student exchange programs for the future.

Benefits of the program:



- Foster a global understanding of the role of varying educational systems
- Learn about the culture and student learning within Chinese schools
- Establish partnerships with foreign school districts and promote sister-school relationships
- Promote our schools and offer exchange program opportunities
- Opportunity for our schools to receive stipends for accepting students for short-term and long-term placements
- Opportunity for our parent community to serve as host families for providing temporary housing for exchange students





The Middle High School is hosting **MALLORY'S ARMY** on May 30th. The powerful Anti-Bullying presentation will be provided for students during the school day, along with a special parent presentation at 6:30 p.m. on May 30th at the MHS Auditorium. **DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**

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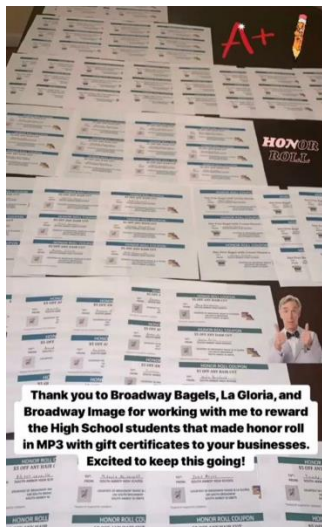
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“Thank you to Broadway Bagels, Broadway Image, and La Gloria for donating gift certificates to the High School for all the students that made honor roll in Marking Period Three. It’s great to know that our local businesses support our students!” *Patrick Walsh, BOE Member*



BROADWAY IMAGE

La Gloria

Community Events: (click on flyer to enlarge) *Disclaimer:* The following files are submitted to the South Amboy School District for publication and distribution as most of them benefit our community's children and parents. HOWEVER, the South Amboy School District does not endorse any of the external activities related to the files. Prior to signing your child up for any of these activities, clubs, or events, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to determine the appropriateness of the event. We send this message as nothing more than a public service. Links to our Partner websites can be found on the District website under About Us – [Our Partners](#)

FOUNDER'S DAY
Tricky Tray 2019
Dinner, Dancing, and Door Prizes
May 17, 2019
VFW, Sayreville
7-11pm
Doors open at 6pm

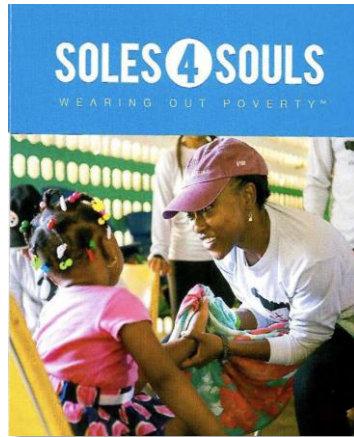
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\$30 per ticket

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Child's Teacher: _____
Number of Guests: _____
Amount enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to South Amboy PTO.
To reserve a table of 10, please use reverse side.

PTO Founder's Day Tricky Tray



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Yoga for Success | Yoga Mat & Towel
Tuesday, April 9 | 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Yoga for Health | Chair Yoga
Saturday, April 20 | 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Yoga for Peace | Chair Yoga
Saturday, May 18 | 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Discover simple (but powerful!) yoga postures to find stability and balance.

Be sure to arrive with a light or empty stomach (at least two or three hours after eating!)

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Yoga @ Dowdell Library

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FIRST MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 17
3PM-4:30PM

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Sadie Pope, Dowdell Library
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SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse

City of South Amboy
2019 Calendar of Recreation Events

May
Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony - TBD

June
City Wide Yard Sale: June 29th & June 30th
Summer Recreation (Arts and Crafts) Registration:
June 3rd - June 28th

July
4th of July Firework Celebration - TBD
Recreation: Arts & Crafts Program - July 1st - August 2nd

August
National Night Out: August 6th

October
Fall City Wide Yard Sale: October 5th & October 6th
Trunk-or-Treat: October 26th (Rain date: Oct. 27th)

December
Annual Tree Lighting: December 6th (Rain date: Dec. 7th)
Trolley Ride: December 13th

** All events are subject to change of location, time, date or cancellation **
Please check our Facebook page: [facebook.com/cityofsouthamboy](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsouthamboy) and our website www.cityofsouthamboy.net
For more information on events, contact us by the Recreation Department:
recreation@cityofsouthamboy.net or call (732) 521-1864

City Calendar of Recreation Events

May 2019

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Closures: (Closed during May 21)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dowdell Library Calendar



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Sean Dunphy, Principal

- In the fall, Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred Scott invited all fourth grade students to submit artwork for the Sheriff's Office publication on safety. Principal Dunphy and Mrs. Tice, Art Teacher, are pleased to announce that four South Amboy students had their illustrations selected for the safety books. Students Adrianna Cosme, Jaiden Patrizzo, Gabrielle Evanski and Noah Cruz will be honored at an awards ceremony in May hosted by the Sheriff's Office. Over 1000 drawings were submitted to the county and 54 will be recognized. Our SA students completed their entries during several art classes and focused on illustrating either a personal or bicycle safety tip.
- Our March Madness winner was Mrs. Kipper's class. They had 100% participation in the class for the final two weeks of the competition:
- Our reading Plus Big Ten challenge finished. Here is the breakdown of awards:
 - **Reader of the Year** - The Reading Plus Big Ten Reader of the Year awards will go to students who demonstrated exceptional reading skills across the Reading Plus leaderboard categories from January 7, 2019, to March 1, 2019. A student must have maintained a reading comprehension score above 80%. We then looked at the highest number of SeeReader lessons completed. Level gains, Combos earned, and words read over 80% were also determining factors in our Reader of the Year selections.



We are thrilled to announce our 2018-2019 Reading Plus Big Ten Reading Challenge Reader of the Year: Darrin Dobrin (Third Grade)

- **All-Tournament Team** - The Reading Plus Big Ten All-Tournament Team is an honor given to students who performed the best during tournament play from March 4, 2019–March 29, 2019. One student will be chosen from each team, and one student will receive the Reading MVP award. The Reading MVP will be awarded to the top reader nationwide. We looked at the five leaderboard categories (comprehension, SeeReader lessons completed, level gains, Combos earned, and words read over 80%) when selecting the winners.

Here is our 2019 Reading Plus Big Ten Reading Championships All-Tournament Team winners: Michelle Kwiatek (Fourth Grade)

- **Leaderboard Winners** - Our leaderboard winners were selected based on the work completed from January 7, 2019 to March 29, 2019. In order to award a variety of students, we did not give multiple leaderboard awards to the same individual students. That means if a student was in the #1 spot in more than one category, we selected the #2 student in the other categories.

We are proud to present our 2019 Reading Plus Big Ten Reading Challenge leaderboard winners:

Most SeeReader Lessons Completed – Daniel Puchalski, 123 (Grade Three)

Most Combos – Gabriel Kisiel, 41 (Grade Three)

Most Words Read – Saahir Vazirani, 115,703 (Grade Five)

Longest Streak – Rea Jean, 38 (Grade Three)

Highest Comprehension % - Gwenyth Friedman, 99.1% (Grade Four)

Highest Rate Gain – Joseph Dominguez, 194 (Grade Five)

Most Level Ups – Summer Ruck, 4 (Grade Four)

➤ **National Awards** – The Reading Plus Big Ten national awards are given to the top students across all 11 schools.

Leaderboard winners:

Most SeeReader Lessons Completed – Liam from Wisconsin

Most Combos – Liam from Wisconsin

Most Words Read – Ebunoluwa from Indiana

Longest Streak – Carly from Nebraska

Highest Comprehension % - Gwenyth from South Amboy, New Jersey (Grade Four)

Highest Rate Gain – Kathryn from Nebraska

Most Level Ups – Faustina from Nebraska



- PTO Fundraiser awards were delivered. 5th grader Jaidyn won the 5 LB bar of chocolate raffle:



MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal

Not Even Once is Coming to the MHS!

Not Even Once is a drug education program that will be presented to our 10th grade students. The program involves students through three sessions, presented by EMTs, people in recovery, and local police officers. Andrew Bielack, Assistant South Amboy Fire Chief, Debra Norek, EMS Educator and a member of the SAPD, will be presenting on May 16th, May 23rd, and June 6th. The program is run out of Hackensack Meridan Health. Here is the group planning our three presentations.



Students of the Month for April

Throughout the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff nominates students. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For April, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. Patrick McCabe, and Middle School students: Grade 6 – V. Lee; Grade 7- M. Flores; Grade 8 – D. Templeton and High School students: N. Barcheski and J. Lukie.



On April 13th, a dreary Saturday morning was brightened when the NJHS participated in Middlesex County's 34th Annual Beach Sweeps in their own backyard, Waterfront Park. The members collected many items from water bottle caps to car tires, all while tallying their findings. They can't wait to join the County again for next October's Beach Sweep!



Mayor Henry Helps Our Seniors Learn About Voter Registration

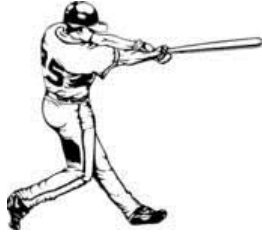
Mayor Henry met with all of our seniors and discussed the importance of voting as well as the process for registering. Students who were 18 were provided with necessary forms to get ready for June.



ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL

On Monday, April 29th we began our two game set with a strong Bishop Ahr squad. We fought hard but couldn't produce a run for starter Kyle Gasiewski who pitched-out of tough spots, shutting them out for the first 7 innings. As Kyle



reached his pitch count limit, Bishop Ahr's potent lineup scraped together 8 runs in the top of the 8th, as our chances of clinching the division fell out of reach, as we lost 8-1. Tuesday's game at Bishop Ahr was our last chance to clinch the division with a win, as a loss would have given Bishop Ahr the title. Our warm up music was right, we Let it Go, we went back to basics with our ABC's and put Bishop Ahr to sleep with the lullaby *(the music they played for us, while the broom was on their dugout thinking they were going to take the division from us). We fought hard and batted around in the first, scoring 4 runs, and batted around in the second, putting up a 7 spot. That was all Nick Charmello needed, as he dominated on the mound, holding their lineup to just 2 hits, and at the plate collecting RBI's with doubles and another intentional walk, a respect he has earned from our opponents. This senior loaded roster stepped up when it counted, and with a redemption game from Johnny Gonzalez who collected 3 RBI's on a double, we earned our second straight Gold Division title. Thank you for all who attended the game, and it's on to the county and state tournaments!

Varsity Baseball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-1-19	8	4

JV Baseball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-2-19	2	1

The Junior Varsity Baseball Team lost their first game of the season to Bishop Ahr, with a score of 10-5. The Defense gave it their all. The players are always looking forward to the opportunity to compete. Next, the JV Governors are home vs South River on 5/8/19. Go Governors!

MS Baseball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-3-19	3	3

The Middle School Baseball Team is now 3-3 as they came off of a win over Woodrow Wilson Middle School and a lose to Herbert Hoover Middle School. Daniel Evanski, Ben Hernandez, and Brandon Gasiewski continue to pitch great for the Governors, as Chris McDowell has broken out for a few key hits, along with Angel Barillas, Gab Albarran, who remain a constant threat in the Lineup. The Gov's next game is home against Conackamack Middle School on Tuesday 5/7.

TRACK

On Saturday, the track team competed in the 5th annual Mustang Invitational at JFK High School. The meet kicked off with a school record breaking from Bryan Pena in the 400 meter hurdles as he smashed the existing record by almost 10 seconds running a 1:05. Jessica Henry turned in a season best performance in the 400 hurdles. In the freshman girls mile, Gwen Kennedy placed 5th in a PR time of 6:22. In the varsity mile, Spencer Kennedy and Charlie Smith both turned in big PRs. In the 4x200 meter relay, the girls team of Kamal Davis, Nadia Barcheski, Jessica Henry and Nashari



Payano smashed the school record with a time of 2:08. MaryAnn Walsh turned in a PR performance in the mile placing 4th in a time of 5:53. The top performer of the day was freshman superstar, Rafael Albarran, who placed second in both the freshman mile and 800 meters. The track team also competed in the GMC Relay Championships over the last two days with the boys team of Jack Lukie, Abe Calderon, Bryan Pena and Rafael Albarran competing well in the 4x1600 and 4x800. The top performance of the meet belonged to the girls Distance Medley Relay team of Gwen Kennedy, Nashari Payano, Jessica Henry and MaryAnn Walsh, who shattered the school record and placed 9th in the entire county.

SOFTBALL

On Monday, April 29th, the girls lost against Woodbridge Academy with a final score of 7-4. The girls played a great defensive game. On Thursday 5/2, the girls lost in extra innings to East Brunswick with a final score of 7-6. Nala Gawroriski went 3-5 with one double. Jaime Moran pitched one of her best games with three shutout innings. The girls played one of their best defensive games this season.

Varsity Softball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-3-19	6	7

During the week of April 22nd, the JV team earned their second victory with a win over Piscataway Vo-Tech. Amanda Alvia-Smith had her best performance to date on the mound and went 2-4 at the

JV Softball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-1-19	2	6



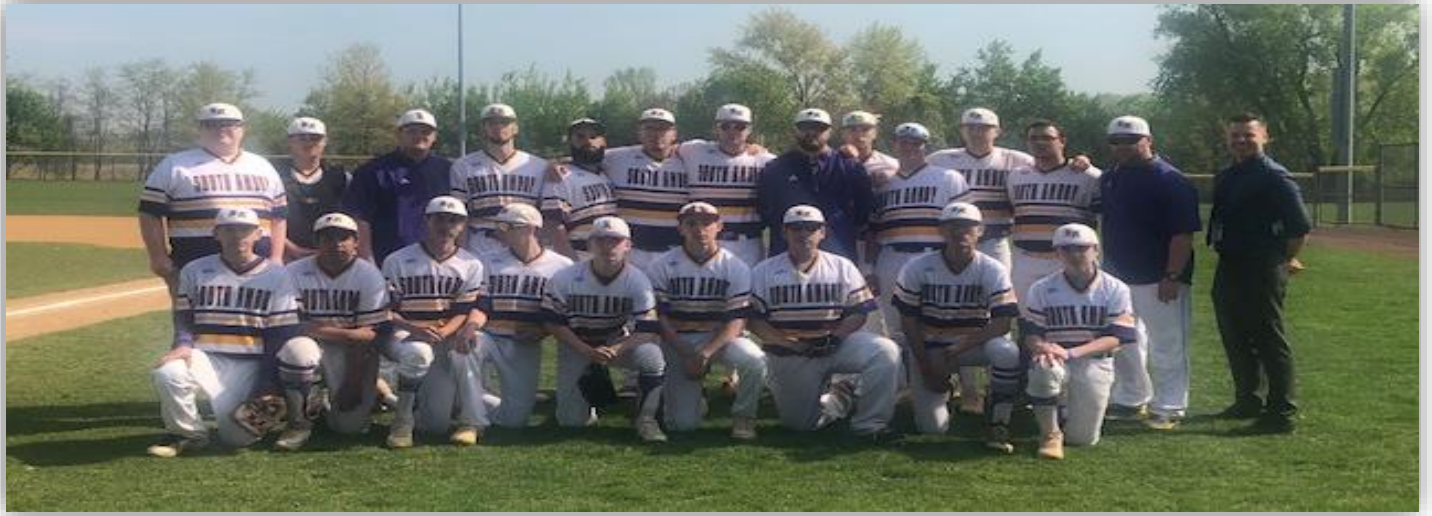
plate. Faith Nemeth went 3-4 with a triple and 4 RBI's. Natalee Colon also went 3-4 with a double and 4 RBI's. Jacey Buzcek went 2-2 with an RBI. Angie Aquino, Ali McLaughlin, Biatrix Rodrigues and Jaelyn Medina all had one hit. Everyone on the team crossed the plate at least once to assist in the victory. On Monday, April 29th the girls fell to Woodbridge Academy by a score of 11-21, and then ended their season with a tough loss to East Brunswick Vo. Tech. on Thursday, May 2nd. Despite the loss, the team completed a triple play! Maggie Whiteley made a great catch at 3rd base followed by the defense throwing the runners out at third and first base! Angie Aquino went 2-3 with two singles on the day, and it was really a team effort on the field.

Great season girls!

Going into the first week in May, the Middle School softball team has five wins and two losses. Prior to spring break, the girls defeated Von E. Mauger Middle School in extra innings 13-12. The girls fought a tough battle coming back late in the game to tie it up in the 7th inning. In the 8th inning the team scored two runs and Brianna Sweat recorded the save and held the batters to only one run. Home runs in this game were hit by Gianna Gawroriski and Jillian Juhass. On April 30, 2019, the Governors defeated Timothy Christian by a score of 15-0. Evalise Perez was unhittable and recorded a perfect game with 6 strikeouts and 4 put-outs herself. On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, the middle school girls defeated Highland Park Middle School by a score of 13-11. The girls got off to a rough start falling behind 9-1, but they never gave up and came back in the bottom on the sixth inning scoring five runs. Evalise Perez battled through a difficult injury to record the save, and the big bats of Iyanni Twiggs and Mary Kate Brew helped solidify the win for the girls!

MS Softball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 5-1-19	6	2

VARSITY BASEBALL SENIOR NIGHT



VARSITY SOFTBALL SENIOR NIGHT



For athletics schedules, please visit:

<https://www.greatermiddlesexconference.org/public/genie/343/school/27/>

PTO

The purpose of the South Amboy PTO is to strengthen the relationship between home and school, so that parents and teachers may work together for the success in the education of children at our schools. Our group helps the staff and students of our district by raising funds to provide technology and supplies needed, and has events to promote family unity.



If you're interested in helping with various activities such as a Fun Day committee, box top counters, and monthly birthday ice cream coverage. Please email a letter of interest to sapto08879@gmail.com.

For upcoming Events, please visit our [website](#).

For more information on our PTO, please email us at SAPTO08879@gmail.com

District Events/Activities

Date	Time	Description
5/6 – 5/10		Teacher Appreciation Week
5/9	6:30	Lip-Sync Contest @ MHS Auditorium (Cancelled)
5/15	7:00 p.m.	Music Talent Show @ MHS Auditorium
5/16	7:00 p.m.	MHS Spring Concert
5/20	6:00 p.m.	BOE Meeting
5/21	6:30 p.m.	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ MHS
5/24		Schools Closed
5/27		Schools Closed – Memorial Day
5/30	4:00 p.m.	Student Council Car Wash @ the Board Office (Rain Date: June 3 rd)
5/30	6:30 p.m.	Mallory's Army (Powerful Anti-bullying Presentation for Parents and Community Members) @ the MHS Auditorium
6/6	6:00 p.m.	Sports Banquet @ MHS Cafeteria

MHS = Middle High School

ES = Elementary School

*Occasionally, some activity dates may change or get cancelled. For the most up to date calendar information, please check the school's website and/or the Principal's Page for updates.