

The Sussex Star

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5/26-Early Dismissal 1:26 p.m.
5/31-Memorial Day Observed-School Closed
6/10-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
6/17-Outdoor 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony @ 7:00 p.m. (Raindate 6/18) @ HPRHS
6/18-Tentative Last Day of School-Early Dismissal
6/23-Summer Sports Physicals 9 a.m.-11 a.m. @ SMS



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: pssc_help@payschools.com.



As we work towards the end of the 2020-2021 school year, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our staff, students, parents and guardians for helping to make this a successful school year in an unprecedented time. We could not have done it without you!

8th Grade Parents



The SMS 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 with a rain date of Friday, June 18, 2021. In-person graduation will take place outdoors at High Point Regional High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. with admittance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Graduation gowns generally go home the week before graduation. There will be more information forthcoming regarding tickets and the number of family members permitted to attend.



Summer sports physicals with Dr. Markel will be held at Sussex Middle School on June 23, 2021 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please email the school nurse at asilletticayer@swregional.org to reserve your appointment time.

Nurse's Corner



Allergy season is upon us! As a reminder, if your child suffers from seasonal allergies and requires allergy medication, please remember to begin administering now. Many allergy symptoms can mimic Covid-19 signs. This may help prevent unnecessary calls from the health office. Any questions, please contact your school nurse or physician.

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 2020-2021 school year on file in the health office in order for your child to participate in any extracurricular sports.

Early Dismissal Bell Schedule



At SMS, the schedule below will apply to all Wednesday's moving forward.

***Early Dismissal Bell Schedule With Lunch**

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
1 8:40 - 9:10	CAT/PE 1 8:40 - 9:10	1 8:40 - 9:10
2 9:12 - 9:42	2 9:12 - 9:42	CAT/PE 2 9:12 - 9:42
CAT/PE 3 9:44 - 10:14	3 9:44 - 10:14	3 9:44 - 10:14
4 10:16 - 10:46	Lunch A 10:16 - 10:46	4 10:16 - 10:46
5 10:48-11:18	Focus 4 10:48-11:18	Lunch B 10:48-11:18
Lunch C 11:20 - 11:50	5 11:20 - 11:50	Focus 11:20 - 11:50
Focus 6 11:52-12:22	6 11:52-12:22	CAT/PE 6 11:52-12:22
7 12:24-12:54	CAT/PE 7 12:24-12:54	7 12:24-12:54
8 12:56-1:26	8 12:56-1:26	8 12:56-1:26
2:00 - 3:29: Academic Support/Enrichment	2:00 - 3:29: Academic Support/Enrichment	2:00-3:29: Academic Support/Enrichment

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. Beginning on Monday, March 8th in-person learners will have the option to select a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch at dismissal time. Grab and go breakfast and lunches for Full Remote students can be picked up at Sussex Middle School. Fully remote students, please complete the order form on our website swregional.org by Wednesday for pickups Wednesday the following week. Details for ordering and the pickup schedule can be viewed on our website swregional.org.

Parent Portal



To access the Parent Portal, please use the following:
<http://fridayparentportal.com/sussexwantage>. Once here, please enter the portal code, username and password. Additionally, you can access the parent portal by logging into our district website swregional.org. Once here, click on "Parents" and scroll down to Realtime Parent Portal. Enter the portal code, username and password.



Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 10th** at Sussex Middle School. *Everyone is welcome!*



The Sussex-Wantage PTO is pleased to offer their traditional Gertrude Hawk Chocolates fundraiser this year in a completely electronic and contactless way. The fundraiser begins now and runs through March 28. Go to: <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/>

Organization ID # is: 119604

For more information go to <https://www.swpto.org/fundraising>

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.

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.

Community Events



Sussex Borough Recreation is accepting applications for the Little Royals Pageant. Open to all children ages 3-21, who live in Sussex Borough. Applications are due no later than May 28th. You can find the application by visiting www.sussexboro.com.

