

The Sussex Star

April 21, 2023

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Calendar



4/27-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7 p.m.
5/11-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7 p.m.
5/29-School Closed. Memorial Day.

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.

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.

A Message From the Principal

The parent portal report card tab opened at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th. Please view your child's third marking period report cards in the parent portal.

NJSLA Testing

Please see the schedule below regarding NJSLA State Testing. It is important to note that if your child is not present during the scheduled sessions they will be required to make up the sessions afterwards, impacting regularly scheduled instruction.

May 1-4 NJSLA Testing for Grades 6, 7 & 8
May 5-NJSLA Testing for Grade 8 only
May 8-NJSLA Testing for Grade 8 only

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.

SMS Yearbook



2022-2023 yearbooks are now on sale until May 1, 2023. Please visit the website <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Sussex-Middle-School-2023>.

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.

Board of Education Meeting

Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **April 27th** at Sussex Middle School. *Everyone is welcome.*



Community Events



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.

Summer Care



Registration is now open for Summer Care 2023. The program will begin Monday, June 19, 2023 and run through Friday, August 11, 2023. The program will include themed weeks with both field trips and in-house programs to match the themes. Friday bowling trips will also take place. To find the application package, [click here](#). Please register early to ensure participation. Number of registrants may be capped if necessary. Please call 973-827-3175 with any questions or you can email Christina Riker at criker@swregional.org.

The [Sister-to-Sister Prom Shop](#) will be open at Project Self-Sufficiency beginning March 27th. Teen girls are invited to select new or gently used dresses and accessories from our extensive collection for the prom, dinner dance, or any other occasion which requires formal wear. No appointment necessary.

Harvest Home Food Pantry (a division of SCARC) has two locations in Hamburg and Hampton. Individuals in our Harvest Home Foods program operate two food pantries serving Sussex County families. Individuals pick up, organize, package, and distribute or deliver perishable and nonperishable foods acquired through NORWESCAP and through private donations. If you are looking for a volunteer activity, this enables individuals to make an important contribution to their community while developing relationships with its members. Additionally, if you are in need of assistance, please look for more information at www.scarc.org.

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