The Sussex Star

December 3, 2021

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Grades for Marking Period 1 are now available in the Realtime Parent Portal.



12/9-Picture Retakes @ SMS 12/16-Board of Education meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m. **Note New Date*** 12/23-Early Dismissal 12/24-1/3-Winter Break 1/4-School Resumes

Basketball Games



Parental supervision is required for all students who would like to attend any after-school basketball games as a spectator. Masks are required for all spectators.



Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 16th** at Sussex Middle School. *Everyone is welcome!*



Our Marking Period 1 Achievement Academy before and after school program met for its last session on Wednesday, November 10th. Great news though! Marking Period 2 of the Achievement Academy will begin on Monday, November 15th! opportunities including daily academic support, open gym, board game club, advanced volleyball skills, Let's Go to Japan in a Classroom, and babysitting certification courses will be available daily beginning on Monday, November 15th. Course descriptions, a schedule, and a permission slip for marking period 2 are available in the auditorium and cafeteria at Sussex Middle School.

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.

School Picture Retakes



Picture retakes for Sussex Middle School will be held on Thursday, December 9th.

"Stuff The Stocking" November 1st-December 10th



Sussex and Warren County elementary, middle and high school students are challenged to a competition for a cause! The competition will take place through December 10. 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. Only NEW, UNWRAPPED items will be accepted. All items will be sanitized before distribution to families. No soft items, such as stuffed animals, blankets or pillows, can be accepted. There is a great need for Gift Card donations, which are a great option for those who want to contribute but don't want to shop. For more information go to www.projectselfsufficiency.org call (973) 940-3500.

Free Breakfast & Lunch



In order to ensure safe nutritious meals are available to children, the USDA has approved free breakfast and lunch for ALL children enrolled in the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District for a limited time period.

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.

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/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.

Nurse's Corner



Sixth grade students are required by NJ law to have the Tdap and Menactra vaccines in order to attend school. If you have not yet done so, please forward proof of vaccination to the school nurse, Mrs. Silletti-Cayer. As a reminder, the nurse must have a current sports physical for the 2021-2022 school year on file in the health office in order for your child to participate in any extracurricular sports. More information regarding extracurricular sports and physicals was emailed to the school community on September 9th.

Please note that our school nurses are going through many masks in their offices. Please provide your child with an extra mask in their book bag should the one that they are wearing break. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff safe!



SWPTO 2021-22 Family Membership sign-up is open! We are so excited for the school year to begin and your \$5 per family membership fee goes a long way to help us provide programs, materials, and events at our schools. Families can sign up here:

https://forms.zohopublic.com/sussexwanta gepto/form/SussexWantagePTOMembersh ipSignUpPAID/formperma/SfOKSGp9fi06_ oL5M-AzXJ9MQd_g-kwKxOwj1Ic0iYc

All info is on our website https://www.swpto.org/

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We are excited to announce that we now offer a new online payment system called PaySchools Central. PaySchools Central provides all parents in our district with an easy way to manage lunch and breakfast accounts. This can all be done in the convenience of your own home through online an easy-to-use portal: www.payschoolscentral.com Or while on the go with a convenient mobile app. You will need to register at the link above. Additional information can be found on our school website in the department section under the food service tab or in the parent portal. If you need help along the way, please contact PaySchools Central at 1-877-393-6628 or email them at: psc help@payschools.com.

Student Success

It is no secret that parent involvement in a child's school experience is one of the keys to a successful school experience. It is clear that a) family processes and practices are strongly related to students' academic, social. emotional, and behavioral outcomes while students are in school and beyond, and b) that when schools and families collaborate to support student learning, student outcomes are improved (Henderson & Mapp, 2002). So how can we do this?

Family and School Collaboration is the key to a child's success in school. Open lines of communication and collaboration with your child's teacher is the bridge between home and school allowing strong partnerships between family and school. Strong partnerships are not the only way a family can be involved. Family involvement can look like a variety of ways. At home setting organized routines and plans in place reduces anxiety and

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stress that can spill over into the classroom making it difficult for your student to focus and perform to the best of their ability. Getting plenty of rest (students 5-12 should be getting at least 10-12 hours of sleep) and making sure the sleeping environment has minimal to no distractions. Develop a homework routine that includes a space to complete homework and expectations, ex: that homework needs to completed before dinner time or practice, etc. Families can get involved volunteering for school based activities; such as fund raisers, book even joining the school's fairs, Parent-Teacher Organizations.

Most importantly, being your child's cheerleader and showing that you are excited for their school experience is the best way to start navigating your student's journey to a successful and positive year.

I would like to wish all the staff, families, and students a successful and happy school year.

Sara Maas, RTI Coordinator

Community Events



High Point Youth Lacrosse is starting in the Spring. After reviewing the survey that went out last year, we anticipate having a boy's team for grades 3-6.

If you would like more information please contact heather.yanoff@sparta.org. We are looking forward to having a feeder program for High Point High School. We will need to close registration in January in order to see if we have enough kids to make teams so we can sign up as a league with NJYLL. This will allow the kids who do want to play to register with another town if we don't have enough kids.

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 your child's school secretaries for assistance.

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