

The Sussex Star

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3/23-School Pictures at SMS
3/17 & 3/24-School Pictures for all district remote students will take place @ CEL School from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon
4/1-End of MP 3
4/2-4/11-Spring Break. School closed.
4/21-MP 3 Report Cards available on Parent Portal at 4 p.m.
4/29-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7 p.m.
5/31-Memorial Day Observed.



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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all of our teachers, staff members and students for your assistance as we merged together our A & B Cohorts. Please be aware that beginning **Monday, March 22nd**, Sussex Middle School will transition to full days. At this time, Wednesday will remain virtual for everyone.

School Pictures



School pictures for SMS are scheduled for March 23rd. All remote students are scheduled to have their pictures taken at the Clifton E. Lawrence school on March 17th and March 24th from 9 a.m until 12 noon. All virtual students must schedule your picture time for Wednesday the 17th or 24th by calling the Lawrence School at 973-875-8820.

8th Grade Parents

Attention 8th grade parents-- Graduation gown payments **were** due to the Sussex Middle School Main Office by Thursday, November 19, 2020. Checks or money orders in the amount of \$20.00 should be made payable to the Sussex Middle School.



Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 29** at Sussex Middle School. *Everyone is welcome!*



Countdown to Spring! Only 2 days to go!

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

Remote Day Bell Schedule



At SMS, the schedule below will apply to all remote days moving forward.

***Remote Day Bell Schedule**

No Lunch

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
1 8:40 - 9:14	CAT/PE 1 8:40 - 9:14	1 8:40 - 9:14
2 9:17 - 9:50	2 9:17 - 9:50	CAT/PE 2 9:17 - 9:50
CAT/PE 3 9:53 - 10:26	3 9:53 - 10:26	3 9:53 - 10:26
4 10:29 - 11:02	FOCUS 4 10:29 - 11:02	4 10:29 - 11:02
5 11:05 - 11:38	5 11:05 - 11:38	FOCUS 5 11:05 - 11:38
FOCUS 6 11:41 - 12:14	6 11:41 - 12:14	CAT/PE 6 11:41 - 12:14
7 12:17 - 12:50	CAT/PE 7 12:17 - 12:50	7 12:17 - 12:50
CAT/PE 8 12:53 - 1:26	8 12:53 - 1:26	8 12:53 - 1:26
1:29 - 1:59: Teacher/Student Lunch		
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.

Thank you!



Thank you to all staff, students and parents/guardians for helping to keep our school safe by wearing your mask properly and social distancing.



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



Hidden in Plain Sight will be featured virtually on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Presented by the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Communities, this presentation is suitable for parents and other adult community members who work with or care about young people to prevent youth drug misuse. Did you recently find a vape in your child's pocket or read a text about pods or puff bars and wondered what that's about? Seemingly "innocent" items commonly used by youth could actually indicate a substance use problem. This awareness presentation will allow adults to be more proactive in helping a young person who might be using alcohol or other drugs. Hear from prevention specialists and law enforcement including Captain Seamus Geddis, Drug Recognition Expert and Sussex County Prosecutor Francis A. Koch, about local drug trends, how to prevent youth substance use disorders and understand resources available to help keep youth healthy. Would you be able to recognize signs of use and intervene before they become impossible to ignore? This "Hidden in Plain Sight" presentation will equip parents and community members with the knowledge to look past the obvious and become aware of the signs and symptoms of drug misuse. This program is provided by the County of Sussex and Sussex County Municipal Alliances. For more information please contact Tina at CFPC at 908-747-1152 or email tina@centerforprevention.org

