

# The Sussex Star

February 2, 2018

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## Principal's Message



As a reminder, Report Cards went home on Wednesday, February 1st.

### Coming Up...

**1/31**-BOE Meeting @ 7 p.m.  
**2/1**-Report Cards Went Home  
**2/5-2/7**-8th Grade Scheduling w/  
HPRHS @ SMS  
**2/15**-6th Grade Orientation @ 6 p.m. @  
SMS  
**2/16**-Student Council Activity Night 7  
p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**2/19-2/20**-Winter Break

## 6th Grade Orientation

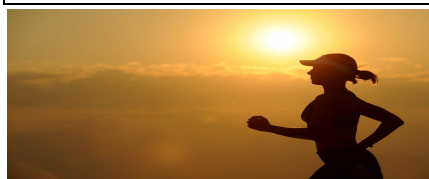
I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to join us at our Sixth Grade Middle School Orientation at the Sussex Middle School on Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. Both parents and students are invited to join us in the auditorium for a brief introduction to our programs and faculty. Parents will then be invited to meet with teachers while their fifth graders attend an orientation/information session along with members from the National Junior Honor Society.

## 8th Grade Trip Fundraiser



A special thank you to the 8th grade fundraising committee volunteers, students, parents, teachers, administration, Building and Grounds crew, secretaries and community members for all of your help with the 8th Grade Trip Clothing Drive Fundraiser. We could not have done it without you!

## Heart and Sole



We are excited to announce the Girls On The Run Heart and Sole program is beginning at the Sussex Middle School. Heart and Sole is a physical activity based positive program for girls in sixth through 8th grade. This program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using fun, experience-based activities which integrates running. The team will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sussex Middle School. Please check out the Girls on the Run website at [gotnrjn.org](http://gotnrjn.org) and check out the flyers throughout the building. The coaches are looking forward to meeting you and having some fun!

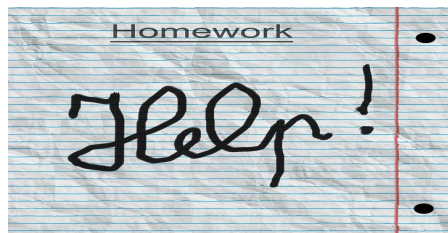
## Nurse's Corner



Please be sure to call the school absentee line at 973-875-4138 Ext. 1 and leave a message as to why your child is sick. This will allow the school to track trends in illness such as flu and strep throat.

Scoliosis screening will begin soon for students in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The preparticipation sports physical includes screening for scoliosis. Students who have completed the sports physical for the 2017 – 2018 school year will not be screened. Any parent who would like their child exempt from this screening must send in a written note with this request to Mrs. Anderson. Scoliosis screening results may indicate that your child needs further evaluation to determine whether he or she has a spinal deformity and, if so, what treatment may be necessary. Scoliosis is a side- to-side curvature of the spine that can cause complications if left untreated. Although the cause is unknown, the condition becomes more apparent during the adolescent growth spurt. If detected early, scoliosis can be treated.

## Homework Club



Homework Club began on Tuesday, September 26th. Permission slips for Homework Club were sent home with students last week. Homework Club will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is a great chance for students to complete their work in the building away from distractions that may occur at home. This time will be monitored by our teachers which will allow students to have an opportunity to get help and instruction.

## Band



Music is in the air at the Sussex Middle School! Band and lessons have begun for the 2017-2018 school year. Does your child want to be part of the excitement of learning to play a band instrument? It's not too late! No prior experience necessary! Please have your 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student see Mrs. Kallimanis for more information or contact her at [jkallimanis@swregional.org](mailto:jkallimanis@swregional.org)

## Winter Break

SMS will be closed for Winter Break February 19th and 20th.

## Builder's Club



Builder's Club began on Tuesday, October 3rd. Students interested in joining Builder's Club should see Ms. Birnbaum.

## Community Events



**Come out and join Sussex Wantage Little League! Registration is now open for the Spring season for children age 5 to 16 years. For online registration: <https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=13924>**

You may also register by mail if you are unable to access online or come in person. All information is detailed below along with copies of all necessary forms. If you are not registering online you must also submit a signed copy of the SWLL Code of Conduct and photo release form. In addition, all mail in or in person applicants must fill out a medical release form and give it to their coach at their first

practice. All forms can also be found on our website: <http://www.eteamz.com/swllbaseball>

### **2018 Registration Fees:**

T-Ball: \$60.00/player  
AAA: \$95.00/player  
Minors/Majors: \$130.00/player  
Intermediate/Juniors: \$140.00/play

\$100.00 Volunteer check collected at registration or 1<sup>st</sup> practice (Check returned upon

Completion of volunteer time)

(There is a 10% discount starting with the 2nd sibling registered). **Registration must be complete by February 23 to avoid late fee and placement on a wait list. Mail-In Registration Instructions:**

### **For Players:**

1. Go to Forms page at <http://www.eteamz.com/swllbaseball>
2. Download, print and completely fill out 2018 Spring Player Registration Form (be sure to indicate shirt size and division)
3. Download, print and sign Sussex-Wantage Little League Code of Conduct and the photo release form (mandatory - registration will not be accepted without these forms)
4. Attach a copy of player's birth certificate (first time players to this league only)
5. Attach payment (please do not send cash)
6. Mail registration form, code of conduct, photo release form, birth certificate (if applicable) and payment to:

Sussex-Wantage Little League  
P.O. Box 475  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
Attn: 2018 Spring Registration

## Looking Ahead...

A letter was sent home with the students in Mrs. Masker's Math classes regarding her departure from SMS and the transition period moving forward.

## PTO

Please consider joining our District Parent Teacher Organization. It is an extremely active organization that has had a profoundly positive impact on our district.

