

# The Sussex Star

February 2, 2024

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## Calendar



**February 19** - President's Day- School Closed  
**February 29** - BOE meeting at SMS@7pm

## Parent Drop Off Solar Panel Lot



The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. If you drive your student to school, please drop off your student in the solar panel parking lot between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Please do not utilize the main parking lot to drop off your student during the above timeframe as it creates potentially hazardous conditions both for our students and our bus drivers.

## Walkers

All walkers at Sussex Middle School should utilize the following walking route: Newton Ave to Main St. There are crossing guards positioned at the intersection of Newton Ave and Route 23 as well as the intersection of Route 23 and Route 284.

## A Message From the Principal

Parents/Guardians please take note of the policy below. Our school nurse will be meeting with our students and teachers to clarify all aspects of the policy.

**Policy 8505 - WELLNESS POLICY/NUTRIENT STANDARDS B.4**

"Pure or highly concentrated caffeine products including, but not limited to, energy drinks, along with those that bear warning statements or labels suggesting that consumption of the product is not recommended for individuals under 18 years of age, are prohibited on school grounds during the school day."

## Absentee Line

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the absentee line at 973-875-4138 option 1 and leave the reason for your child's absence.

## Sussex Tech Application Information

Interview dates have been finalized and will start on February 6, 2024. Interviews are scheduled by program and the dates/times can be found on the school's website at: <https://www.sussextech.org/Domains/84>

Please contact Sussex Tech with any questions or concerns regarding your student's interview.

\*Note: all Commercial Arts & Graphic Design program applications are required to bring a portfolio to their interview. Please see the Sussex Tech website for details.

## Parking At SMS



When parking in the Middle School parking lot, please utilize the parking spaces provided and adhere to New Jersey regulation 39 4-138 regarding the fire lane. Additionally, when utilizing the Parent Drop Off/Parent Pick Up lot, please be sure that the exit of the main parking lot is not blocked by vehicles so that our buses can continue to exit. Thank you for your cooperation.


As a reminder, currently the school day begins at 8:40 a.m. and ends at 3:29 p.m. Students walking to school are asked to arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m. and are to report to the auditorium upon their arrival. Students who are dropped off by a parent/guardian should be dropped off at the doors in the solar panel parking lot on Loomis Avenue between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Please refrain from utilizing the main entrance parking lot to drop your child off. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students and staff members safe.

### Community Events

**ACME Supermarkets** is sponsoring a "Teacher of the Month" program. Anyone who wishes to vote can do so at the customer service desk.

**PTO:** Our PTO is planning their next fundraiser. On Friday, February 16th they will be holding a Father/Daughter dance at CEL from 6-8pm. They are looking for volunteers to help make the dance a success. Last year we have over 300 attend! It was such a fun night!

**Sussex-Wantage Wrestling Club (SWWC)** aspires to be an outstanding youth recreation wrestling organization where wrestlers learn essential wrestling skills while being provided positive and disciplined coaching that promotes good sportsmanship and character. SWWC is comprised of children living in the Sussex-Wantage Regional School sending district. All students in grades K-8 are eligible to participate. Go to our Registration Flyer (link below) for more information and the link to register. If you have questions, please reach out to [swwcwildcats@gmail.com](mailto:swwcwildcats@gmail.com)

 [23-24 Registration Flyer](#)

**Softball:** Spring Recreation Softball Registration is NOW OPEN for Kindergarten to 9th grade! Registration closes 2/28. Please go to [www.highpointsoftball.com](http://www.highpointsoftball.com) to register.

### 6th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Sixth grade students are required to have both the Tdap and Meningitis B vaccination for the start of the school year. This must be completed after their 11 year old birthday. Please forward a copy of the vaccinations to the school nurse at Sussex Middle School.

### Ski and Snowboard Club

Anyone in third through eighth grade that is interested in joining ski/snowboard club, please email Mrs. Veltri at [aveltri@swregional.org](mailto:aveltri@swregional.org) for details on how to sign up. Tickets are on sale now to purchase.

### Parent Portal

The District has moved to **Realtime Notification** as its primary means of communication for school closings, emergencies and general notifications. Parents/Guardians will need to update their contact information on the parent portal. Should you have any issue logging into your parent portal account, please email the Administrative Assistants at Sussex Middle School for assistance.

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