



# Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

September 29, 2023

## Calendar of Events

### October

10/3; 7pm SWPTO meeting Virtual  
10/9; **SCHOOL CLOSED (Fac/Staff PD)**  
10/10; CEL Picture Day  
10/19; 7pm SWBOE Mtg @ SMS  
10/20; WES/SMS Picture Day

### November

11/9; **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
11/10; **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
11/14; 7pm SWPTO meeting Virtual  
11/17; **EARLY DISMISSAL** - Parent  
Teacher Conferences  
11/20; **EARLY DISMISSAL** - Parent  
Teacher Conferences  
11/21; **EARLY DISMISSAL** - Parent  
Teacher Conferences  
11/22; **EARLY DISMISSAL**  
11/23; **SCHOOL CLOSED** Happy  
Thanksgiving  
11/24; **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
11/30; 7pm SWBOE Mtg @ SMS

### December

12/5; PTO Virtual Mtg 7pm  
12/21; BOE Meeting SMS 7pm  
12/22 **EARLY DISMISSAL**  
12/24-1/1: **SCHOOL CLOSED**

2023-2024

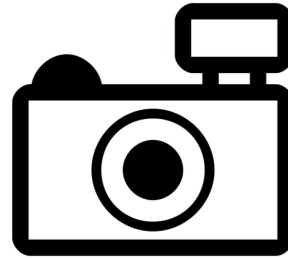
## School Calendar

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)



**School pictures will be held as  
follows;**

**Lawrence School;  
Tuesday, October 10th**

**Wantage School;  
Friday, October 20th**

**Sussex Middle School;  
Friday, October 20th.**



SEPTEMBER

SMS  
Students of the  
Month

6TH GRADE- COLTON MCDOLE  
7TH GRADE- MADALINE GUDDEMI  
8TH GRADE- SAMANTHA SALES

CONGRATULATIONS



## **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**

# WEEK OF

# RESPECT

OCTOBER 2-6, 2023

## 2 OCTOBER BLUE SHIRT DAY

Empower yourself and others by going BLUE!  
Be the friend you want to have! Say NO to spreading rumors, gossip, or leaving others out.

MONDAY

## 3 OCTOBER FAVORITE COLOR DAY

Wear your favorite color so you can B-U and show a Random Act of Kindness to someone today!

TUESDAY

## 4 OCTOBER WACKY HAIR DAY

SCHOOL IS A SAFE PLACE TO BE YOURSELF! Show off your unique self with your wackiest hair style. This is the perfect day to celebrate our differences.

WEDNESDAY

## 5 OCTOBER SUPER HERO DAY

Help, Encourage, Respect, Others.  
Be a member of the Sussex Wantage community and show how can you make it a better place!

THURSDAY

## 6 OCTOBER TEAM SPIRIT DAY

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING!  
Wear your school spirit or sports jersey to join the team of Upstanders.

FRIDAY


## District Wide Spirit Week

Week of Respect is an opportunity for Sussex Wantage schools to focus on building and supporting positive school climates for students, staff, and the school community!

SUSSEX WANTAGE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

An orange basketball is in the top left, a blue sneaker is in the top right, and a pink and white glove is on the right side. The text "SMS SPORTS NEWS" is centered over these items.

# **SMS SPORTS NEWS**

A brown football with white laces is on the left side of the text.

**ANYONE IN GRADES 3 - 8 INTERESTED IN  
JOINING SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB PLEASE  
EMAIL ANDREA VELTRI AT  
AVELTRI@SWREGIONAL.ORG FOR DETAILS  
ON HOW TO SIGN UP.**



# PTO

NEWS



The PTO needs YOU! Sign up for just \$5!

Virtual PTO Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd @ 7pm



Sussex-Wantage PTO



[Click Here to Join the PTO](#)

# OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT  
**9**

SCHOOLS CLOSED

OCT  
**10**

CEL PICTURE DAY

OCT  
**19**

BOE MEETING 7PM

OCT  
**20**

WES/SMS PICTURE DAY

OCT  
**31**

HALLOWEEN

# Community Events

## Fish & Chips Dinner

(Prepared by Tastefully British)

**OUR 70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Take outs available from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

**AT THE FRANKFORD PLAINS UMC**

99 Plains Road

Augusta, NJ 07822

Adults \$17.00 Children \$6.00

Call 973-702-0334 for reservations

Advance Ticket Purchase Required!  
(By October 1st!)

# Community Events

Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

## LIFE IN THE RIVER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH  
10 AM – 12 NOON



Find the aquatic insects in the water and what they tell us about the river



OWENS STATION CROSSING  
136 OWENS STATION RD, SUSSEX, NJ

The Wallkill River Watershed and the insects that live in it will be the focus of this demonstration. Kristine Rogers, Watershed Education and Outreach Specialist, will show a watershed model, how people impact the watershed, and the macroinvertebrates that live in the river. The indoor presentation will be followed by an opportunity for participants to examine live aquatic insects.

FREE All ages welcome  
For more information phone (973)702-7266 ext. 15  
[www.friendsofwallkillriver.org](http://www.friendsofwallkillriver.org)

# Community Events



ASTRONOMY

At



WALLKILL RIVER  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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## **SPECIAL EVENT!! PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.**

**Solar Saturday, October 14 at 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**



Please join us to observe a partial solar eclipse. Twenty three percent of the sun will be obscured as the moon passes between the Earth and the Sun. Our volunteers will set up telescopes with special solar filters to safely view this rare event. This is something you don't want to miss!

## **FALL CONSTELLATIONS, STARS, AND SATURN**

**Friday, October 20 at 7:30pm--Rain/Cloud date: Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm**

This is the last chance to observe the first quarter moon through our telescopes this year. Check out Saturn and its rings. As we say a final farewell to summer constellations, we can enjoy the many fall constellations as they make their way in the eastern sky.

## **PLANETS AND STARS**

**Friday, November 3 at 7:00pm – Rain/Cloud date: Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 pm**

This is our last astronomy event of the year. Besides Saturn, Jupiter will now be visible in the eastern sky and we will be able to observe the giant planet with its cloud belts and four of its moons.

All ages welcome. Friends of Wallkill River NWR host astronomy events outdoors at

**136 Owens Station Road, Sussex, New Jersey**

(973)702-7266 ext. 15

Email: [walkillfriends@gmail.com](mailto:walkillfriends@gmail.com)

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

# Community Events



## CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION

Presentation by Juliet Bannister

Health Educator, Sussex County Health Department

**Friday, October 20, 12 PM**



SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA  
15 Wits End Road Hardyston, NJ 07419

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT.

# Community Events



## **Interested in Wrestling? Join Sussex Wantage Wrestling Club!**

The Sussex-Wantage Wrestling Club (SWWC) aspires to be an outstanding youth recreation wrestling organization where wrestlers learn essential wrestling skills while being provided positive and disciplined coaching that promotes good sportsmanship and character. SWWC is comprised of children living in the Sussex- Wantage Regional School sending district. All students in grades K-8 are eligible to participate.

Go to our Registration Flyer (link below) for more information and the link to register.

If you have questions, please reach out to

[swwcwildcats@gmail.com](mailto:swwcwildcats@gmail.com)

[23-24 Registration Flyer](#)

**GO WILDCATS!!!**

# OCTOBER



E S U O H D E T N U A H  
Y J R S B L A C K C A T  
T A T L N E R S T N A L  
R C A N D Y S A C E R E  
A K N A C T C U R G E S  
P O T I O N A T N N R N  
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T N Y P E E R C F L D S

BATS  
BLACK CAT  
CANDY  
COSTUME

CREEPY  
FULL MOON  
HAUNTED HOUSE  
JACK-O-LANTERN

NIGHT  
ORANGE  
PARTY  
POTION

PUMPKINS  
SCARED  
SEEDS  
TRICK OR TREAT

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jleggour@swregional.org with newsletter submissions**