SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As the school year gets started here at Sussex Tech, there is a lot of excitement for what lies ahead. Freshman year is in the rear view and we are looking forward to a great sophomore year. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as a new advisor to the Class of 2027. My name is Michelle Cooke. I am a math teacher here at Sussex Tech. This is my 13th year at SCTS and through the years I have been involved in many aspects of our school. I have been a class advisor in years past and I am really looking forward to working with Mr. Jones and the Class of 2027. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Jones or to me. Our contact information is listed below.

Fundraising is an important endeavor for every class. Fundraising activities help to defray the costs of the major activities that take place during senior year. The Class of 2027 will be hosting multiple fundraising events throughout the years. The more involved you and your student(s) are in fundraising efforts, the more it will pay off for you and your student(s) during senior year. For each fundraiser, your student(s) has the ability to earn shares. Shares equate to a dollar amount based on the total number of dollars raised by the class come fall of senior year. The more fundraising power we have as a class the greater the value of each share. Shares can also be earned by volunteering time at class sponsored events, participating in the class advisory board, or donating goods to a class sponsored event. Each fundraiser will specify how many shares can be earned and in which way they can be earned. Our fundraising opportunities for sophomore year will include the following:

Fall: Gertrude Hawk Holiday Catalog Sale

Late-Winter/Early-Spring: Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar Sales

Spring: Abby Candles Catalog Sale

The information on each fundraiser will be distributed to your child as it comes up, either in homeroom or during a class meeting. Our first fundraiser, the Gertrude Hawk Holiday catalog will be distributed soon. Additional information and copies of fundraising packets, etc. can also be found on the class bulletin board in the main hallway near guidance and on Google Classroom.

The fundraisers are so important because senior year can become quite expensive. Shares can be used to pay for any of the following:

- Graduation Cap and Gown
- Yearbook (1)
- Prom Bid (themselves and a guest)
- Senior Trip
- Prom Pictures
- Senior Breakfast

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We are always open to new ideas for fundraising opportunities and we are working to add one or two more fundraisers to this school year. As time goes on, we will be in need of parent volunteers to help with bigger fundraisers, especially the class sponsored tricky trays during junior and senior year. Volunteering your time is another way for your student to earn shares.

We are also always in need of student volunteers for anything from distributing information to updating the class bulletin board. We also are interested in hearing what students would like to do for fundraising. A fundraiser cannot be successful without the students to back it up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either one of us at any time. I am looking forward to working with you and your students. Let's make this a great year!

Sincerely,

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