

# Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

April, 14, 2024

Did You Know?!

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 4/18 SMS Musical 7pm
- 4/19 SMS Musical 7pm
- 4/20 SMS Musical 2pm
- 4/25 BOE Meeting 6pm
- 4/29 SMS NJSLA Testing Math/Algebra
- 4/30 SMS NJSLA Testing Math/Algebra

### May

- 5/1 SMS NJSLA Testing ELA
- 5/1 SMS NJSLA Testing ELA
- 5/3 SMS NJSLA Testing Science (8th Grade)
- 5/6 SMS NJSLA Testing Science (8th Grade)
- 5/6 WES NJSLA Testing Math
- 5/7 WES NJSLA Testing Math
- 5/8 WES NJSLA Testing ELA
- 5/9 WES NJSLA Testing ELA
- 5/9 BOE Meeting 6pm
- 5/10 WES NJSLA Testing Science (Grade 5)
- 5/13 WES NJSLA Testing Science (Grade 5)
- 5/27 SCHOOL CLOSED- Memorial Day

## Solar Eclipse Facts



A total solar eclipse can last a maximum of seven minutes and 30 seconds.

Total solar eclipses are rare, happening only once every 18 months.

The speed of the Moon as it moves across the Sun is approximately 1,398 miles per hour.



Almost identical eclipses occur after 18 years and 11 days - known as the Saros Cycle.

Each year there are between two and five solar eclipses.



Source: [ThePlanets.org/solar-eclipses/](https://ThePlanets.org/solar-eclipses/)

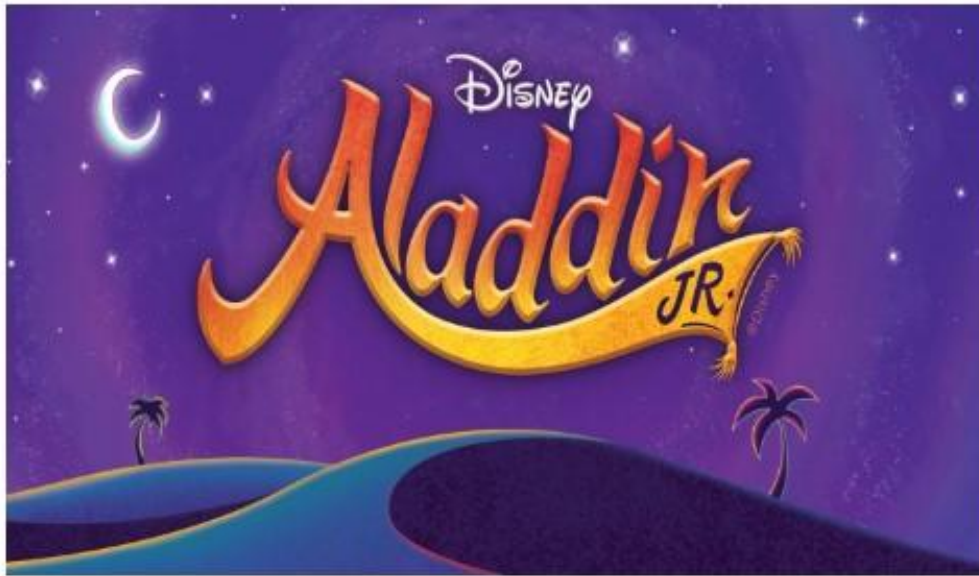
## 2023-2024 School Calendar

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)

# Sussex Middle School Presents:



Hop on a magic carpet ride and join us in Agrabah!

Come down to Sussex Middle School to see the students act, dance, and sing in the junior musical rendition of **Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.***

Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 P.M.

Friday, April 19th at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 20th at 2:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/sussex-middle-school/65ff053d6afbce0e39747329>



# NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

## WHEN: 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY IN APRIL

The Office of School Bus Safety is excited to participate in National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day each year beginning in 2024!

All county offices, school districts, school bus contractors, parents, and students are encouraged to extend their appreciation to the school bus drivers. Students are our most precious cargo, and the school bus driver plays a crucial role in their success. Anyone can drive a car, but it takes someone truly special to drive a school bus.



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE**

**APRIL 23, 2024**



# Get your SMS YEARBOOK!



<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/sussexmiddle2024>



# Students OF THE MONTH

MARCH

6th Grade- Joshua Padalino  
7th Grade- Logan Paulino  
8th Grade- Jade Merkle





## **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**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. DAYCARE, BABYSITTER,  
ETC. SENT TO SUSSEX WANTAGE  
TRANSPORTATION, 27 BANK ST.,  
SUSSEX, NJ 07461, EMAILED TO  
BDUVALL@SWREGIONAL.ORG OR FAXED  
TO 973-702-0764.**



Click [here to view school menus](#)

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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](#).





# DISTRICT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

**THE DISTRICT USES REALTIME NOTIFICATION AS ITS PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS, EMERGENCIES AND GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL NEED TO UPDATE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION IN THE PARENT PORTAL. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY ISSUE LOGGING INTO YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SECRETARIES FOR ASSISTANCE.**



**STAY  
INFORMED**

# PTO News

SUSSEX-  
WANTAGE

PTO  
*Join Us*



**CLICK HERE  
TO JOIN  
TODAY**

# Community Events

Please check out our updated page for Youth Sports sign-ups and information:

<https://www.swregional.org/domain/44>



If you have Sussex Wantage Youth Sports sign-up or flyer for your group and would like to share please submit to [bsajban@swregional.org](mailto:bsajban@swregional.org)

# Community Events

## High Point Jr. Wildcats

FOOTBALL & CHEER  
2024



### Registration Dates

2024 Registration  
Open 4/1-6/1

Open to all children Grades K-8 in Wantage, Sussex, Frankford, Branchville, Lafayette & Montague

- Flag (K-2) \$100
- Rumble (2) \$195
- Clinic (3/4), PeeWee (5/6) & Varsity (7/8) \$270
- All Cheer \$195

Offering a  
10%  
sibling  
discount!

**REGISTER HERE**

Practices begin weeknights in August. Games run from September to Mid-November.

[WWW.HPJRWILDCATSFOOTBALL.COM](http://WWW.HPJRWILDCATSFOOTBALL.COM)

Any questions contact  
[hpjrwildcatsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:hpjrwildcatsfootball@gmail.com).

Follow us @High Point Midget Football & Cheer on FB to stay informed!

Late registrations will be waitlisted & contacted if space becomes available.



# Community Events

**The 2ND ANNUAL**



## **HP FOOTBALL CAMP 2024**

***BOYS & GIRLS***

**TIMES/DATES/AGES:**

**GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**JUNE 18TH - JUNE 21ST**

***\*WE WILL DO PLYOMETRICS, OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE POSITION BREAKDOWNS, THEN FINISH WITH 7 ON 7 GAMES!***

JUNE 18TH/JUNE 19TH/JUNE 20TH/JUNE 21ST

**PRACTICE FIELD @HPRHS**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

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Bill Percey for more information

E-mail: [wpercey@hpregonal.org](mailto:wpercey@hpregonal.org)

**COST: \$120.00**

# Community Events



Your Year of

## Adventure

- ✓ Gear up for cool field trips.
- ✓ Join new friends on a neighborhood project.
- ✓ Explore the outdoors.

Try new things, discover another side of yourself, and have fun with your crew as you make unforgettable memories together. Join your local Girl Scout community, today!

## Become a Girl Scout



New troops are forming now.  
Become a Girl Scout or Troop Leader  
(we provide the training needed).

Please contact Claire Crowder  
[ccrowder@gsnnj.org](mailto:ccrowder@gsnnj.org) or (973) 248-8200

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

**Interested in joining  
Girl Scouts?**

**Ask us about  
registration and how  
you can volunteer!**

**girl scouts**  
of northern  
new jersey

# Community Events

*Sussex Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary*

*presents:*

*An Afternoon of Messages*  
*with*

 *Medium Catherine McCall* 

*Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*Doors Open 12:00 pm*

*Reading 1:00pm-3:00pm*

*Questions & Follow up 3:00pm - 4:00 pm*

**Limited to 50 people**

**\$45 per person**

*(includes light refreshments)*

*Cash, Check or Venmo Accepted for ticket purchase*

*\*\*see payment info below*

*For additional information please contact*

*Kim Rome @ 973-713-4752*

*\*\*Checks must be received by April 7 and should be sent to  
S.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461 To pay by Cash or Venmo,  
please text Kim at the number above.*

# Solar Eclipse

# Words to Know



## Total Eclipse

A solar eclipse where the apparent diameter of the Moon is large enough to completely cover the Sun's photosphere (even if only momentarily) and reveal the faint solar corona.



## Totality

The maximum phase of a total solar eclipse, during which the Moon's disk completely covers the Sun's bright face. Totality occurs between second and third contact. It can last from a fraction of a second to a maximum of 7 minutes 31 seconds.



## Umbra

The darkest part of the Moon's shadow, within which the entirety of the Sun's bright face is blocked. Within the umbra, the Moon appears larger than the Sun. An observer standing in the umbra sees a total solar eclipse.



## Umbraphile

A solar-eclipse aficionado; a person who will do almost anything, and travel almost anywhere, to see totality. Another term for an umbraphile is "eclipse chaser."



Prevent  
Blindness

Source: American Astronomical Society