

THE SOUTH RIVER ADVOCATE

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Coming Events:

December:

Dec. 3- 7th: Parent Conferences. See calendar for times.

Dec. 5th: NJ Office of Special Education Public Forum Meeting 6:30-9pm at the South River H.S. Auditorium.

Dec. 7th: S.R. Tree Lighting 7pm at Daley's Pond.

Dec. 10th: SEPTA Board meeting 7-9pm Elem. Library

Dec. 11: H.S. Holiday Concert 7:30pm

Dec. 13th: Middle School Holiday Concert 7pm

Dec. 17th: Board of Education Pre-Meeting 7pm
Administration Building

Dec. 18th: Elem. School Holiday Concert Grades1-2 7pm

Dec. 19th: Elem. School Holiday Concert Grades3-4 7pm

Dec. 20th: Board of Ed. Meeting 7pm H.S. Library
Progress Reports K-12

Dec. 21st: Early Dismissal

Dec. 24th- Jan. 1st: Winter Recess ***No School *****

January:

Jan. 2nd: School Reopens

Jan. 3rd: SEPTA Board Meeting 7pm S.R. Elem. Library

Jan. 11th: Middle School 5th Grade Fun Night 7-9 pm

Jan. 15-16th: NJ Office of Special Education
In-District Monitoring of the school district.

Jan. 17th: Special Child Meeting: "Medicaid/ Medicare"
Guest speaker: Herbert Hinkle esq.
7:30 pm at the E.B. Public Library

Jan. 21st: Martin Luther King Day- **No School **

Jan. 22nd: Board of Ed. Pre-Meeting 7pm Admin. Office

Jan. 24th: Board of Ed. Meeting 7pm H.S. Library

Jan. 26th: SAT ** H.S. 7:30-12 noon

Jan. 31st: End of 2nd Marking Period

Public Forum Meeting

6:30-9pm at the

S.R. H.S. Auditorium

The NJ Office of Special Education will be holding a Public Forum Meeting at the South River High School Auditorium from 6:30-9pm. They will be there to hear from the parents of children in special education in South River.

Come to this meeting to make sure that they know of your experiences with the Special Education services of South River!

You may get a phone call

The New Jersey Department of Special Education will be in district monitoring the South River Department of Special Education on January 15th and 16th. They may contact you to discuss items in your child's educational file. Please take the time to answer their questions fully and to the best of your abilities.

The Special Education PTA would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes for a Peaceful New Year!

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South River Holiday

Events:

South River Tree Lighting

The South River Department of Recreation will be holding its annual tree lighting ceremony at Dailey's Pond on Friday December 6th at 7pm.

Come and enjoy the Holiday spirit with your neighbors!

There will be performances by the South River H.S. Choir, Jazz Band, and the Girl and Boy Scouts of South River.

Don't forget that Santa arrives by Fire Truck to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

Menorah Lighting

The South River Department of Recreation will be lighting a candle for each night of Hanukkah at a Menorah placed at Dailey's Pond to celebrate Hanukkah starting at 7pm on December 10th till December 17th.

South River Schools Holiday

Concerts:

High School – Dec. 11th 7:30pm

Middle School - Dec. 13th 7pm

Elementary School:

Grades 1 and 2 - Dec. 18th 7pm

Grades 3 and 4 - Dec. 19th 7pm

Reminder:

**There is an early dismissal on
Dec. 21st**

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SEPTA Workshop:

“Strategies for Diverse Learners”

**Tuesday, February 12th 7-9pm
South River Cafetorium**

Learn the latest teaching strategies to improve learning in all children

This workshop is free and open to the public.

**Teachers earn continuing education credits*

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS
WORKSHOP BY CALLING SEPTA AT
(732)-432-6747.**

The Lewis Clinic and School
Presents:

Roots and Wings: Parenting the Learning Different Child

Sat., December 8th

from 9:30 am -12 Noon

Guest Speaker: Rick Lavoie

(The F.A.T. City Workshop)

Rick Lavoie, is a nationally recognized authority on learning differences (LD) and has spent more than 30 years working with kids who struggle to learn, as well as their parents and teachers. His PBS videotape, **How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop** is a classic in the field of learning differences. He has consulted to over 400 school systems in 42 states, and has presented over 2,500 keynote addresses and workshops to schools, institutions and agencies. Lavoie is currently the Director of Schwab Learning.

Fee: \$50.00 a ticket by Nov. 30th

\$60.00 a ticket at the door.

Location of Workshop:

Thomas R. Grover Middle School

10 Southfield Road

West Windsor, NJ

For more information

please contact:

The Lewis Clinic & School

53 Bayard Lane

Princeton, NJ

1-609-924-8120

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The Special Education PTA of South River would like to thank the following for their generous donation to help fund our events and programs:

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of South River, NJ***

Thank You!

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South River to Start an Adaptive T-Ball League

The South River Dept. of Recreation will be starting an adaptive t-ball league for children with special needs in March of 2002.

Registration fee per child will be \$20.00 and children must supply their own mitt. All other equipment including t-shirts and hats will be provided by the South River Recreation Department.

*This program is run entirely by the South River Dept. of Recreation.

Practices will be held on Saturday mornings at Varga Park in South River and will run for 12 weeks.

If you are interested in signing your child up for t-ball this spring, please fill out the attached form. SEPTA will be contacting you in early March to notify you of registration dates and practice schedules as a courtesy to our community.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I would be interested in helping coach in this league.

No, I am not able to help coach at this time.

Yes, I would like to hear about future SEPTA events by mail or by email.

Please return this form with your child to school in an envelope marked "SEPTA"

Or mail to:

SEPTA of South River
T-ball league
33 Pulawski Ave.
South River, NJ 08882

Learn How to Develop an I.E.P. to Maximize Your Child's Potential:

Monday, Feb. 4th 7-9pm

SEPTA of South River and the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network will be hosting a free public workshop on Monday, February 4th from 7-9pm at the South River Elementary Library.

You will learn how to help develop an Individual Education Plan for your child that will lead him or her towards academic achievement.

Learn about your rights and your child's to:

* Augmentative devices/ computer assisted technology.

* Least restrictive placements

* Parent's right to be an equal member of the child study team in helping develop an I.E.P. for your child.

* Learn tools to help you as a parent make sure that your child is receiving the best possible I.E.P. to maximize their academic growth.

If you are interested in attending this workshop please fill out the form below or call (732) 432-6747 to register.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Email: _____

Please mail to: SEPTA of South River
February Workshop
33 Pulawski Ave.
South River, N.J. 08882

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
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2	3 Parent Conferences ES 1:30-3:30 HS 7-9pm	4 Parent Conferences ES 7-9pm HS 1:15-2:30	5 Parent Conferences ES 1:30-3:30 MS 7-9pm	6 Parent Conferences MS 1-3pm ES kindergarten 8:30-3pm	7 Parent Conferences MS 1-3pm HS Winter Prep Rally	8 Roots and Wings: Parenting the Learning Different Child 9:30-12 n.	
9	10 MS Principal /Parent Round Table 9am SEPTA Board Meeting 7-9pm Hanukkah	11 HS Holiday Concert 7:30pm	12 HS Principal/Parent Round Table 9am Fall Sports Awards	13 MS Holiday Concert 7pm	14 ES Principal/Parent Round Table 9am	15	
16	17 Pre-meeting Board of Education Hanukkah ends	18 ES Holiday Concert (Grades 1-2) 7pm	19 ES Holiday Concert (Grades 3-4) 7pm	20 Grades 1-12 Progress Reports Board of Education Meeting	21 Early Dismissal	22	
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	
Winter Recess- No School *** Winter Recess- No School *** Winter Recess							
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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year's Day Winter Recess No School	2 School Reopens	3 SEPTA Exec. Board Meeting S.R. Elem. Library	4	5
6	7	8	9 Special Needs Trust Seminar 7-9pm NJ Bar Foundation 1800-Free Law	10	11 MS Fun Night 5 th Graders 7-9pm	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day School Closed	22 Pre-Meeting Board of Education	23	24 Board of Education Meeting	25	26 SAT Test 7:30 am
27	28	29	30	31 End of 2 nd Marking Period	<div data-bbox="1161 1428 1510 1848" data-label="Text"> <p><u>New Jersey Bar Foundation</u> The New Jersey State Bar Foundation offers free Law-related seminars to the public at the New Jersey Law Center off Ryders Lane in New Brunswick. Admission is free but advance registration is required. Please call 1-800-Free Law to</p> </div>	
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