

The Sussex Star

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



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

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.

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



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! Exciting 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.

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.

School Picture Retakes



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

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Walkers



Parking At SMS



Free Breakfast & Lunch



Nurse's Corner



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!



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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 an easy-to-use online 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 be completed before dinner time or practice, etc. Families can get involved by volunteering for school based activities; such as fund raisers, book fairs, even joining the school's 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.

