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Coming Events:

December 16: Board of Ed. Pre-Meeting
Board Conference Rm. 7 pm

December 19: Board of Ed. Meeting
High School Library 7 pm.

2003

January 2: SEPTA Exec Board Meeting
Elementary School Library 7-9
pm

January 8: New Jersey Bar Foundation
Seminar on 'Special Needs Trust'
New Jersey Law Center, New
Brunswick 7-9 pm

January 15: SEPTA workshop
Transition Planning South River
Public Library 7-9 pm

February 6: SEPTA Exec Board
Meeting Elementary School
Library 6-7 pm

February 6: SEPTA workshop Least
Restrictive Environment, Guest
Speaker Penny Dragonets from
SPAN. Teachers can earn
continuing ed credits by
attending. Please call to register,
**If enough people do not register
this workshop will be canceled**
Elementary School Library 7-9
pm

For Your Information

Need More Info?

SEPTA has several free copies of manuals for parents and teachers. If you would like a copy for yourself please call SEPTA's Information line.

The Right to Special Education in New Jersey, A Guide for Advocates. Created by the Education Law Center and sponsored by the NJ State Bar Foundation. This manual is designed to help advocates, including parents, obtain special education for children with disabilities.

Tool for Teachers. Compiled by the NJ Developmental Disabilities Council. This provides basic information and guidance in best practices strategies for including students with disabilities in general education. While this was developed for teachers, parents will also find this very helpful

Parents Coffee

A support group for parents and guardians of special education students is sponsoring a morning coffee on November 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Future coffees are set to take place once a month during the school year. This informal group meets monthly. For more information and meeting locations call Vivian Paulus (732) 297-4028

The Special Education PTA
of South River

Would like to thank the following local business for their recent donations:

Laffin Chevrolet
Of South River

Magnifico's Ice Cream
Of East Brunswick

Thank You!

Special Education PTA of South River Workshop

Transition Planning:
Learning Tips, Strategies and Resources that
can make your child's transition from school
to "Life After School" a success.

Wednesday, January 15, 2003 7-9pm
South River Public Library
55 Appleby St., South River

Special Guest Speaker: Alice Hunicut
From The Boggs Center of UMDNJ

This workshop is of interest to parents of classified and section 504 students of who are interested in learning about the resources and services available to ensure that all needs of a classified student is addresses to make life after "school" a successful one.

Parents of children ages 12 and up should be aware of the necessary steps and resources available to their child to ensure for an easy transition to community life, job/career or college life upon graduation from public school setting.

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www.specialeducationpta.org or call the SEPTA Information
Line at (732)651-7157

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SEPTA MEMBERSHIP

SEPTA needs your support to continue to provide you and your children with the programs, speakers, and activities you currently receive. Your support has allowed us to provide a Scholarship to a South River graduating Senior, a Music appreciation class to the Pre-School Handicapped class and speakers for parents and teacher.

Please Mail the below membership form to:
SEPTA of South River
81 Johnson Place
South River, NJ 08882

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Membership Application

2002 – 2003

Name	_____	Membership Type	
Address	_____	Parent	_____
	_____	Faculty/Staff	_____
	_____	Other	_____
Phone	_____		
E-Mail	_____		
# of memberships _____	X \$4.00		
One year MAILED subscription to the South River Advocate \$4.00 (S&H)			_____
Faculty/Staff NOTE: The South River Advocate is distributed FREE via <i>backpack express</i> , email and our website			_____
Tax Deductible Donation			_____
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Help Wanted:

Mothers and yes even Fathers and Grandparents who are concerned with their child's education are wanted and NEEDED by SEPTA to help-out on a variety of projects. We realize how crunched for time everyone is, especially parents of Special Needs children are so it does not matter how much or how little time you can help out, or when that time of day is. In as little as 1 hour a month you can help SEPTA, help you and other parents of Special Needs children.

Would you like to help with our Newsletter, or Website? Have you come across an interesting book, article or website that deals with education, special ed., disabilities, or parenting? that you would like to share with others. Write a short summary and we'll love to put it in newsletter and webpage.

Are you interested in the re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that is coming up in Washington next year? We'd love to have you help and the National PTA has a lot of resources and information available on IDEA, all you need to do is ask.

Is there some other project, that you would like to help SEPTA with, or some project that benefits special needs children that you'd like to see SEPTA involved in.

If you are interested, please come to one of our meetings, call our Information line or e-mail us. We would love to hear from you

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In Order to serve you better please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire:

Do you have a Special Needs Child/Children Yes ____ No ____

If so what are their ages

Do you have access to E-mail Yes ____ No ____

Would you like information sent to you via E-mail Yes ____ No ____

Do you have access to the World Wide Web?
(Free access is available at most public libraries
including South River Public Library Yes ____ No ____

Would you be interested in information distributed over the Web? Yes ____ No ____
What topic or subject would be of interest to you?

How can SEPTA help you and your child?

Would you be interested in being on one of these committees?

Fundraising	_____	Refreshments	_____
Membership	_____	Special Events	_____
Speakers	_____	Legislative	_____
Other	_____		