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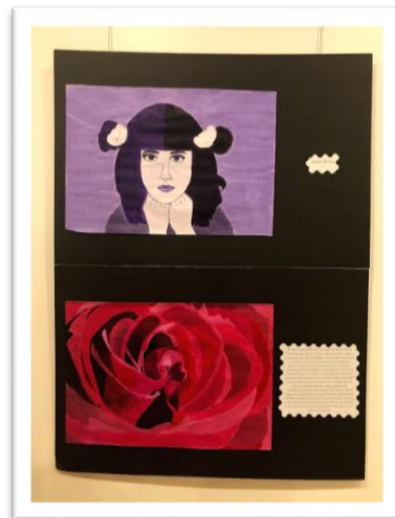
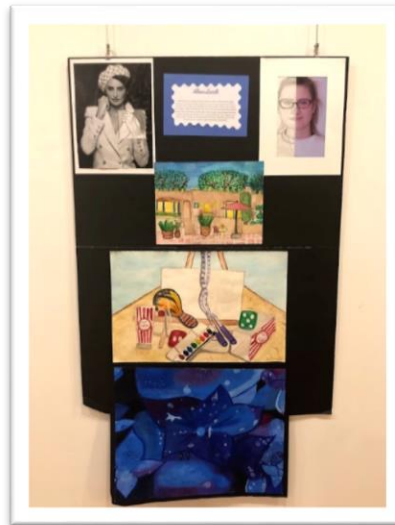
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STUDENT ARTWORK SHOWCASED AT LOCAL ART GALLERY

On May 29th, several high school students had their work exhibited at the South Amboy Art Gallery on Broadway. This collaboration between the City of South Amboy and the Middle High School provided our students the experience to showcase their artwork, poetry, and talents to the public. Special thank you to our Board Member Joan Conway for coordinating with the City and our Art Teacher Colleen Palmeri for preparing our students for a successful event.





EDUCATORS RECOGNIZED AT BOE MEETING:

During the May 20th Board of Education Meeting, the administration and Board recognized and honored the South Amboy 2018-19 Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals of the Year. In addition, four retirees were recognized for their service to our public schools. We thank you and wish you the very best in your retirement! Retirees: Lawrence Ghezzi, Russell Stoddard, Teresa Tomaszewski, and Kathy Walsh! Honorees present were joined by their families, friends, and colleagues.

~ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~

**Teacher of the Year
Eileen DeSouza, Grade 4 Teacher**



**Educational Services Professional of the Year
Judy Cyriax, Paraprofessional**



~ MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL ~

**Teacher of the Year
Shane Hughes, Social Studies Teacher**



**Educational Services Professional of the Year
Jared Gonsalves, Guidance Counselor**



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](#)



South Amboy SUMMER ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM

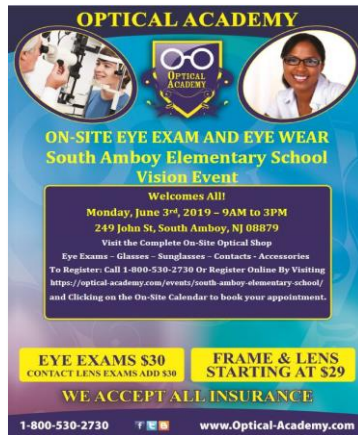
REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 3RD AT 108 SOUTH STEPHENS AVENUE DAILY 9:30AM - 3PM
FREE TO SOUTH AMBOY RESIDENTS (PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED AT SIGN UP)

FUN FILLED 6 WEEKS OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 4 1/2 TO 12 YEARS OLD.

PROGRAM RUNS FROM JUNE 24TH TO AUGUST 2ND

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT JACLYN IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (732) 525-5965

Summer Arts & Crafts Program



OPTICAL ACADEMY

ON-SITE EYE EXAM AND EYE WEAR South Amboy Elementary School Vision Event

Welcomes All!
Monday, June 3rd, 2019 - 9AM to 3PM
249 John St, South Amboy, NJ 08879

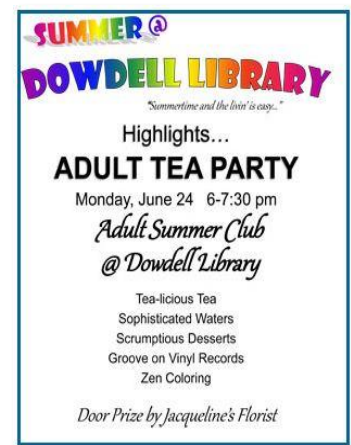
Visit the Complete On-Site Optical Shop
Eye Exams - Glasses - Sunglasses - Contacts - Accessories
To Register: Call 1-800-530-2730 Or Register Online By Visiting <https://optical-academy.com/events/south-amboy-elementary-school/> and Clicking on the On-Site Calendar to book your appointment.

EYE EXAMS \$30 CONTACT LENS EXAMS ADD \$30
FRAME & LENS STARTING AT \$29

WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCE

1-800-530-2730 www.Optical-Academy.com

ES Vision Event



SUMMER @ DOWDELL LIBRARY

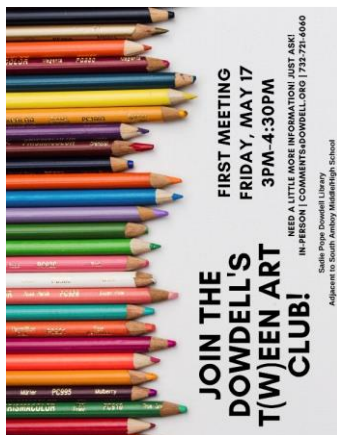
"Summertime and the love is easy..."

Highlights...
ADULT TEA PARTY
Monday, June 24 6-7:30 pm
Adult Summer Club @ Dowdell Library

Tea-Icious Tea
Sophisticated Waters
Scrumptious Desserts
Groove on Vinyl Records
Zen Coloring

Door Prize by Jacqueline's Florist

Adult Tea Party @ Dowdell Library



JOIN THE TEEN ART CLUB!

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

NEEDS A LITTLE MORE FROM YOU! MEET A LOT OF FRIENDS! IN-PERSON COMMENTS! DOWDELL LIBRARY 732.525.6060

Adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School

Teen Art Club




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End-of-Year BLOWOUT! Includes Great Selection of Reduced Merchandise!

Register now for your SUPER SAVINGS PASS discount! www.scholastic.com/warehouse

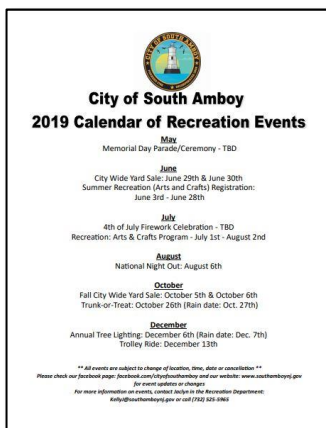
Buy an item, get an additional item equal or lesser value FREE!

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14 APPLEPIKE DR STE A ROSELAND, NJ 07068 (800) 208-0094

June 12 - 22
Monday Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays

Directions: From Washington Township, NJ from the New Jersey Turnpike take Exit 7A to 195 East. Take Exit 1 (Roseland/Bloomfield). Turn a left on 195 East, then a right at 14th Street onto West Applepike Dr. Turn a right onto Applepike Drive. Turn to the end of Applepike Drive. Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse Bldg. 14 is on the left.

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse



City of South Amboy 2019 Calendar of Recreation Events

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/southamboynj](https://www.facebook.com/southamboynj) and our website: www.southamboynj.gov
For more information on events, contact Jaclyn in the Recreation Department: jaclyn@southamboynj.gov or call (732) 525-5965

City Calendar of Recreation Events



June 2019

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
732.525.6060 www.dowdell.org

Sign up for our newsletter for upcoming programs and exciting highlights! <http://www.dowdell.org/newsletter/signup.html>

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Kick Off Summer Program!
Eyes of the Wild
Monday, July 8 2:15-3:30 pm

View the schedule from home tables to walk-in! Also, sign up for the Summer Club to win weekly prizes including PB&J Baking, Beach Ball Toss and more! All ages!

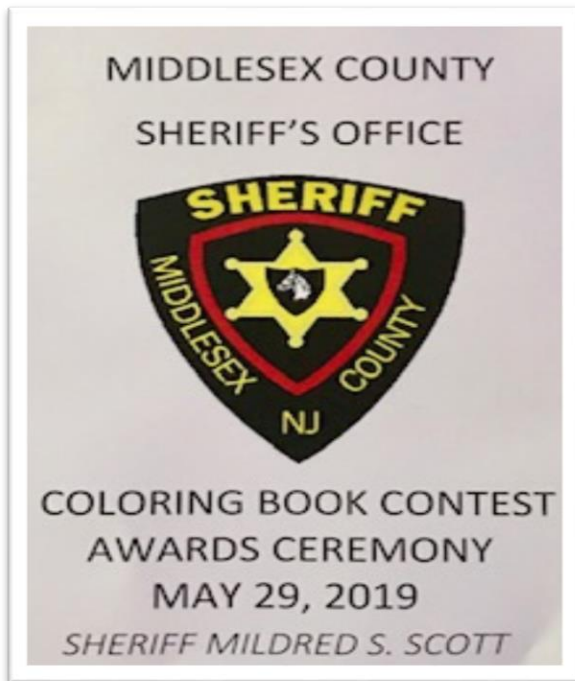
Dowdell Library Calendar



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Sean Dunphy, Principal

On May 29th, several 4th grade students were honored for their artwork at an event sponsored by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office. Back in the Fall, all 4th graders illustrated a message about personal or bicycle safety. Of the 700 entries, 41 were chosen to have their artwork included in an activity book published by the Sheriff's Office, including four from SAES. Congratulations to Mrs. Tice and our four students. (Information and photos provided by Georganne Tice, Elementary School Art Teacher)



STUDENTS WITH SHERIFF SCOTT



N. Cruz



G. Evanski

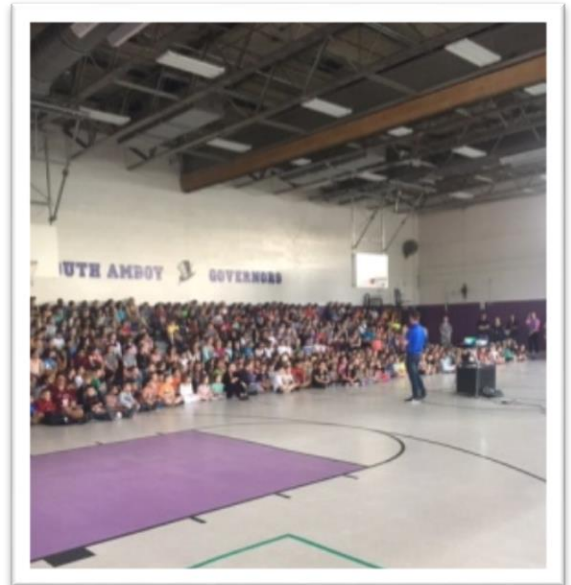


A. Cosme



J. Patrizzo

- The Elementary School kicked off its PTO Boosterthon Fun Run with a pep rally for the entire school. The run itself will be on June 7 (rain or shine). After two days, we have raised almost \$4,000 for our school. We are working towards a multimedia system for our cafeteria, which will undergo a major renovation starting this summer.
- We conducted an evacuation drill this week to one of our evacuation sites. This activity was coordinated with the SAPD and SA OEM. We work with our local emergency responders to conduct our drills and debrief to ensure we are following best practices in responding to potential emergencies.



ES STUDENTS RUN CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

The Elementary School Student Government Club participated in a mock council meeting and shadowed various city officials on Wednesday, May 15th. The students, led by Club Advisor and 4th Grade Teacher Barbara Falvo, partnered with city officials to learn the various roles within our local government. The students then ran a mock council meeting assuming the legislative functions of our local leaders. Special thanks to Mayor Fred Henry, the City Council, and the various city employees for preparing and working with our students.



SAFETY AROUND WATER PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS!

School administrators, board members, and city leaders joined the YMCA staff on Thursday, May 30th, for a press conference and to celebrate the Safety Around Water Program initiative for our 2nd graders.

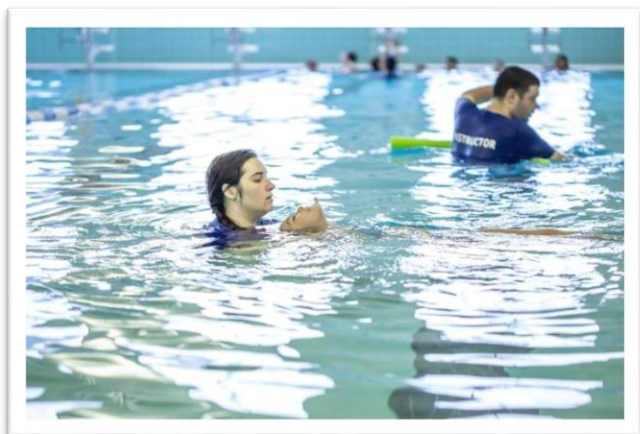


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MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal

The Student Council Car Wash Fundraiser:

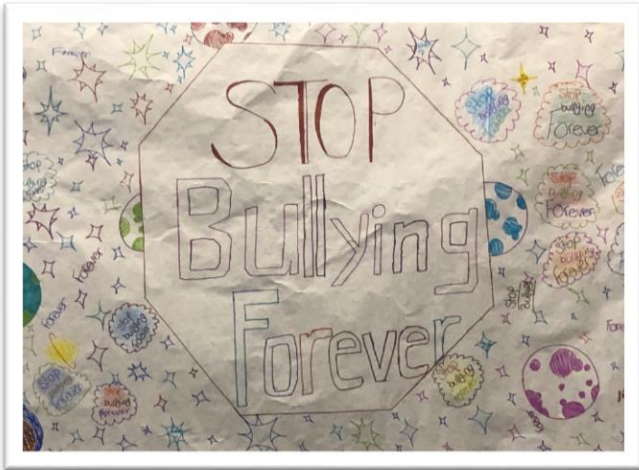
Our Student Council annual car wash took place on Thursday, 5/30/19. The Board parking lot was filled with cars as students donated their time to fundraise. The car wash funds will go towards a scholarship for our student council.



Mallory's Army presented to MHS students and parents:

On Thursday, May 30th, we had two presentations at our school titled, *Mallory's Army*. This presentation was provided by Mrs. Dianne Grossman, mother of Mallory Grossman. Mrs. Grossman spoke about her daughter's struggle with bullying that ended in Mallory committing suicide. Mrs. Grossman's mission is to educate students in both middle and high school about bullying, its consequences, how to identify behaviors, prevent it from happening and support those who experience bullying. The message was very powerful and well received.





The Boys Summit, the first ever anywhere, was a hit!!!

The MHS had the first ever Boys Summit this month for all of our middle school boys. This summit, brought to us by the Middlesex County Commission on Child Abuse and Missing Children, covered important topics such as:

- Self-confidence
- Healthy body image
- Healthy relationships
- Dangers of substance abuse
- Anti-bullying
- Making good choices
- Responsible use of social media
- Career readiness



The MHS sends a big thank you to the Commission for providing this important program for our boys!

NOT EVEN ONCE!

Not Even Once, a drug education program, began on 5/16/19 for our 10th grade students. This was the first of three sessions to be presented by EMTs, people in recovery, and local police officers. The program is coordinated by Hackensack Meridian Health. This was the first of three presentations to our sophomore class about the dangers related to opioids.

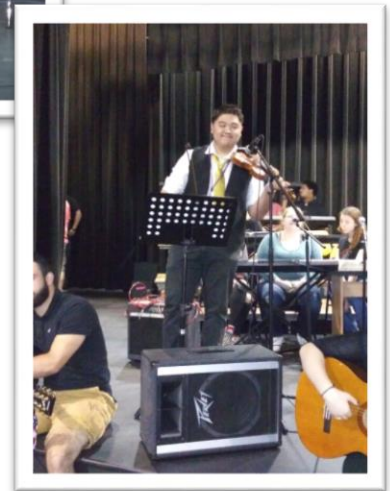
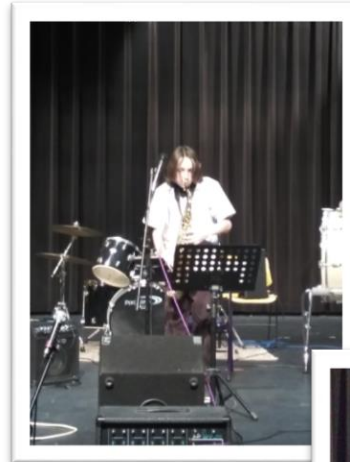
In addition to our school nurse, Cathy Housman, and student assistance counselor, Michelle Witte, these are the professionals who are making this presentation possible for our kids. Along with members of Meridian Health, we have our SAPD and SAFD represented, as well as Mayor Fred Henry and Susan Kudelka from the Municipal Alliance.



Let There be Rock!

Our Middle/High had two shows: a music talent show and a concert.

(From left to right: Mr. Hughes slashing on the guitar. Senior J. Morrison singing and playing the guitar. Jake Wells plays the sax, and Mr. Kim shows off his skills on the fiddle.)



The Choir entertains the school with their songs.



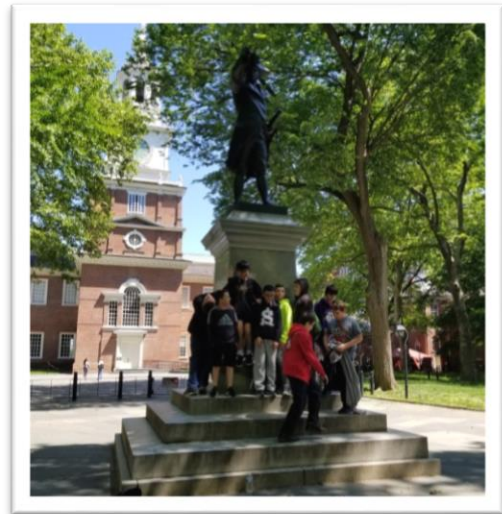
The National Junior Honor Society cleans and plants as part of their 3rd Annual School Grounds Cleanup. Thank you for making the MHS beautiful!



Thank you, Ms. Torreta (NJHS Advisor) for the photos!

The Sixth Grade Philly Trip - Educational and Enjoyable.

This trip helps bring our curriculum to life, as our students see the historical sites they learn about in class.

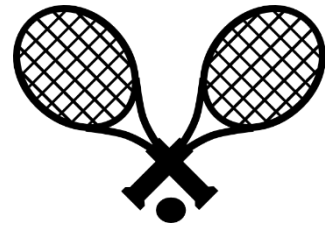
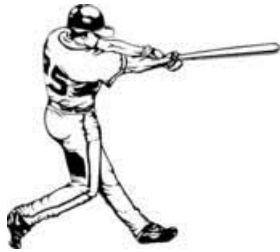


Student Representatives to the Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year have been selected!

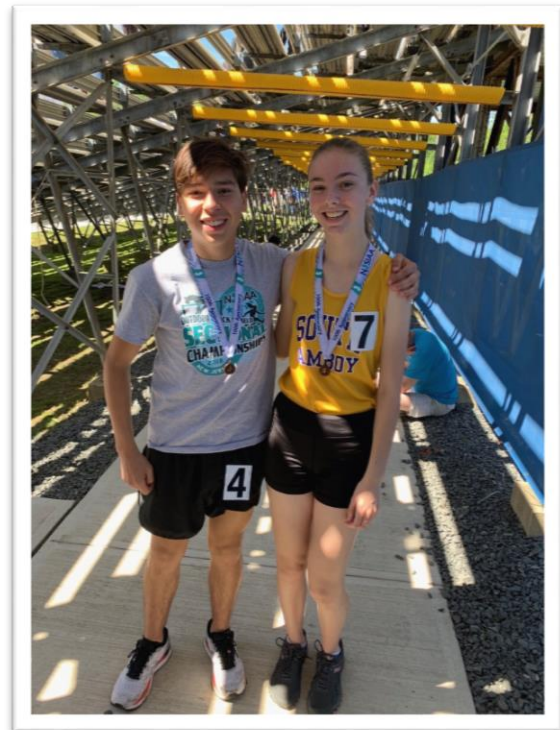
Congratulations to B. Pena, Student Representative (on the right), and P. Joks, alternate (on the left).



ATHLETICS:



HEADING TO STATES!!!



Our 4 x 800m relay team, comprised of R. Albarran, B. Pena, A. Calderon, and J. Lukie (pictured above-left), placed 4th at last weekend's sectionals. Top six teams qualify for the state competition. In addition, A. Calderon and G. Kennedy (pictured above-right) both placed 5th in the 3200m. They will be representing South Amboy in the state competition as well. Congratulations Coach Mecca and best of luck to all our runners!

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
6/6	6:00 p.m.	Senior Sports Banquet @ MHS Cafeteria
6/14	7:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Formal
6/18, 19, 20		Short Session Days – Early Dismissal (12:15 MHS 12:40 ES)
6/19	7:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Graduation
6/20		Last Day of School
6/20	6:15 / 7:00 p.m.	Senior Graduation (6:15 Slide Show, 7:00 p.m. Ceremony)
6/24	6:00 p.m.	BOE Meeting @ MHS

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.