



# TIGER TALES

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Susan Stall, PTSA President

## Run, Southside, Run! Tiger Pride 5K Challenge and One Mile Fun Run on March 24

It's that time of year again - time to get serious about your fitness resolutions for 2012!

Southside's PTSA has a great way for you to work on the exercise component of your healthy lifestyle commitment for the new year. Mark your calendar for March 24 and start training to run (or walk) in our 5K Challenge.

Our event in 2011 was very successful and we raised \$3,000 for extracurricular programs at Southside and also donated \$315 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund for breast cancer research in honor of two breast cancer survivors, Donna Mathis and Christie Seear.

This year we will race in honor of Juvenile Diabetes, which affects several students at Southside.

We hope you will support the 5K Challenge this year by participating and by volunteering. Please see the shaded box for all the ways you can help organize this

exciting event. Contact Susan Stall a srstall@aol.com or (864)430-0637 to be part of the planning team.

This year's course will be the same as last year's - located on the campuses of Southside and Thomas Kearns Elementary next door. After the race, there will be a celebration inside the school with great food and fun music.

This event is appropriate for the entire family. Bring everyone - including children in strollers - but please leave your pets at home! The entry fee is just \$10 for students and teachers and \$15 for all other people (stroller occupants are free). Scholarships are available. All participants and volunteers will receive a great looking tee shirt the day of the race.

Come out and show us what you've got!

### Want to Help with the 5K Challenge?

If you would like to help with the event, we have a job for you! Here is a list of the assistance we know we need:

- Invite your church, business or neighbors to participate
- Solicit corporate sponsors (\$1,000 - \$2,500)
- Solicit \$100 "Friends of Southside" donors
- Solicit food and beverage donations
- Manage registration
- Publicity at school and in community
- Tee Shirt - design and printing
- Post race celebration event planning
- Race day set up and clean up
- Race day volunteers - registration tables (4), water table (2), race starter (1), finish line time callers (2), food tables (3), photographers (2)

To volunteer, send an email to Susan Stall at srstall@aol.com or call at 430-0637.



## Principally Speaking

### Note from Carlos Brooks Principal

It's a great day to be a Tiger. With exams completed and a new semester starting, it's good to look back at the positives of the fall and the opportunities coming up soon.

We continue to celebrate the success of SHS's Forensic Team, AFJROTC, and the Orange Express. These students along with our student athletes represent Southside well in Greenville and in the region.

Thank you too to everyone who made our International Festival a showcase and celebration of Southside's diversity.



Be sure to check out the calendar of events coming up. Students will soon be registering for classes for next year, so please read the information provided by the Guidance Office included in this newsletter.

Finally, everyone begin training for Southside's own 5K race to be held in April! It's a great time to be at Southside High School.

Carlos Brooks  
Principal

### Have something for the newsletter?

The newsletter is a publication of the Southside High School PTSA. The deadline for submissions to the April/May issue of Tiger Tales is March 1. If you have some news of interest, send your idea to Carol Wilson, Editor, at wilsoncb@wofford.edu.

### Got Pix? Pictures are needed for the website.

Have you taken any pictures of your classmates that you would like to share on the school website? If so, send them to jbrownin@greenville.k12.sc.us.

# Get Involved in the PTSA

## Letter from the PTSA President

### Consider Nominating Yourself or a Friend for a PTSA Officer Position

At the December PTSA General Meeting (held just prior to the Band and Chorus Holiday Concert) we elected a 5 person Nominating Committee.

The members of this committee are:

Savita Nair: savita.nair@furman.edu  
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Their charge is to recommend a slate of officers to be elected for the 2012/2013 School Year. The proposed slate of officers will be voted upon at our General PTSA meeting in April.

Here is where YOU come in! The Nominating Committee of the PTSA is now ready to accept nominations for open officer positions for the 2012/2013 school year. These positions each carry a 2-year term. The open positions and a brief description of their duties are:

#### President

- Prepare Meeting Agendas and Preside over Board and General meetings
- Ensure PTSA organization is maintained including proper creation and filing of minutes and financial statements
- Keep abreast of finances with Treasurer
- Choose Nominating Committee (Board approves) and oversee elections
- Be aware of all programs and fundraising activities
- Help secure leaders for all programs and fundraisers

#### Treasurer

- Oversee development of annual budget
- Oversee banking relationship and ensure signature cards are up to date
- Write checks and make deposits weekly
- Maintain financial records on Quicken
- Present financial status at all Board and General Meetings

- Prepare tax return (990EZ form)
- Secure proper insurance
- Present funding requests as they are received

#### VP Ways and Means

- Next in line if President is unavailable
- Liaison for all activities that generate funds for PTSA
- School Store
- Membership
- Miss Southside Pageant
- Health Fair
- 5K Challenge

#### VP Volunteers

- Liaison between Volunteer Coordinators and Board
- Ensures volunteers are solicited for all programs and fundraisers

If you would like to be considered for one of these four positions, you may nominate yourself. If you know of someone who would be a great candidate, you may nominate them. If you nominate another candidate, please speak with them to make sure they would be willing to serve before you make the nomination.

Nomination forms are available on the PTSA webpage of the school website as well as in the front office. The PTSA is responsible for overseeing the distribution of more than \$20,000 in critically needed funds for our school each year. We need to ensure that our organization remains strong, so we need YOU.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee!

Susan Stall, PTSA President

**The PTSA has approved \$5,400 for the AFJROTC this school year.**

## ATTENTION!

### AFJROTC Continues Marching Along

The Air Force Junior ROTC Corps of Cadets is again having a busy year. Our cadet drill team has started their competition season with great results: they defended their championship at the Clemson Air Force JROTC regional drill meet, placing first overall for the third year consecutive year. Additionally, they placed first at both the Dorman and J.L. Mann all-service drill meets. Currently, they are preparing to return to the American Legion/Coca Cola National All-Services Drill Meet and defend their "Best in the AF" National Title.

Our cadet senior staff has been busy planning activities for the general cadet population which included a well-attended roller skating party, a field trip to the state house in Columbia, and a field trip to tour Shaw AFB in Sumter, SC. The cadet staff planned and executed a highly successful SHS Veterans Day Program along with the annual Tigers Against Drugs Parade. Cadets were involved with two service projects for the holidays: collecting canned food for homeless shelters and adopting local senior citizens to provide them with a holiday basket. The drill team marched in the Mauldin Christmas Parade, and the Fountain Inn Christmas Parade. Additionally, the Cadet Choir went Christmas caroling to three senior citizens homes.

The second half of this school year is shaping up to be as productive as the first semester with the military ball in February and several more field trips. We are indeed proud of all their hard work and dedication.

## NO DEBATE ABOUT IT.

### FORENSIC TEAM CONTINUES DYNASTY

Congratulations to the Southside High School Forensic Team on a fantastic showing at the 2011 George Mason University Patriot Games Classic. With 101 schools from 32 states in attendance, the nationally ranked SHS Forensic Team captured the Third Place Overall School Sweepstakes Award, the team's best finish to date. Special recognition goes to Branden Lindsay and Francine Tamakloe for finishing in the top 20 of all speech competitors in the tournament. Branden and Francine finished in 12th and 20th place, respectively.

The team also found great success at the Riverside Warrior and the University of Florida National Blue Key Speech and Debate Invitational Tournaments, capturing the First Place Overall Sweepstakes Award at Riverside and received Special Recognition for Outstanding Achievement at the University of Florida.

### George Mason Patriot Games Classic

#### FINALISTS

- Jalen Gray and Branden Lindsay -- 5th Place (Duo Interpretation)

#### SEMI-FINALISTS

- Branden Lindsay (Declamation)
- Jeremy Bell and Aahil Merchant (Public Forum Debate)

#### QUARTER-FINALISTS

- Harrison Stall (Impromptu Speaking)
- Jalen Gray (Dramatic Interpretation)
- Branden Lindsay (Dramatic Interpretation)
- Francine Tamakloe (Dramatic Interpretation)
- Taylor White (Dramatic Interpretation)
- Aahil Merchant (Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Tiffany Hwang (Humorous Interpretation)
- James Thompson (Humorous Interpretation)
- Abisshek Lakshman (Lincoln Douglas Debate)
- Sagarika Gami (Original Oratory)
- Francine Tamakloe (Poetry)
- Taylor White (Poetry)
- Francine Tamakloe (Prose)
- Tiffany Hwang (Storytelling)
- Ramya Kappagantula (Storytelling)
- Francine Tamakloe (Storytelling)
- Taylor White (Storytelling)
- James Thompson (Storytelling)

### Riverside High School

VARSITY PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE - Eric Doan/Mike Wang - 3rd;  
Ankit Bilgi/Dustin Cai - 2nd

NOVICE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE - Rahul Raghavan/Varun Arora - 2nd

VARSITY LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE - Neha Kumar - 3rd

#### CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

- Abrianna Means - 4th; Ardavan Ghahramani - 3rd, Best Presiding Officer
- Akshay Chandrasekhar - 2nd

#### ORIGINAL ORATORY

- KRISTY ABDELMALAK - 1ST
- Radhika Pandya - 6th; Nancy Kaura - 5th; Sophia Yin - 4th; Oryza Astari - 2nd

#### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- Amil Merchant - 3rd
- Teja Kondapalli - 2nd
- PRATEEK SHAH - 1ST

#### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

- PRATEEK SHAH - 1ST

#### IMPROMPTU DUET ACTING

- Jordan Branham/Corey Nesbitt - 3rd
- AARON VERHOEVEN/CAMILLE LUNDBERG - 1ST

#### HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION

- Jordan Branham - 6th
- Teja Kondapalli - 5th
- Aaron Verhoeven - 4th
- Tiffany Hwang - 2nd

#### DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

- Alexis Tabb - 4th
- ZAKIYA PAULING - 1ST

#### NOVICE READING

- Jada Sullivan - 6th
- Bharti Bhanot - 4th

#### CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

- Oryza Astari - 2nd

### University of Florida Blue Key

#### DOUBLE OCTAS-FINALISTS (TOP 32)

- Rebeca Dominguez/Marie-Charlotte Pierre (Public Forum Debate)
- Jeremy Bell/Nishesh Chaubey (Public Forum Debate)
- Raghav Kappagantula (Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate)

#### QUARTER-FINALISTS (TOP 24)

- Sundeep Bhanot/Kushal Hegneshwar (Duo Interpretation)
- Harrison Stall (Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Abhi Pandya (Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Francine Tamakloe (Oral Interpretation)
- Kushal Hegneshwar (Humorous Interpretation)

#### SEMI-FINALISTS (TOP 12)

- Branden Lindsay (Humorous Interpretation)
- James Thompson (Humorous Interpretation)
- Abhi Pandya (International Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Brendan McCartney (Original Oratory)
- Branden Lindsay/Jalen Gray (Duo Interpretation)
- Raghav Kappagantula (Impromptu Speaking)
- Mohit Gandhi (Impromptu Speaking)
- Anurag Khandavalli (Impromptu Speaking)

#### FINALISTS (TOP 6)

- Nathan Biyani (5th - Impromptu Speaking)
- Jeremy Bell (2nd - Impromptu Speaking)

**The PTSA has approved \$5,000 for the Forensic Team this school year.**

## SIC Report: Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have time to shelve books or help students in the Media Center? Could you welcome guests in Southside's Office? Would you be willing to help the Guidance Office proctor standardized tests? Do you have time to support teachers and students with one-time special projects and labs? Southside's SIC has worked with faculty members and administrators this fall to organize opportunities for volunteering during the school day.

The time commitments will vary, depending on need and the availability of volunteers, so if you have an hour or two, or a set time you could commit to a project, please let the teachers or staff members who could use your support know. If you are interested in volunteering, please send your name, contact information (email and/or phone), and interests to Carol Wilson, at wilsoncb@wofford.edu or 864.235.9639.

## Support Southside at BI-LO

Show your Tiger Pride the next time your shop at Bi-Lo and earn money for student activities and resources. Add one more benefit to your Bonus Card the next time you shop! Take the bar code copied below to your Bi-Lo, and as you check out and use your Bonus Card, ask the cashier to scan the code with your card. It will record your support for Southside High School and every time you shop with your card, Southside High School will receive a donation from Bi-Lo's parent company.

Adding this bar code to your Bonus Card will not affect your discounts on groceries or your Fuel Perks. It costs you nothing. Instead, it will just bring money to Southside to help fund activities and materials for students.



# Southside Events

## MISS SOUTHSIDE PAGEANT SOUTHSIDE SWEETHEARTS

On November 19, 26 young women celebrated the theme of "I'm Every Woman" in the The Miss Southside Pageant. Hosted by Michael Cogdill, news anchor from WYFF News 4, and Sharon Johnson, former news anchor from WYFF News 4, the evening began with all the contestants dancing to "I'm Every Woman" and "Miss Independent."

Throughout the night, the Klemson Kartell Steppers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Mime Team from Tabernacle Baptist Church entertained the crowd of 400 friends, family, and community members. They complemented the outstanding talents in ballet, creative dance, and dramatic presentation of the contestants for Miss Southside.

Cynthia Rookard, committee chair, and Donna Williams, co-chair, organized a strong committee of Angela Joseph, LaFawn Woody, Brenda Martin, DecQuency Harpe, and NaTonja Dreher to raise over \$6,100 through the sale of advertising, pageant programs, and tickets. This important fundraiser for PTSA will help fun programs and other opportunities for all Southside students throughout the year.



### **Congratulations to all the winners!**

**Miss Southside- SaMeia Robinson**  
1st runner-up-Diamond Bolling  
2nd runner-up- Lael King

**Miss Congeniality - SaMeia Robinson**  
Top Fundraiser- Seriana Gamble  
Miss Photogenic- SaMeia Robinson

**Miss Senior- Nikki Wright**  
1st runner-up- Cherelle McNeil  
2nd runner-up- Valentina Pedraza

**Miss Junior - Channell Williams**  
1st runner-up - Ambria Sales  
2nd runner-up - Deja Goods

**Miss Sophomore- Brandelyn Wallace**  
1st runner- up- Jada Samuels  
2nd runner-up Nadia Hilton-Adams

**Miss Freshman- Megan Carter**  
1st runner-up- Seriana Gamble

### Thanks to the Sponsors of Miss Southside

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Pop Belly Restaurant  
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Smit'n Photography  
Social Butterfly Boutique  
Southern States Packaging Employees  
Sugar & Salt  
Sumlar's Place Community Development Center  
Swagg Bar & Grill  
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# The Bulletin Board

## Congrats! To our 2011 IB Graduates

### DIPLOMA

Andrew Bell	Coleen Neumann
Amit Bilgi	Edgar Paez
Blair Brewer	Sagar Patel
Catherine Chee	Christopher Philip
Stephanie Chiu	Priyanka Ravichandran
Nia Davis	Anand Shah
Derek Dong	Neil Simmons
Georgia Froman	Carrie Tian
Catherine Fu	Gabriel Valencia
Paavan Gami	Cory VanHouten
Elizabeth Goodwin-Horn	Daniel Vu
DeAndrea Henderson	Sheng Wang
Luben Ikonomov	Charlotte Wienands
Jack Johnstone	Kelsey Williams
Eric Kao	David Wu
Rodriguez Maria	Shaw-Chien Wu
Natasha Mofrad	

### CERTIFICATE

Marc Anderson	Donte Miller
Kestlyn Blassengale	Yogesh Rana
Sarah Coaker	Zuqwintay Rogers
Latessa Cutts	Eduardo Roman
Elisa den Outer	Ashley Ruffin
MaKenzie Donald	Charlie Simms
Katherine Donzella	Jordan Spencer
Jerrod Duncan	Hampton Stall
Caroline Faucette	Alexandra Stromberg
Zarreen Glenn	Jean Tessier
Kenneth Harper	Brittney Webb
Ashley Jackson	Vanessa Weston
Jerrica Jennings	Angelica White
Breanna Kennedy	Caroline Worthy
Leah Kirby	
Courtney Maher	

**The PTSA has funded \$3,728 for equipment and field trip fees for the Chemistry Department.**

**The PTSA has approved \$1,500 for the Step Team this year.**

## Listen Up... NEWS YOU CAN USE



### 2011 Graduates Receive IB Diplomas

Congratulations to 64 2011 graduates of Southside High School who, as a result of their success in advanced coursework, received either an IB Certificate or IB Diploma. To receive a Certificate, students must complete at least one IB course in their senior year. Students receiving the Diploma complete 6 IB courses. The IB program is recognized around the world for its rigor and students at Southside all benefit from the opportunities offered at Southside High School. Thirteen 2010 Graduates recently returned to receive their IB Diplomas at a December 18 ceremony as seen in the photo at the bottom.



### Yearbooks

Be sure to purchase your yearbook for \$50 each. Yearbooks can be purchased online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) or by cash or check payable to Southside to Ms. McGinty in room 102.

### A Soup-er Day of Faculty/Staff Appreciation

Tuscan chick pea, venison chili, pasta fagioli, shrimp gumbo, corn potato chowder, taco soup, vegetarian chili, butternut squash soup . . . these are just some of the 19 different kinds of tasty soups offered to Southside's faculty and staff on December 15 as part of Faculty Staff Appreciation Day.

Volunteers arrived with crock pots of delicious soups, stews, and chilis, with sides of bread and desserts while faculty and staff members enjoyed them all. Thank you to everyone who cooked, set-up, and cleaned up, as we honored those who teach and make it possible for students to learn.

### Seat Time Recovery

Attendance is extremely important in being successful in school, work, and in life. This year, Southside High School will offer Seat-Time Recovery for those students who are passing their classes yet slightly over in terms of days for attendance. Check the Southside website for the schedule.

There will be a \$10.00 fee for three (3) hours and a \$20.00 fee for six (6) hours that must be paid in cash by the designated date. Students who arrive late will not be admitted and absolutely no refunds will be granted. Students must be on-time and have enough material and work to last them for the amount of time that they will attend. Students without work or that run out of work will not be allowed to stay.

If you are dismissed from Seat-Time Recovery for any reason you will not be allowed to sign up for future sessions. Please see your administrator during your lunch for more information, to sign a contract and/or to pay for your session.

### EARN \$50K OR LESS?



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File for Free.**

**GET YOUR TAXES DONE  
FREE OF CHARGE  
by IRS-trained volunteers.**

**For an appointment,  
dial 2-1-1**



# Getting Direction



## Guidance News

### Looking for Direction? Need Guidance?

#### Stick it to me.

IB Directories and new SHS-IB bumper stickers were distributed. Looking forward to seeing those bumper stickers on the backs of your cars!

Stay tuned for information about events we hope to organize in the spring:

- IB Matriculation Chart and CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)
- Understanding the College Application Process.

Both will repeat events from the Fall.

#### Financial Aid Form

Seniors entering institutions of higher learning should complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form as soon after the New Year as possible. They will need to have parent/guardian 2011 tax information for this.

#### Greenville Tech FAFSA Day

Students planning to enroll at Greenville Tech can receive assistance in completing their FAFSA on Saturday, February 18, in the ARC Building from 10-1.

#### Show me the money.

##### Need Financial Aid for College?

Information Nights Scheduled in February

Parents of high school seniors are invited to attend one of two financial aid workshops. Workshops will provide information and assistance to parents whose child plans to seek post-secondary education this fall.

Although students and parents are encouraged to attend the workshop closest to their child's school, all workshops are open to the general public. For up-to-date information on these workshops, please visit <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us>.

- February 17, Greenville High, 7 pm
- February 24, Travelers Rest High, 7 pm

#### Registration for Classes

Registration for next years' classes will begin March 5 and continue through March 16. Students will register for their classes in computer labs with the assistance of guidance counselors.

- SHS's Course Catalog is posted on the school's website.
- During the registration window in March parents and students will be able to view the student's potential 2012-2013 course list on the Parent Portal.
- Parents are invited to view/make changes to their child's course selections by scheduling an appointment with their child's counselor during March 12 – 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Student Course Request Letters will be going home with students April 23. A parent's signature and student's signature are required and the form should be returned to Guidance by April 25.
- The last day to make a change to the student's 2012-2013 course requests will be May 4, 2012.

#### HSAP Testing

Spring HSAP (exit exam) testing will be held April 17-19. This is the last attempt for seniors planning to graduate in May.

#### Graduation 2012

Graduation will be held on May 31 at 12:30 in Timmons Auditorium on the Furman University campus. Graduation supply orders will be taken by Herff-Jones. Listen to announcement for dates and times.

**The PTSA purchased \$850 of new thesauruses (50 books) for English I classes to improve HSAP scores.**

## PTSA Contacts

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## Did You Know?

### The Question of School Funding

The primary way the state funds our public schools is by funding the "base student cost." The base student cost is a per pupil amount based on a 1977 definition of what it costs to provide an adequate education for South Carolina students. The legislature has fully funded the base student cost in only eight of the law's 36 years and only 3 of the last 10 years.

Source: South Carolina Budget and Control Board

# Engagement

## Getting Involved at Southside

### South Carolina State House Update



- In presentations before the House Ways & Means Public Education subcommittee, the full Ways & Means Committee, and the Senate Education Committee over the last two weeks, State Education Superintendent Dr. Mick Zais and the **S.C. Department of Education requested \$14.5 million in new funding** for 2012-13 to maintain the state's Base Student Cost (BSC) at the current level of \$1,880/year. Dr. Zais also requested an additional \$36 million for new school buses; \$5 million for bus fuel and parts; and replacement of \$56 million in nonrecurring funds with recurring state General Fund dollars through cost savings or funding shifts
- Ways & Means budget subcommittees are scheduled to meet through mid-February. The full House Ways & Means Committee is set to begin debate on the 2012-13 budget starting February 21, with the House budget floor debate to begin March 13.
- Two bills related to school choice were filed during the first week of the session and have been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee:
  - H.4547 would **allow parents/legal guardians to take a state tax deduction up to specified amounts for children to attend an independent school**, a public school outside their attendance area or for home schooling, and authorizes a tax credit for contributions made to nonprofit scholarship funding organizations.
  - H.4576 would **allow specified tax credits for parents/legal guardians for children to attend an independent school** or for home schooling, and authorizes tax credits for contributions made to nonprofit scholarship granting organizations providing grants to children eligible for free/reduced lunch or Medicaid benefits to attend an independent school.

### School Store:

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Now that we're into the second half of our school year, it's time to set our volunteer schedule at the school store. We really had a great beginning to the year, and we are going to add new products to the store's offerings. If you've never volunteered at the school store - no problem! Pam and Cathi can get you up to speed in no time. If you haven't volunteered at the store in awhile - no problem! We're always happy to have you back.

#### Available shifts:

Mornings (7:50-8:40 am) - 1st and 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, or 2nd and 4th Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

Lunch (11:15-1:30pm) - 1st and 3rd Wednesday lunch, or 2nd and 4th Wednesday lunch.

Volunteering for 2 shifts per month makes this an easy, fun way to be a real help to Southside and get to work with our kids. If you'd like to jump in and join the fun, email Cathi Moffett (cjmoffett@yahoo.com) and we'll get you on our team.

Cathi Moffett and Pam Shinn  
Co-chairs, SHS School Store, 2011-2012

## National and State PTSA

**National PTSA:**  
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Congratulations to Major Windley:

## Golden Apple Award Winner!



Major Joseph Windley was honored by BI-LO and WYFF Channel 4 with the December Golden Apple Award.

The Golden Apple Award is presented to a teacher who has been recognized for their contributions to teaching, building character, and inspiring their students to achieve in all aspects of life. Students are invited to nominate their teachers for the award. 2011 SHS graduate Courtney Anderson, now attending college on a 4 year ROTC scholarship, recommended Major Windley for this award. To see the video of the award, go to <http://www.wyff4.com/video/29901602/detail.html> or scan the QR code to the right.

A joint BI-LO and WYFF 4 committee reviewed the nominations and chose Major Windley. A hearty congratulations goes out to Major Windley for a job well done!



# Whatcha Doin'?

## Calendar of Southside Happenings

### The PTSA has approved and funded:

- \$300 for the All District Chorus participants
- \$2,500 for teacher copies
- \$2,000 for student agendas
- \$450 for author visit to Media Center

### February

- 7 Varsity Basketball @ Travelers Rest, 6 PM
- 11 Forensics Tournament at Southside
- 14 Tiger Ambassadors Meeting, 7:45 AM
- 15 Progress Reports distributed  
Tiger of the Month Lunch, 11:30 AM -12:30 PM
- 16-18 Dinner Theatre at Southside High School, 5PM

### March

- 10 Military Ball, 6-10 PM, Embassy Suites
- 13 Tiger Ambassadors Meeting, 7:45 AM
- 14 Tiger of the Month Lunch, 11:30 AM -12:30 PM
- 15-17 ROTC National Drill Meet
- 20 Blood Drive  
IB Lunch and Learn, 12PM, Media Center
- 24 PTSA 5K
- 27 Report Cards Issued
- 28 ROTC CNN Studio Tour

### REMEMBER. Tiger Pride 5K Challenge.

Do you have what it takes to go the distance?

