

# Sussex-Wantage Regional Schools

## District Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

### Upcoming Events;

**9/3; Labor Day**

**9/4; CEL Kindergarten  
Back to School Night  
5:30pm**

**9/6; FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL !**

**9/10; CEL 1st & 2nd  
grade Back to School  
Night 6:30 pm/BSI  
mtg 6:00pm**

**9/12; WES Bach to  
School Night 6:30 pm/  
BSI mtg 6:00 pm**

**9/14; PTO Yankee  
Candle fundraiser be-  
gins**

**9/21; WES pictures**

**9/26; CEL pictures**

**9/27; SMS pictures**

**9/28; PTO Yankee  
Candle fundraiser ends**

**10/1-10/5; Week of  
Respect**

**10/2; SWPTO mtg/  
Parent Academy 7:00  
pm**

**10/3; SMS Back to  
School Night 6:30 pm/  
BSI mtg 6:00 pm**

To the Families of Sussex-Wantage,

Hopefully you and the members of your family are enjoying the summer months. The District has been busy preparing for the opening day of school on September 6, 2018.

It is an amazing time to be part of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District with initiatives in STEAM, 1:1 Chromebooks, Reading and Writing Workshop, and data driven intervention already underway! The expertise of our faculty and staff coupled with several innovations promise to further improve upon our academic achievement, safety, and overall climate. We have a renewed focus on building relationships through collaboration with our parents, faculty, staff, and community to provide students with the tools necessary to be successful in school and in life.

After a thoughtful and comprehensive selection process that engaged our stakeholders, we will be embracing a new series this year called Big Ideas Math. This series represents a reinvestment in math materials and instruction while spanning grades K-8. Our middle school program continues to be at the cutting edge of instruction offering students courses in robotics, novel/comic book design, and forensics! Additionally, we have revised our criteria for entry and exit into our Tier 2 and Tier 3 Title I programs, with a focus on parent communication and collaboration. We have adopted a data and analytics tool called Otus. Otus, combined with faculty experience will build upon our ability to collect and manage student data from multiple sources with the goal of personalizing student learning and maximizing their achievement.

Over the summer, we have also been improving aspects of our facilities. There have been several projects underway including the installation of new auditorium seating and flooring, gymnasium flooring, and interior bleachers at Sussex Middle School. In addition, recognizing that our students' safety and well being is our top priority, we continue to have security guards throughout our schools. We have also welcomed a new Wantage School Principal, Mr. Christopher Gregory, and new Sussex Middle School Vice Principal, Mr. Michael Linskey to the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District.

We look forward to seeing our students on the first day of school which is Thursday, September 6th.

I join the members of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education and the entire school community in wishing your family a successful school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Michael Gall  
Superintendent





## School Menus

Our school breakfast and lunch menus are now available in a digital format.

Visit [our website](#) for the icon on the home page or click on the link to the left to view our new digital format.

Printable versions will also be available.

The difference between  
try and triumph is  
a little umph

Marvin Phillips

*“Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon which you  
can use to change  
the world”*

Nelson Mandela

## Online Lunch Payment Option

We have implemented PaySchools Central, an online payment platform, to help make managing lunch and fee payments easier for our students’ parents and guardians.

The portal is easy to set up and use, both online and via the mobile app. Please go to [our website](#) or click the PaySchools Central link below.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT BUS CHANGES



Please be reminded that NO changes will be made until the week of September 10th . Please remember that multiple bus assignments and bus passes are not permitted during any school year. Please be sure to notify the transportation department in writing of ANY changes to your child's bussing needs, i.e. day-care, babysitter, etc. sent to Sussex Wantage Transportation, 27 Bank St., Sussex, NJ 07461, emailed to [bduvall@swregional.org](mailto:bduvall@swregional.org) or faxed to 973-702-0764.

### Birthday treats and School Buses

Just a reminder to all parents that the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District encourages healthy treats for a child's birthday or a party/celebration. If you need ideas please contact the school nurse. In addition, the leftovers cannot go home on the bus UNLESS it can fit in the child's backpack. If it does not fit in the backpack, the parent will have to pick up the leftover treats. Also, the seat space on the bus is very tight; extra packages, large projects, etc. should be picked up or brought in by the parent. There

~Welcome~

SEPAG

Special Education Parent Advisory Group

We would like to welcome you to our family. Sometimes having children who learn differently can be challenging for an entire family. It can be stressful not knowing who to turn to for help of any kind. We would like to help guide the way with some of the information we have collected over the years. We also welcome any information or resources that you would like to share with other families, i.e. physician recommendations, training for parents and families, restaurants, family fun spots.

Our goal is to build a strong community of information, raise money for special needs clubs and bring education and services to our families. Please Reach Out!

Email; [sepag@swregional.org](mailto:sepag@swregional.org)  
website; [www.swregionalparentgroup.org](http://www.swregionalparentgroup.org)





## **Sussex Elks Lodge #2288 5th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Dinner & September 11th Memorial Ceremony**

Friday, September 14, 2018 Dinner: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Ceremony: Approx. 7:30 p.m.

Suggested Dinner Donation \$10 Free to Veterans

*Sussex Elks Lodge will also be honoring their 2018 Americanism Essay Contest participant who moved past the state level.*

*With questions or to reserve space for large parties, contact Sussex Elks Lodge #2288 at 973-875-3990 or  
SussexElks2288@gmail.com*

Sussex Elks Lodge #2288 is located at 152 County Route 565, Wantage, NJ 07461

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### **Friday Night Dinners at Sussex Elks Lodge #2288!**

**6-8 p.m.**

#### **2nd and 4th Friday – \$10 Dinner Special**

Salad, Coffee, Tea, Dessert

*Price subject to change based upon weekly special/market value.*

*Call/E-mail for this week's Special!*

#### **3rd Friday - Shrimp**

**or**

Clams - \$10 Salad, Coffee Tea, Dessert

\$8 to add an additional order of Shrimp or Clams to your dinner order.

Grill menu also available, always! Additional beverages available for purchase.

Take Out Available!

For more information about dinner specials or upcoming events, contact the lodge

at SussexElks2288@gmail.com or 973-875-3990.

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### **The 2nd Annual Classic Car & Truck Show Classic Motorcycles**

Welcome SUSSEX ELKS LODGE # 2288 152 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ

September 16 Show Hours 12 PM to 4 PM

To Benefit Elks Charitable Endeavors Entertainment, Food & Activities

REGISTRATION \$20 DAY OF SHOW





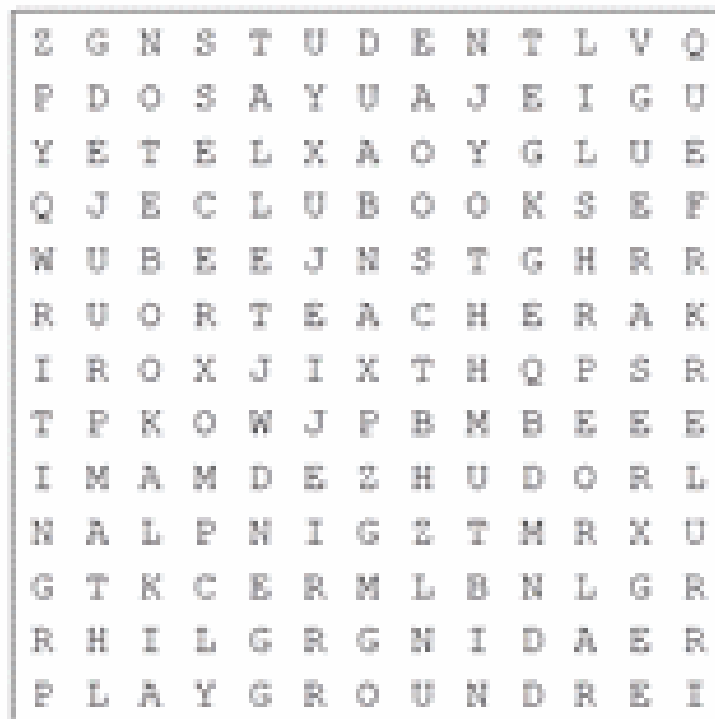
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Email Jen Armstrong at [jarmstrong@swregional.org](mailto:jarmstrong@swregional.org) with newsletter submissions



# Back to School



BOOKS

DESK

ERASER

GLUE

LUNCHBOX

MATH

NOTEBOOK

PAPER

PENCIL

PLAYGROUND

READING

RECESS

RULER

STUDENT

TEACHER

WRITING

