

The Sussex Star

December 1, 2023

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Calendar



December 8- SMS Chorus will be performing live at 8:00am on WSUS.
December 14- SMS Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 21- BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
December 22- Early Dismissal (1:26 P.M.)
Winter Break
December 25-Jan 1- School Closed. Winter Break.

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.

Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education meeting will be held on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Sussex Middle School.

A Message From the Principal

Sussex Tech applications close January 5th. That is a deadline for information from the school as well. We recommend students applying **BEFORE** the winter break in order to give school staff enough time to send in the proper records. Students **MUST** hand in the Sussex Tech release form to their school counselor or caseworker prior to the closing date so that we can send records. The release form should have been sent to the email address the student used to fill out the application (check spam). ***If we do not have the form we cannot send student records and students will not be enrolled in the application process. If you did not receive the release form contact Sussex Tech ASAP.***

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.

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 23 as well as the intersection of Route 23 and Route 284.



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.


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.

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.

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

 [23-24 Registration Flyer](#)

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 for details on how to sign up. Tickets are on sale now to purchase.

Project Self Sufficiency



The Stuff the Stocking competition begins October 30th and will continue until December 11th. Area schools are collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts and gift cards for children of all ages to be distributed to local families in need through the Season of Hope Toy Shop. Project Self-Sufficiency staff will collect donations from all participating schools and tally the donations from each school. The winning school will claim the Stuff the Stocking Trophy from the 2022 winner, Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School. For more information go to www.projectsselfsufficiency.org or call 973-940-3500.

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