

The South River Advocate

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Coming Events:

Nov. 1: SEPTA Exec. Board Meeting 7-9pm Elementary Library

Nov. 5th: NJ Bar Foundation "Medicare/Medicaid Maze" 1-3pm Law Center, New. Bruns.

Nov.5-9th: South River Public Schools Closed.

Nov. 13th: NJ Bar Foundation "Law & Disability Conference" 9-12:30pm Law Center, New Bruns.

Nov. 14th: SEPTA/DDC Workshop, "Parent's Role in Self-Assessment & Correction Action Plan" 7pm S.R. Cafetorium

Nov. 15th: Special Child Meeting "Raising Self-Esteem in the Special Child" 7:30pm EB Public Library.

Nov. 15th: S.R. Board of Ed. Pre-Meeting 7pm S.R. Administration Office.

Nov.16th: Middle School Dance 7:30-10pm

Nov. 19th: S.R. Board of Education Meeting 7pm S.R.High School Library.

Nov. 21st: Early Dismissal

Nov. 22nd: No School Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 23rd: No School

Nov. 30th: Report Cards Issued Grades 1-12

Dates Set for State Monitoring of South River Dept. of Special Education Announced

The New Jersey Department of Special Education will be visiting the South River School District to determine the district's compliance

with state and federal regulations concerning special education.

Wednesday, December 5th.

There will be a Public Forum meeting held from 6:30-9pm at the South River High School Auditorium.

This meeting will be run by the State Dept. of Education and its' purpose will be to gather information from students and parents on all dealings with the South River Department of Special Education. It is very important that you attend and tell the State Dept. of Education of any problems you may have experienced within the special education system in South River as well as any positive experiences that you think the district & state should be aware of and support. The State Dept. of Education will be keeping the information you offer in mind as it monitors the school on site in January 2002 so it is important that you attend and voice your concerns.

January 15th & 16th.

The State Dept. of Education will be in the school system on these two days randomly reviewing student's files. They may contact you by telephone with questions concerning your child and the South River Dept. of Special Education. If you are contacted, please answer all their questions to the best of your abilities.

It is only with your help that we can improve the quality of special education in South River.

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***“Raising the
Self-Esteem in
Children with
Special Needs”***

The Middlesex County
Special Child Health Service
will be offering a *free*
workshop on raising the self-
esteem of children with
special needs on
Thursday, Nov. 15th
7:30pm at the

East Brunswick Public Library.
Special Guest Speaker will be Helen
Knee

If you wish to attend this meeting,
please call Special Child Health
Services at
(732) 745-3145.

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***SPAN Training for Parents
and Professionals:***

The State Parent Advocacy Network
Offers free parent and professional
workshops through out the year.
For a listing of upcoming trainings
workshops call SPAN at
1(973) 642-8100 or visit
<http://www.spannj.org/training.htm>

- Nov.10: Positive Behavioral Supports
- Nov. 20: Parent’s Role in Teaching &
Learning (Part 1)
- Nov.27: Parent’s Role in Teaching &
Learning (Part 2)
- Dec. 4: Support for Families and
Students (Part 1)

***SEPTA/ DDC Workshop
“Parent’s Role in
Self-Assessment,
Monitoring and Corrective
Action Plan”***

The Special Education PTA and the Developmental
Disabilities Council will be presenting a *free*
workshop on
Wednesday, November 14th
From 7-9pm
at the South River Cafetorium.

By attending this workshop you will learn more
information about the self-assessment process every
school is required to complete as well as information
on the corrective action plan and the monitoring phase
to be completed by the State of New Jersey.
***Learn how to make a difference in the Special
Education in your school district.
Learn what you your school district should be doing
to get in compliance with Special Education
Regulations.***

**School Districts going through Self-Assessment this
year:**

Dunellen, Metuchen, Middlesex County Vocational
School, North Brunswick Township, Spotswood and
South Plainfield.

**School Districts going through the
Corrective Action and Monitoring:**

Carteret, Highland Park,
Jamesburg, Middlesex Borough, New Brunswick,
South Amboy and
South River.

*Help raising money for
SEPTA when shopping on
line this Holiday Season:
Go to www.schoolcash.com
and choose from an extensive
list of popular merchants.*

**“The Parent’s Role in
Self-Assessment,
Monitoring &
Corrective Action”**

**Wed., November 14, 2001
7-9pm at the
South River Cafetorium
Montgomery St., South River**

This workshop will provide you with the information about the self-assessment process that every school district is required to complete and how you can get involved in your local school district’s self-assessment and monitoring phases. This workshop will give you the knowledge and tools you need to get involved in improving special education at the district level.

Get involved and help local school districts get in compliance with special education regulations.

Districts going through Self-Assessment this year:

Dunellen, Metuchen, Middlesex County Vo-Tech, No. Brunswick Township, Spotswood, South Plainfield

Districts in Improvement Plan & Monitoring this year:

Carteret, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Middlesex Borough, New Brunswick, South Amboy & South River

**For more information on this workshop, please contact SEPTA at (732) 432-6747.*

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
South River Board of Education Meeting Schedule: *All meetings are open to the public. Pre-Meeting: Nov. 15 th 7pm Administration Office. Public Meeting: Nov. 19 th 7pm S.R. High School Library				1 SEPTA Exec. Board Meeting 7-9pm S.R. Elem. Library	2	3
4	School Closed Medicare/ Medicaid Maze NJ Bar Foundation 1-3pm	6 School Closed Election Day	7 School Closed	8	9	10
11	12 Veterans Day	13 Law & Disability Conference 9-12:30pm NJ Bar	14 DDC Worksho: 7pm S.R. Cafetorium	15 "Raising the Self-Esteem in the Special Needs Child" 7:30pm E.Bruns. Public Library	16 Middle School Dance 7:30-10 pm	17
18	19 Board of Education Meeting	20	21 Early Dismissal	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**NJEA Convention
School Closed**

Happy Thanksgiving
School Closed

New Jersey State PTA Convention
at Caesar in Atlantic City.
Open to members of ALL PTAs

**SEPTA/DDC
Workshop:**
Nov. 14th 7-9pm
 "Parent's Role in
 the Self-
 Assessment &
 Corrective
 Action"
 Please register in
 advance so that
 enough materials
 will be available
 that night.
 Please call (732)
 432-6747.

Special Child Health Service Meetings:
 Please register with Special Child Health Services if you plan to attend the Nov. 15th Meeting, "Raising the Self-Esteem in the Special Needs Child" by calling (732) 745-3145.

New Jersey Bar Foundation
 The New Jersey State Bar Foundation
 Offers free Law-related Seminars for the public at the New Jersey State Law Center off Ryders Lane in New Brunswick.
 Admission is free but advanced registration is required. Please call
 1-800-Free Law to register.

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