The Sussex Star

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back! We are excited to welcome our sixth graders to the SMS family and to welcome back our seventh and eighth graders for the 2022-2023 school year. We are looking forward to a great year!

Parent Drop Off Solar Panel Lot

Calendar

9/21-Back To School Night @ SMS
@ 6:30 p.m.
9/22-Board of Education Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
10/10-School Closed. Columbus Day.
10/13-School Picture Day @ SMS

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.



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.

Back To School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. The evening will begin in the Sussex Middle School auditorium.

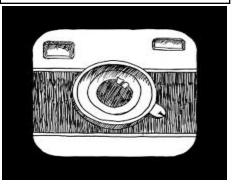




Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **September 22nd** at Sussex Middle School. Please note the change of date. *Everyone is welcome!*



School Pictures



School pictures at SMS will be held on October 13th. More information will be forthcoming.

Walkers

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

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.



If your child has a pending Covid-19 test, please make the school nurse aware. Additionally, please keep your child home until the pending test results are finalized.

Community Events

Registration for the Sussex-Wantage Wrestling Club is now open. Navigate to <u>https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/332434</u> for more information.

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.

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/quardian 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.

Security Drill

Please be advised that on Monday, September 19th at 4 p.m. you will be receiving a call from Sussex-Wantage Schools as a test of our District Notification system. Please contact the main office at 973-875-4138 if you do NOT receive this call.

Nurse's Corner



As a reminder, the nurse must have a current sports physical for the 2022-2023 school year on file in the health office in order for your child to participate in any extracurricular sports.

Please ensure that your child has a *reusable* water bottle with them. This will assist with daily operations at the water stations as well as in the nurse's office.

Please be aware that as of Tuesday, January 18th, we made a change to our isolation and quarantine timeframes. In accordance with updated New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommendations, we will be reducing our quarantine time frame from ten days down to five days.

Individuals who need to quarantine will now be able to return on day six if they do not have symptoms of illness. If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not resolved), continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have resolved.

More information about the NJDOH recommendations can be found using the following link:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/to pics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHe althDepts K12Schools.pdf

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