



# Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

November 6, 2024

## Calendar of Events

### November

11/07 - 11/08; **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
11/12; 7pm SWPTO meeting Virtual  
11/21; 6pm SWBOE Mtg @SMS  
11/22 - 11/26; Early dismissal -  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
11/27; Early dismissal  
11/28 - 11/29; **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### December

12/10; 7pm SWPTO meeting Virtual  
12/19; 6pm SWBOE Mtg @SMS  
12/20; Early Dismissal  
12/23 - 1/01 - **SCHOOL CLOSED -  
WINTER BREAK**

## 2024-2025 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)

and

[Facebook](#)



*School will be closed Thursday, November 7th  
& Friday, November 8th for the NJEA  
Teachers' Convention*

Parent-teacher conferences will be held as  
follows:

Friday, November 22 - Afternoon 1:45 pm - 3:40 pm  
Monday, November 25 - Afternoon 1:45 pm - 3:40 pm  
Tuesday, November 26 - Evening 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SMS students of the month for October:

6th Grade- Rilee Cornelius  
7th Grade- Gabriella Snook  
8th Grade- Jazmin Merkle

These students will be recognized at our BOE  
meeting on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.

# Preschool News

**\*Flu Shots:** All preschool students are required to have a flu shot before December 31st. Preschool students will not be allowed to return to school after the winter break. Please submit documentation to the school nurse, Ms. Warden.

[mwarden@swregional.org](mailto:mwarden@swregional.org)

Preschool spots are available at First Impressions Early Learning Centers, just 8 miles from the Clifton E Lawrence school! It has two fully renovated classrooms with new furniture, toys, and supplies, and they are ready to help your children learn and grow. First Impressions has provided quality early childhood education for the last 20 years, including seven years working with local school districts. They are excited to be working with our district! They are conveniently located on Route 94. Their preschool program also offers a tuition-based before and aftercare program and the availability of holiday care. To enroll your child in an experienced early education program, for more information, or to schedule a tour, contact them at [hamburgte94admin@firstimpressionscenters.com](mailto:hamburgte94admin@firstimpressionscenters.com) or 973-823-1884.



## 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 [jleggour@swregional.org](mailto:jleggour@swregional.org)

# Before and After



The 2024-2025 School Year Before and After Care registration is still open. However, space may be limited depending on enrollment. Drop off for Before Care is at the back of Wantage Elementary School and begins at 7:00 am. If your child is enrolled at Lawrence and/or Sussex Middle School, they will be shuttled over for the start of the school day. Similarly, students will be shuttled back to Wantage at the end of the day if your child is enrolled in After Care. Pick up is no later than 6:00 pm and is again at the back of Wantage Elementary School. Students must be signed in and/or signed out each day of attendance. Payment is due at the end of each week. If you have any questions, please email [criker@swregional.org](mailto:criker@swregional.org).

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## 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.







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](#).



# Health News

## Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Opt-Out Letter

As you may be aware, the New Jersey Commissioner of Education revised and updated the New Jersey State Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education provided by the New Jersey Department of Education. These standards are based on research making clear that receiving age-appropriate information about health education is essential for students' physical and emotional well-being. We acknowledge that parents/guardians are the primary educators for their child/children and we are committed to partnering with families as we educate students in the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

Parents/guardians have the option of excluding their child from any portion of health/family life education/sex education instruction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7 if it is in conflict with their conscience, morals, or religiously held beliefs. If this is the case, please [fill out this exclusion form](#) and send it to your child's health education teacher. Students who are excused will be assigned to a separate classroom for the duration of those identified portions of the lessons/units.

[2024-25 Opt Out Letter \(1\).pdf](#)



# PTO News

Sussex-Wantage PTO Membership is now open for the 2024-25 school year!

Your \$5 membership fee per family goes a long way in helping us provide our schools with amazing programs and materials. Your dues are considered a show of support for the organization's efforts and no other commitments are required.

Sign up via the paper forms that will be coming home with your child or online at:

[https://forms.zohopublic.com/sussexwantagepto/form/SussexWantagePTOMembershipSignUpPAID/formperma/SfOKSGp9fi06\\_oL5M-AzXJ9MQd\\_g-kwKxOwj1Ic0iYc](https://forms.zohopublic.com/sussexwantagepto/form/SussexWantagePTOMembershipSignUpPAID/formperma/SfOKSGp9fi06_oL5M-AzXJ9MQd_g-kwKxOwj1Ic0iYc)



Sussex-Wantage PTO

# BOOK FAIR

Thursday & Friday  
December 5th & 6th  
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday, December 7th  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

SPONSORED BY THE  
SUSSEX-WANTAGE PTO





# *Tree Lighting*

When: Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at  
the Wantage Elementary School

Bring your family and friends to enjoy  
the annual tree lighting ceremony!  
After you have warmed your hearts  
with the glow of the lights, stop by the  
book fair to keep the excitement going!

Sussex-Wantage PTO



# PTO News

🎄 **NEW THIS YEAR!** 🎄

Get a head start on your holiday shopping with some amazing personalized ornaments! Shop at <https://moesornaments.com> and be sure to use FUNDRAISER code SWPTO.

🧑🏻‍🎅 Happy Shopping! 🧑🏻‍🎅

SUSSEX-WANTAGE  
PTO  
PRESENTS

MOE'S ORNAMENTS  
FUNDRAISER

ENTER  
FUNDRAISER CODE  
SWPTO

SHOP:  
MOESORNAMENTS.COM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



# PTO News

Charleston Wrap orders can still be placed through 12/1 for holiday delivery, with credit benefitting our organization.

Register as a participant at [www.registercw.com](http://www.registercw.com) with Organization ID 23576

## Sussex-Wantage PTO



Our Organization ID:

**23576**



## REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.  
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,  
our online store has something for every occasion – even if it's just for you!



### #1 REGISTER

Register participant at [www.registercw.com](http://www.registercw.com) to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

### #2 SHARE

Invite friends and family to support! SHARE a link to the sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

### #3 SHOP

Go online to **SHOP** and help us reach our **GOAL** today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!





# Community Events

## SUSSEX WANTAGE YOUTH BASKETBALL

### Divisions & Programs

**Skills & Drills (K-1st)**  
**Coed**  
**Jan to Mar - \$85**

**2nd-8th Grade**  
**Girls & Boys Teams**  
**Dec to Mar - \$155**

**Coaches, Volunteers and  
Sponsors are needed!**

### Important Dates

- **11/11: Registration Ends**
- **11/18-11/22: Evaluations**
- **12/2: Practices Start**
- **1/2: Sponsor Night**
- **1/4: First Games (2nd-8th)**
- **2/8: Youth Sports Day**
- **3/15: Last Game**

**Register at [www.swyouthsports.org](http://www.swyouthsports.org)**

**Registration Closes on 11/11**



**Scan the QR Code to Register**



# Community Events

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**FRANKFORD PLAINS UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**99 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822  
973-702-0334**



**presents**

**OUR SALUTE TO VETERANS at our  
LUNCHEON IS SERVED (Hot & Cold Buffet)**

**On**

**Thursday, November 14th at Noon  
Cost \$12 (Veterans \$5)  
No reservations required**

# Community Events

SUSSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

# BIG BUCKS\$

# BINGO

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

@ SUSSEX FIRE HOUSE (25 LOOMIS AVE. SUSSEX, NJ)

**DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 PM CALLING STARTS AT 7:00 PM**

**10 ROUNDS OF REGULAR BINGO WITH A \$250 CASH PRIZE\* EACH**

**1 GRAND PRIZE ROUND WITH A \$500 CASH PRIZE\***

**1 50/50 ROUND WITH A CASH PRIZE OF 1/2 THE TAKE\***

\* MULTIPLE BINGOS IN ANY GAME SPLIT CASH PRIZE

\*\* PLUS \*\*

REGULAR 50/50 RAFFLE, TRAY/BASKET RAFFLES, BRITHDAY BOARD, PLINKO,  
LUCKY BINGO BALL DRAWING & DOOR PRIZES

Your paragraph text

LIMITED TO 250 PEOPLE

PRE-SALE ADMISSION BUNDLES \$50 PER PERSON

\* 10 ROUNDS (6 GAME CARDS) OF REGULAR PRIZE BINGO

\* 1 SHEET (4 GAME CARDS) FOR GRAND PRIZE ROUND

1 BINGO DAUBER \* 1 DOOR PRIZE TICKET \* RESERVED SEAT

**PRESALE CUTOFF IS NOVEMBER 11**

Admission may be available at door providing the event does not sell out by presale cut off date.

ADDITIONAL BINGO BOARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT

All purchases the night of the event are CASH ONLY

Admission may be purchased online or by mail

To purchase online scan the QR code on the right

or visit <https://tinyurl.com/bigbucksbingo>

\*you can change or bypass the Zeffy fee by choosing "other" in the dropdown box at checkout

For More Information text 862-266-1312 or email [SFDAUX69@gmail.com](mailto:SFDAUX69@gmail.com)

\*\*Checks must be received by November 11 and should be sent to

S.F.D. Auxiliary, 25 Loomis Ave, Sussex, NJ 07461

If paying by cash or check, you must contact Karolee via text or email (above) before sending payment to hold your space. Space is first come, first served.





# Community Events

# FALL

# BAZAAR

**CRAFTS, BAKED GOODS, LUNCH (including  
Thanksgiving Dinner), GRANNY'S ATTIC**

**November 23rd**

**9am – 3pm**

**FRANKFORD PLAINS UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**99 PLAINS ROAD, AUGUSTA  
1 MILE NORTH OF FAIRGROUNDS**