



THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

SES Principal's Newsletter/January 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

Welcome back SES! It was wonderful to see our community at school this week, as we launched 2024 together. We're busy getting back into routines after the winter break and are eagerly anticipating our upcoming winter concert featuring our SES Chorus, Orchestra, and Band.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Please note that beginning this Friday, January 5, a letter will be emailed home to all WPS families, via PowerSchool, showing your child's updated attendance record. Going forward, this will occur on the first Friday of each month.

You may check your child's attendance in PowerSchool at any time, however, these monthly reminders will start being sent home to help each family track their child's absences. The State of Connecticut considers a child "Truant" when they have four (4) unexcused absences in a 30 day period or ten (10) unexcused absences in a school year. For this reason, our attendance records in PowerSchool must be up-to-date and accurate. More information will be provided in the monthly email, but please make note of the coming letters.

DATES TO NOTE

- ☒ Jan. 7 @ 3pm: SES Day at the Bridgeport Islanders Hockey Game
- ☒ Jan. 15: MLK Jr. Day/No School
- ☒ Jan. 23: Winter Concert- All Ensembles @ 7:00pm
- ☒ Jan. 31: 100th Day of School
- ☒ Jan. 29-Feb. 16: AIMSweb & NWEA Testing Gr. K-5
- ☒ Feb. 9: Souperbowl Spirit Day: Sports Day
- ☒ Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- ☒ Feb. 19-Feb. 23: February Recess (No School)



Thank you to our PTA Pep Squad for bringing some extra end-of-December cheer to the SES staff!

REMINDERS

- Please periodically review your child's lunch balance through MySchoolBucks.com and ensure the availability of funds. Any questions about the balance, please contact Ben Leahey, Director of Dining Services, at 203-341-2431 or bleahey@westportps.org
- If your child is being dismissed early, please pick them up from the main office by 2:45pm.
- Students should come to school dressed in layers, as temperatures can vary across the school, and they should be dressed accordingly for the weather outside. Once our grounds are covered with snow, students will need snowgear to play in the snow.

CAFETERIA CHANGES

Beginning on January 12, 2024, Chartwells will be upgrading the Point of Sale (POS) system in the cafeteria. This new system will assist the district in increasing the level of security and service provided. When the system is implemented, students will no longer use their school ID for cafeteria purchases. Students will be issued a new five (5) digit code that is not associated with their school ID. At SES, students will have a scan card with their new code that is scanned when they purchase items.

A more detailed notification was sent from WPS on January 2, 2024, to families. That update includes directions for how to check your child's new code via PowerSchool.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are excited to announce that SES has received new playground equipment thanks to the ARPA grant! The new equipment includes five benches, an outdoor xylophone and drums, as well as a kinesthetic spinner! This equipment is already being put to good use.