

# The Sussex Star

February 26, 2021

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**3/4-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m. Note Date Change.**

**3/10-Early Dismissal-Staff Professional Development \*\*\*No staff office hours\*\*\***

**3/22 & 3/23-School Pictures at SMS for Cohorts A & B respectively**

**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**

**Please Note....**

Next week each school will have its first Learning Loss Committee Meeting on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this committee is to hear the various concerns and impacts that this year has had on students/children. Please email Mr. Schwarz at [sschwarz@swregional.org](mailto:sschwarz@swregional.org) if you would like to participate on this committee.



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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On February 23rd a letter was shared with our school community from Mr. Gall regarding the plan to afford *current hybrid students* the opportunity to attend school four days per week utilizing a half day schedule beginning Monday, March 8th.

In order to assist us with attendance and record keeping, if you intend to keep your child on the current, 2 day per week hybrid schedule at this time, please email Mrs. Watson at [hwatson@swregional.org](mailto:hwatson@swregional.org) by Wednesday, March 3rd. Unless otherwise notified, we will assume that all current hybrid students will be returning to 4 day per week in person instruction on March 8th.

## School Pictures



School pictures for SMS are scheduled for March 22nd and 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. Ordering instructions will be forthcoming.



Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 4th** at Sussex Middle School in the gymnasium. *Everyone is welcome!*

## 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.



Countdown to Spring! Only **23** days to go!

convenience of your own home through an easy-to-use online portal: [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://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](mailto:psc_help@payschools.com).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. For Cohort A/B, all students will get meals in school. Grab and go breakfast and lunches for Full Remote students and for A/B Cohort students while on virtual days can be picked up at Sussex Middle School. Please complete the order form on our website [swregional.org](http://swregional.org) by Wednesday for pickups Tuesday or Wednesday the following week. Details for ordering and the pickup schedule can be viewed on our website [swregional.org](http://swregional.org).

### 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>

### 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.

## Community Events



**Sussex-Wantage Wrestling** Registration is now open!! Please use the SWWC registration link for registration.

[www.sussex-wantage-wrestling-club.siplay.com](http://www.sussex-wantage-wrestling-club.siplay.com)

**Sussex-Wantage Little League** is now open for registration for the Spring league. The cost is \$45 and you can register online at [www.SWLLBaseball.com](http://www.SWLLBaseball.com). Deadline for signups is 3/1. A \$30 late fee will be added to your registration for any signups after 3/1. 3/8 is the final date for late registrations. No exceptions. Birth certificates are required for all first time registrants. For more information on coaching or volunteering, please email [info@swllbaseball.com](mailto:info@swllbaseball.com).

### **Family Promise**

Family Promise of Sussex County is holding a fundraising auction to benefit their agency. For those of you unfamiliar with Family Promise of Sussex County, they are a nonprofit who works with Sussex County residents experiencing a housing crisis. They have a range of programs to aid families with everything from homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, utility assistance, to ongoing case management. To participate in their online auction, please see the link below.  
<https://www.32auctions.com/SpringinBloom>

## 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/E nrichment	2:00 - 3:29: Academic Support/E nrichment	2:00-3:29: Academic Support/E nrichment

## 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](http://swregional.org). Once here, click on "Parents" and scroll down to Realtime Parent Portal. Enter the portal code, username and password.

