

# The Sussex Star

December 6, 2019

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## Principal's Message



Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

## Dates To Remember

**12/6**-Tree Lighting at WES @ 7 p.m.  
**12/12**-Winter Concert @ SMS @ 7 p.m.  
**12/13**-Students vs. Teachers Basketball game @ HPRHS @ 6:30 p.m.  
**12/20**-Early Dismissal-Winter Break  
**1/2**- School Resumes  
**1/27**-Marking Period 2 Ends

## Annual Tree Lighting



The tree lighting at the Wantage Elementary School is scheduled for Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## 8th Grade Fundraising Committee



The 8th grade fundraising committee is hosting their 3rd annual Students vs. Teachers basketball game on Friday, December 13th at High Point Regional High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. A concession stand will be open for pizza, snacks and drinks. All proceeds will help fund the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Please contact Emily Olinger for details at 973-670-7501.



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

## Winter Concert



The SMS Winter Concert will be held on December 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sussex Middle School Auditorium.

## Stuff The Stocking



Project Self Sufficiency is collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages to be distributed to low income families in our community through the Season of Hope Toy Shop. The "Stuff the Stocking" competition will take place November 1 through December 13th. The winning district will take possession of the Stuff the Stocking trophy and receive a \$250 contribution to the student activity fund. Schools finishing in second and third place will receive \$150 and \$100 contributions. For more information, go to [www.projectselfsufficiency.org](http://www.projectselfsufficiency.org) or call 973-940-3500.

## Nurse's Corner



### School Nurse

Any student who will participate in a school sport must have the required NJ state sports physical completed and approved by the school physician prior to trying out for a sport. Additionally, students are not permitted to carry medication in school unless cleared by the nurse per NJ state law. Please bring any Inhaler, Epipen and/or other medication, along with a physician order, to Mrs. Anderson as soon as possible. Lastly, please remember to call the absentee line if your child will be absent from school.



The NJ Department of Health has indicated that, "Until the CDC/FDA determines the cause of 380 confirmed and probable cases of lung illness associated with the use of e-cigarettes in 36 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the CDC is recommending that people not use e-cigarettes." "E-cigarettes are electronic devices that produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine (the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products), flavorings, and other chemicals to help make the aerosol. Users inhaled this aerosol into their lungs. Bystanders can also breathe in this aerosol when the user exhales into the air. E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. They are sometimes called "e-cigs," "e-hookahs," "mods," "vape pens," "vapes," "vape pens," "vapes," "tank systems," and "electronic nicotine systems." Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called "vaping" or "JUULing." Some e-cigarettes look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items. Many e-cigarettes and vaping materials contain harmful or potentially harmful substances, and it is difficult to know what each individual product contains. E-cigarettes can potentially also be used to deliver other drugs. "Women who are pregnant, youth, young adults, or adults who are not currently using tobacco products should not start vaping or using e-cigarettes."

At this time, the New Jersey Department of Health is investigating multiple reports from healthcare facilities of severe lung illness in people who report vaping. Cases in New Jersey have been primarily reported among persons between the ages of 16 to 45 with no significant past medical history. The Department has sent a statewide health alert to health care providers and local health departments following recent reports of severe lung disease in people who have used vaping products. No single product has been implicated. Patients have reported high variability in substances/products they used in vaping, including both tobacco and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) containing products as well as other products. More information can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/tobacco/vaping/> <https://www.scholastic.com/youthvapingrisks/>



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).

## Forms, Forms, Forms...



On Thursday, September 5th, students were given three forms to take home. Please complete the pink health form, the green student information form and the white free and reduced lunch form (if it applies) and return these forms to the SMS main office. These forms were due *Friday, September 20th*.



The Newton *FIRST* Varsity Robotics Team and TSA female leadership would like to offer a valuable learning opportunity for area Sussex County high school freshman girls--"Women in STEM" Career Day 2020. This is a day long event held in Newton at Sussex County Community College on Thursday, January 9th, 2020. 250 total freshmen girls from invited area high schools will have the opportunity to meet, listen and be empowered by our female guest presenters. Additionally, if space is available, this event may be opened up to upper middle school females as well. This opportunity can help raise awareness in the value of women in STEM careers. We also hope to expose the shortfall which exists for women in STEM.

**Where:** Sussex County Community College (PAC Auditorium Building-D)

**When:** Thursday, January 9th, 2020  
(snow date January 10th)

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and students are to be dropped off near the PAC building. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. A bag lunch will be provided. To secure a spot, contact Jim Hoffman at [jhoffmann@newtonnj.org](mailto:jhoffmann@newtonnj.org) or at 973-903-9774.

