

The Sussex Star

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents/Guardians who had elected to have your child participate in the remote only option for the second marking period of the 2020-21 school year will have the option to change your child's program to "In Person" instruction for the 3rd Marking Period. All Remote parents/guardians should email Mrs. Watson at hwatson@swregional.org at SMS if you would like your child to return to "In Person" instruction which would begin on Thursday, January 28, 2021. If your child returns to school, he/she will be assigned to the A or B cohort and will attend school on their assigned cohort days. All students will still be educated virtually on Wednesdays.

Community Events



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

www.sussex-wantage-wrestling-club.siplay.com

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.

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 **Wednesday, January 27th** at Sussex Middle School in the gymnasium. *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>



Countdown to Spring! Only **58** days to go!



1/27-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
1/27-Marking Period 2 Ends
2/3-MP 2 Report Cards Available on Realtime Parent Portal
2/15-President's Day Observed-School Closed
2/24-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.
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



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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

