

# Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

March 10, 2023

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- 3/7; 7pm SWPTO Virtual Meeting
- 3/8; 6:20pm CEL Love of Reading Nt
- 3/9; EARLY DISMISSAL; Fac/Staff PD
- 3/14; 6pm WES Math Night
- 3/16; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS
- 3/20-3/24; Kindergarten Reg @ CEL
- 3/28; 6pm CEL Math Night

### APRIL

- 4/4; 7pm SWPTO Virtual Meeting
- 4/6; EARLY DISMISSAL; Fac/Staff PD
- 4/7; SCHOOL CLOSED
- 4/10-4/14; SCHOOL CLOSED
- 4/18; 6pm WES Reading Night
- 4/20; 6pm CEL Reading Night
- 4/27; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS

### MAY

- 5/1; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS
- 5/29; SCHOOL CLOSED-Memorial Day

Register  
for  
Kindergarten



Kindergarten In-Person Registration  
for the upcoming year 2023-2023 will  
be held March 20-24  
from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm  
at The Lawrence School.

The 12-month calendar is  
available to print on our  
website

[12-month Calendar](#)

Don't forget to check  
out our website

[www.swregional.org](http://www.swregional.org)



**Congratulations the SMS students of the month for February**

**6th Grade- Ryan Lubanski  
7th Grade- Mackenzie Zollinger  
8th Grade- Bradey Patrie**



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**Congratulations  
to the Sussex Middle School 2022-2023  
Superintendent's Roundtable recipient  
Kayley Bruner**

The Superintendent's Roundtable Award is given annually to an 8th grade student from Sussex Middle School. This is a highly prestigious award that recognizes a student who performs at high levels both in and out of the classroom. This individual possesses leadership qualities in many aspects of her life and serves as a role model for many of her peers here at SMS.

# CAFETERIA INFO

All Families, now is the time to deposit funds for your child(ren)s breakfast and or lunch. Payments can be made online to **PaySchoolsCentral** or checks can be made payable to: Sussex-Wantage Regional SD Cafeteria Account and include your child(ren)'s name on the check.

Directions for adding money via PaySchoolsCentral can be found on the [district website](#).



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**School Lunch Menus can be  
[found here](#)**



# SUSSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY



**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

Tricky Tray Fundraiser Where all trays will be geared towards kids from the ages of Pre School thru mid-teens. The kids will be allowed to play by putting tickets into the trays that want to try to win (there is no age restriction).

Doors will open at 12 pm, drawing will start at 1:30 pm.

Paid advanced registration is **REQUIRED** due to limited seating and large anticipated crowd, \$5 per person (adult or child of any age) includes one regular sheet per person. **LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE. No** seats will be available at the door the day of the event.

## Ticket prices

- Regular tray sheets are \$4 ea., 4 sheets for \$15 or 6 sheets for \$20
- Regular special tickets - \$2 ea. or 3 tickets for \$5
- Super special tickets- \$3 ea. or 2 tickets for \$5
- Bundle package \$25 gets you 6 regular tray sheets, 3 special tickets, and 2 super special tickets
- Additional sheets available for purchase during event:

Please mail your checks to 11 Valley View Trail, Wantage NJ 07461. Please be sure to include your name & email address are included to receive a verification email to confirm your seats. Checks should be made payable to Sussex FD Auxiliary. This reservation will also get you a sheet of regular tickets (see form in files or photos of our Facebook group)

[Click here for order form](#)



# St. Patrick's Day

Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—observed every March 17—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

## CELEBRATED SAINT

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of [Ireland](#)—but he didn't always *live* in Ireland. Patrick was born in [Britain](#) in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16 years old, when he was sent to work in the country.

After he arrived, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others about the religion. He is said to have converted many of the country's residents to Christians, and now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day Patrick supposedly died.



## MYTHS BUSTED

St. Patrick was a real person, but some of the traditions associated with him and the holiday are actually myths. For instance, you'll often see the four-leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day. However, according to legend, Patrick used a *three-leaf* clover, or shamrock, as part of his teachings. Even though it's possible for a shamrock to grow a fourth leaf, a four-leaf clover is just considered a symbol of good luck.

Another legend says that Patrick chased all the [snakes](#) out of Ireland. The problem? These creatures never actually lived in the country. In fact many animals found throughout Europe and North America don't live on the island of Ireland—the ocean keeps the critters away.

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## GOING GREEN

The fact that Ireland is an island—as well as green with leafy trees and grassy hills—means that the nation is sometimes called the Emerald Isle. But the color that people originally associated with St. Patrick was blue! (Some ancient Irish flags even sport this color.) Green was finally introduced to St. Patrick's Day festivities in the 18th century, when the shamrock (which is, of course, green) became a national symbol. Because of the shamrock's popularity and Ireland's landscape, the color stuck to the holiday.

Green is also the color that mythical fairies called leprechauns like to dress in—today, at least. But tales about leprechauns date back to *before* green was in: The fairies were first described as wearing red.

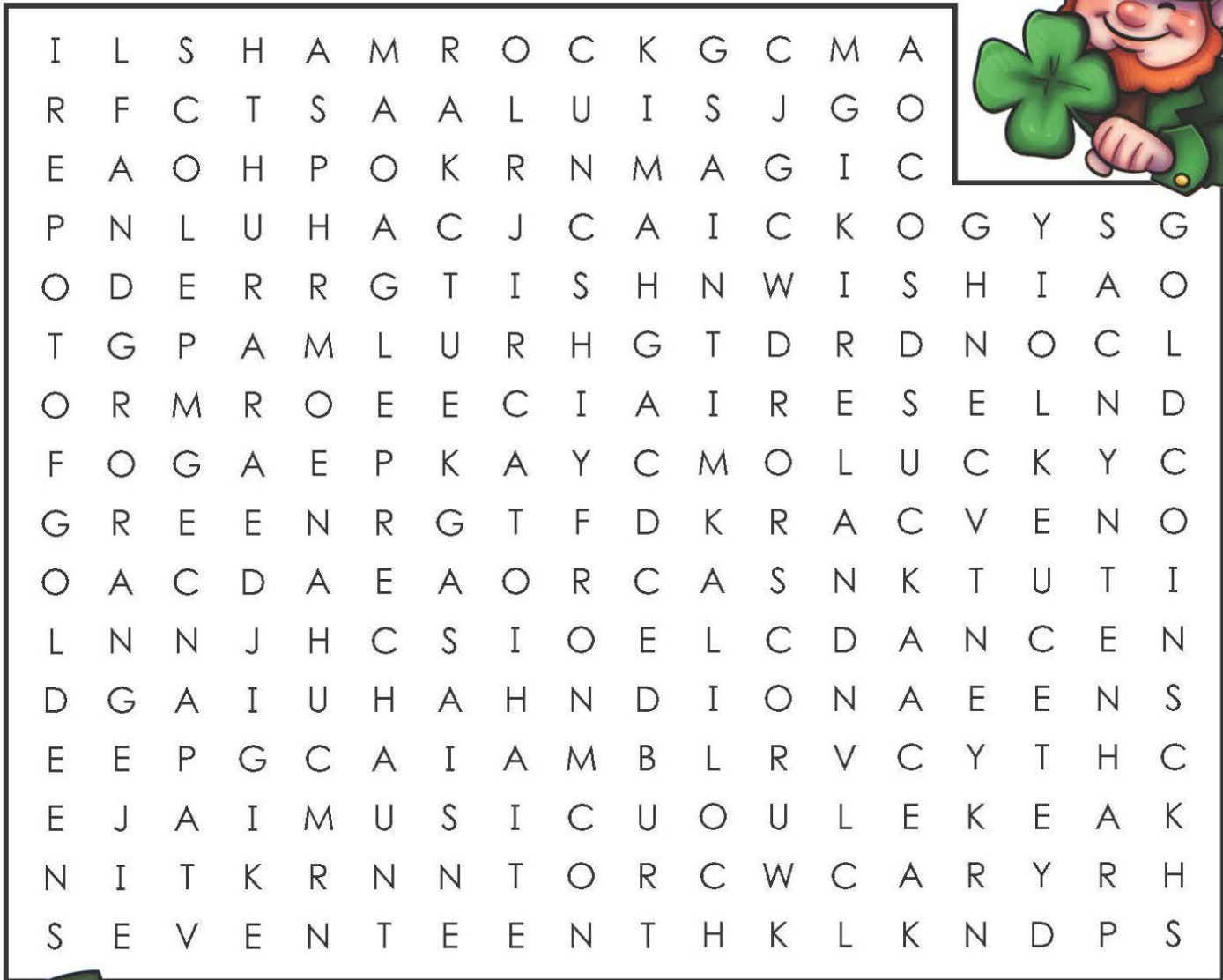


## TODAY'S TRADITIONS

Leprechauns are actually one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting pinched! The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the color will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. No wonder green decorations can be seen all over—the Chicago River in [Illinois](#) is even dyed green each year to celebrate the holiday.

Another tradition includes many Irish-American people in the [United States](#) eating corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. People also gather to watch parades of traditional Irish dancers and musicians as they march through city streets. However you celebrate, here's hoping it's a lucky day!

# St. Patrick's Day Word Search



Find the words in the puzzle. Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.



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|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| DANCE            | JIG        | POT OF GOLD       |
| FOUR-LEAF CLOVER | LEPRECHAUN | RAINBOW           |
| GOLD COINS       | LUCKY      | SAINT             |
| GOOD LUCK        | MAGIC      | SEVENTEENTH       |
| GREEN            | MARCH      | SHAMROCK          |
| HARP             | MUSIC      | ST. PATRICK'S DAY |
| IRELAND          | ORANGE     | WISH              |