

# Sussex County Technical School

## Spring 2024 Newsletter

### Winter Sports Update

#### Boys Basketball:

Sussex Tech boys basketball team had a record-breaking season. Led by a seasoned roster of eight seniors and two juniors, they helped the program to a school best 16 wins, the most in its history. Sussex Tech fell short of the first ever division crown losing to High Point in division play and finishing second place in the division at 8-2. The Mustangs had two 6 game win streaks during the course of this season. They also were winners of the Belvidere Holiday Tournament. They finished the season 16-9 and in the top ten in the NJAC overall records. Another milestone was securing a playoff spot for the second time in program history and the last time was 2010. They also earned a spot in the NJ Herald Top 10 rankings within the NJAC during the season for the first time ever.

Five players from the team earned recognition as All-Conference players: 1st Team Will White, Justyn Hetman. 2nd Team Dane Walker, Eliot Griner. Honorable Mention Anthony Schneider. Coach of the Year Andrew Carbone.

#### Girls Basketball:

The 2023-2024 Season was a strong and successful rebuild year for the Lady Mustangs Varsity Basketball Team. We finished the year at 7-13 and accomplished team goals along the way. This season we won a division game for the first time in two years and it was also the first time beating that team in seven years. We as a team were more competitive with larger programs, and our hard work was recognized throughout the division. We finished our season with two Sophomores, Emily Ursin and Mackenzie Reilly, earning Second Team All Conference honors and one Senior, Lucia Francavilla, earning Honorable Mention recognition. We have a strong Underclassmen group returning for the 2024-2025 season. We're looking forward to further building on the success we had this year and bringing that momentum into next season.



## **Bowling:**

The Mustangs had a very good season this year going 16-0 during the regular season which earned the team their 6th NJAC North League Championship. The team also took 1st place in the Falcon Frenzee Tournament and finished 2nd in the New Years Eve Coaches Tournament. During the season the team posted a single game score of 1176 which is one of the highest team games in program history.

The team entered the state playoffs as a 6th seed and defeated West Milford in the first round. In the second round the team faced a solid Pascack Valley team. It was a close match and even though the team did not advance everyone was proud of their effort and hard work.

The team will be graduating Seniors Gavin Zinck, John Mabb and Justin Rizzo. Justin advanced to the State Individual tournament and will continue his bowling career at Muskingum College.

1st Team All Conference: Justin Rizzo, Owen Demeter.

2nd Team All Conference John Mabb, Ethan Corrado

Honorable Mention: Gavin Zinck

## **Indoor Track:**

Team Captains: John Porada, David Cunha, Sam Gatto, Mina Lin

Team Awards: MVP John Porada, Coaches Award David Cunha, MIP Preeyapha Sriraksa

### Sectional Meet Results:

John Porada placed first in the Shot Put- 46' 1/2"

Eli Dalelio placed fourth in the 800- 2:08.54

Micah Dalelio placed sixth in the 3200- 12:40.57

Brian Rauchbach placed fifth in the 55- 6.81

### Ocean Breeze Results:

Eli Dalelio placed 14 th in the 800- 2:06.77

Jack Edward Schmick placed 12 th in the 3200- 10:41.73

Brian Rauchbach placed 13 th in the Long Jump- 18' 4"

Brian Rauchbach placed 5 th in the Triple Jump- 40' 5 1/4"

Michah Dalelio placed 10 th in the 3200- 12:37.98

### Armory Results:

David Cunha placed 21 st in the 1600- 5:17.56

### Rockland County Results:

Eli Dalelio placed 5 th in the 600- 1:34.1

Eli Dalelio placed 4 th in the 800- 2:13.1

Jack Edward Schmick placed 6 th in the 1600- 4:58.6

John Porada placed 2 nd in the Shot Put- 42-2 1/2"

Micah Dalelio placed 4 th in the 1600- 5:58.6



## SkillsUSA:

National SkillsUSA Week was held the week of February 5th - 9th. This years theme was “No Limits”

SkillsUSA Spirt Week was organized by our officers:

February 5th - Promote your shop by wearing your shop shirt or sweatshirt

February 6th - Dress to impress by dressing for a job interview

February 7th - No Limits Day - Dress as your favorite alien from outer space

February 8th - Wear your SkillsUSA shirt or SkillsUSA colors - red, blue, gold and white

February 9th - Wear Tech colors



The State SkillsUSA state competitions began on March 23rd and will end on April 20th. Good luck to all Sussex Tech students who are participating this year.

## Winter Cheer:

Our Winter Cheerleading team is composed of 2 teams, Winter Cheerleading and Competition Cheerleading. Both teams cheer at both Boys and Girls Basketball games. In addition to cheering at Basketball games, our Competition Team competes at local and state wide competitions. This season, the athletes on the competition team worked hard to learn new skills and increase the difficulty in their routine. Overall, they had a wonderful competition season and performed the best routine they have ever done at State Championships.



## Student Council:

On Friday, February 9th the Student Council held their annual Winter Semi Formal Dance. The dance took place in the cafeteria with over 200 students in attendance. It was a great event and our students enjoyed the musical performance by the Mustang Music club under the guidance of Mr. LaCorte.

The Student Council is currently preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week, Senior Send Off and the Graduation Cap Recognition Wall.

## National Technical Honor Society:

On Wednesday, March 13, 2024 the NTHS held their annual induction ceremony in the auditorium. Congratulations to this years inductees: Mackenzie Lynn, Tiziana Maldonado, Lojine Mohamed, Brendon DelCoro, Dylan Castelluccio, Caden Ivancich, Kelly Masullo, Kathryn Sevean, Samantha Cowan, Sophia Lemanski, Mina Lin, Kara Loewrigkeit, Faith Pisapia, Kyle Tully, Marissa Bouma, Maia Croom, Charles Heintz, Kyra Birchenough, John Cubberly, Owen Demeter, Liam Henrie, Tamar McPherson, Gabriel Nardini, Aiden O'Neil, Jacob Oras, Noah Sansone, Baylee, Smith, Emily Strauss, Charlie Hudson, Jake Chromcik, Samuel Gatto, Victoria Brandt, Genna Runnalls, Skylar Sandage, Isabella Stoll, Kiarra Welsh, Caleb Jacobson, John Porada, Callista Rieker, Cailin Buckalew, Emily Gogick, Hailey Philips, Kalle Young, Jackson Miller.

NTHS students are actively recruiting staff and students for the annual blood drive scheduled for April 17th.



## Key Club:

February 12th - 16th was Key Club Spirit Week. On Monday, February 12, 2024, for “Mental Health Day” Key Club members wrote out and posted over 1,000 kind and encouraging notes that were placed on every single locker in the school. On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, members baked and delivered a special “sweet” Valentine cupcake for each and every staff member for “Teacher Appreciation Day.”

Key Club members created Valentine cards and made gifts for the residents of West Wind Manor. The staff and residents at West Wind Manor were very appreciative of the students.

## National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society held their annual “Stuff the Bus” food drive. On March 7th NHS students dropped off 660 pounds of food to the Sussex County Food pantry. NHS students worked very hard at the Food Pantry to prepare 600 weekend bags and 60 family bags. Mrs. Pinhas’s homeroom collected the most food items and won the bagel breakfast.



## Spanish Honor Society:

On Monday, March 18th the annual Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held in the auditorium. Congratulations to our newest inductees.

Abdullah Abdulrahman, Cianna Acevedo, Rebecca Alfaro, Nehemiah Aviles, Owen Baez, Nadyalis Beauchamp, Marissa Bouma, Brian Carlson, Sarah Coscia, Stephanie Cubberly, Bria DeGroat, Shawn deHagara, Genesis Denizac, Casandra Fallas, Evan Fetzer, Lucia Francavilla, Emily Gogick, McKenzie Grieco, Justyn Hetman, Charles Hudson, Caden Ivancich, Alexis James, Bethann Juhr, Kayla Jurewicz, Scarlett Keel, Ryan King, Mina Lin, Teagan Lowrie, Danielle Martin-Conyers, Tamar McPherson, BellaMaria Minichiello, Sahana Mohabir, Callista Rieker, Genna Runnalls, Skylar Sandage, Kathryn Sevean, Teagan Smith, Isabella Stoll, Zoe Sweetman, Dane Walker

## Statistics Carnival:

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, all students in Ms. Cooke’s concurrent statistics program participated in the first annual Statistics Carnival. As a part of the unit on probability, students were challenged to create working games of chance to be played by their classmates. Students explored real applications of probability while creating a fun day for their fellow students. Collectively, they prepared 18 unique games that challenged participants to apply practical mathematics and problem solving techniques.

Teachers from across the school signed their classes up to participate. Every player posed an opportunity for the game runners to collect data that will be analyzed later in a summative report comparing theoretical probabilities to experimental probabilities and other statistics. Everyone had a great experience both playing and running the games.



## FFA:

The FFA competed in the Horticulture Exposition in March. FFA entered 20 arrangements in the various categories that were available. The students worked very hard to prepare for the event and 8 entries received awards:

Sarah Marencik 1st place Cactus and succulent dish green

Charlotte Little 1st place Celebrate

Sarah Marencik 1st place With Sympathy

Charlotte Little 3rd place Trendsetters

Sarah Marencik 3rd place Look at the container

Charlotte Little 4th place Happy Holidays

Sarah Marencik 4th place Cascade Bouquet

Kimmie Coscia 5th place Valentine's Day

There was also a live competition at the event where a team of four had to make two arrangements in front of the judges. Our team of Ashley Rached, Kiyah Morales, Nady Beauchamp and Charlotte Little came in 9th place. Great job FFA members.



## Drama Club:

Our Spring Musical, *Curtains: School edition*, was performed March 8-10th and was a huge success. This production was a comical whodunnit. Over 50 students participated, 23 cast members and 28 production staff members. We had 3 shows with approximately 200 audience members at each, and an in-school preview assembly for the entire student population. The students worked incredibly hard for the past 3 months to put on a cohesive production. We rehearsed Monday-Friday after school since mid-December and then the month of February and beginning of March we extended our rehearsal days and times. The dedication and commitment from these students was remarkable. In a follow up to the production, we also had two scenes adjudicated at the Teen Arts festival at Sussex County Community College on March 12, 2024.



## Teen Arts:

In March Sussex Tech students attended the Sussex County Teen Arts Festival where they were able to exhibit their artwork, perform in musical theatre as well as take courses in a variety of project based art classes. Sussex Tech received mention in a multitude of awards, exhibits and state placements for their hard work. We look forward to attending the state wide festival and honoring the winners at a variety of exhibits and performances across the state and county. Below are a few examples of student entries:

Lion - Brianna Strada



Parrot - Anthony Ramirez



Laken Tate Altered Self Portrait



## Coin Design/Atlantic Health Helmet Logo

Congratulations to Graphic Communications student Alyssa Vandepolder for coming in 1st place in the Atlantic Health logo contest.



Congratulations to Commercial Art students Zoe Sweetman, Sarah Cosica, Emmet Clark and Mia Cornelius for having their designs selected among the top 25 in the statewide USS New Jersey Coin Design Contest.

