

# The Sussex Star

October 2, 2020

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## Principal's Message



We are so happy to welcome back our students to Sussex Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.

While our circumstances continue to be anything but normal, our students have started the school year off eager to engage in the learning process again and continue to impress us each and every day.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and determination of all our students, teachers and parents during our first month back. It takes patience and flexibility, determination and courage, organization and a variety of other skill sets to ensure that each child is successful.

Student learning is more of a collaborative process than ever before and it is not possible without the support of all of us. I would like to thank the entire SMS community for all that they have done for our students.

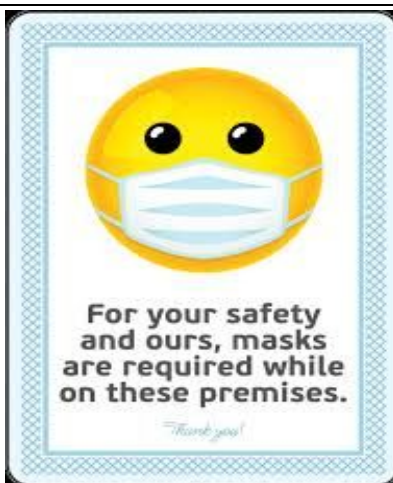
Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or any ideas you would like to share. I appreciate your continued support and involvement in the learning process.

Sincerely,

*Shane Schwarz*

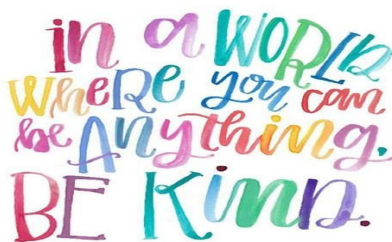
Principal

## 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.

## Week of Respect



**October 5-**Stomp out Bullying. Wear Blue.

**October 6-**Everyone Counts. Wear clothing with numbers on it.

**October 7-**School is a safe place to be. Wear mismatched clothing.

**October 8-**United we stand for respect. Wear red, white and blue.

**October 9-**Hero Day. Wear clothing that represents a hero.

## 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.

## Nurse's Corner



**School Nurse**

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.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**10/5-10/9**-Week of Respect  
**10/12**-School Closed-Columbus Day  
**10/28**-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7:00 p.m.  
**11/3**-Election Day-All Virtual Day  
**11/5-11/6**-School Closed-NJEA Teacher's Convention  
**11/25**-Early Dismissal  
**11/26-11/27**-School Closed Thanksgiving Break



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](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).



Please consider joining our District ParentTeacher Organization. It is an extremely active organization that has had a profoundly positive impact on our district. <http://swpto.digitalpto.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.

## Parent Portal



**Parent Portal  
Log In**

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.

## 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.



