

## Counselor's Corner

April 2026

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- **Girls on the Run** for girls in grades 6-8 is underway! We have three coaches, a community volunteer, and 9 girls running this year. This is something that we really look forward to every year, and we are very proud of everyone who participates. Girls will be doing their practice run next Wednesday, April 22 after school. The race will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in downtown Cincinnati.
- **Spelling Bee:** Oliver Perdue participated in the regional spelling bee and came in 10<sup>th</sup> place! This is incredibly impressive since he is only a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student competing against 40 other middle school students up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are so proud of Ollie!
- **Service dog evaluation:** Jorah's official evaluation to determine her permanency will take place here at Southgate next Tuesday, April 21. We are very hopeful that this will go well and Jorah will officially be a lion.
- **Testing Updates:** We have completed MAP testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be working with the teachers and the leadership team to prepare for KSA including one-on-one student meetings, staff trainings and a pep rally!
- **Ms. Lisa** visits classrooms in grades first through fourth each week. Each lesson in all grades starts off with a dance party. This allows the students to get out their extra energy, then to begin focusing on the day's lesson. The dance party is both fun and interactive where students must follow specific rules.
  - During March, all classes worked on following rules in a game, being a good sport and how to work together as a team to complete a goal.
  - The third and fourth grade classes also began their lessons on diversity and culture. They will finish these in April.

