



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- March 27 ..... School Association Meeting at 7 pm
- March 29 ..... Good Friday: School Closed  
Fish & Chips Takeout at Holland American Bakery 3 pm – 6:30 pm
- April 1-5..... Spring Break: School Closed
- April 9..... Open House 6:30 pm – 8 pm
- April 15..... End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period  
OEL Meeting at 7 pm in the Library
- April 18..... School Board Meeting at 5 pm *\*Note Time Change\**
- April 19..... Junior High Performance of "Seussical" at 7 pm
- April 20..... Junior High Performance of "Seussical" at 2 pm
- April 22-26..... Standardized Testing Week for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- April 29-May 4..... Standardized Testing Week for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- May 4..... OLC Dedication & SCS 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



**HE IS RISEN!**

The School Board and Staff wish everyone a blessed Easter as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

*"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." ~ John 11:25-26*

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Our annual **Association Meeting** will be held in-person **TONIGHT at 7 pm** in the gym. We strongly encourage you to join us as we will be voting on the proposed 2024-2025 budget and be electing 2 new School Board members. **There will also be important information on a Three Schools Agreement that will be presented to the Association for approval.** All parents of children who attend our school are members of the Association and are eligible to vote in addition to those without children enrolled who have submitted a registration form and paid the appropriate registration fee. All proxy ballots must be received prior to the start of the meeting.

**MILK AVAILABILITY**

Please note that milk will not be available on Monday and Tuesday when we return from Spring break because our milk won't be delivered until Wednesday.

**ATTENTION SUSSEX-WANTAGE BUS RIDERS!**

Sussex-Wantage will not provide busing home tomorrow, March 28 as they are having a half day of school. Please pick your child(ren) up at 3:12 pm.

# Happy Birthday!

*We wish everyone born in April a very Happy Birthday!!!*

Zachary Cassase  
Aubrey Everett  
Rylie Everett  
Brooke Heinzelmann  
Elizabeth Hossann  
Kole Klinger  
Mason Klingler  
Mrs. Legg



Amelia Sanchez  
London Serrano  
Anamaria Soto  
Brynn Sytsema  
Mrs. Thompson  
Bryer Vellenga  
Aidan Westpy

## **STANDARDIZED TESTING**

We will be administering standardized tests to all **2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students the week of April 22 and to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade the week of April 29.** (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will not be tested.) Please be sure your children are in attendance unless ill and that they are not tardy. The school has the following policy for students taken out of school during the week for any reason other than illness:

*“Students taken out during the week of Basic Skills testing for any reason other than illness will be required to make the tests up. The parents will need to make necessary arrangements with the child’s teacher. A fee of \$25 per hour will be charged in order to compensate the teacher’s time.”*

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TAX SCHOLARSHIPS**

A Bill has been brought to the NJ Legislature that would help qualifying families of qualifying private schools receive a tax scholarship for their students in private education! Please take 30 seconds to complete the form by ACSI to send a letter to your local representatives! Mr. Waters will speak more about this at the Association meeting tonight! This is a revolutionary Bill for New Jersey and SCS needs to show its support for Christian Education quickly and loudly!

<https://www.votervoicenet/ACSI/Campaigns/113531/Respond>

## **YEARBOOK MONEY DUE**

If you have not submitted your payment for your yearbook order, please be sure to send payment in tomorrow.

## **FISH & CHIPS TAKEOUT DINNER TO BENEFIT SCS!**

Fishers of Men at the Holland American Bakery will be having a Fish and Chips Takeout Dinner **this Friday from 3 pm to 6:30 pm** to benefit the Achievement Center. Please stop by and grab a great dinner for a great cause!

## **APRIL’S PRINCIPAL’S CHALLENGE**

For the month of April, Mr. Waters is challenging everyone to memorize Romans 8:1:

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

## **PENNY DRIVE**

For the month of April, the Student Council will be hosting a school-wide Penny Drive! Here are the rules:

- Each Homeroom will have a jar in the Main Foyer. Attached to that jar will be a photo of a Missionary that homeroom is sponsoring.
- Each Penny in the jar will add 1 point.
- All silver coins subtract points: Nickles subtract 5 points, Dimes subtract 10 points, Quarters subtract 25 points, etc. No bills allowed!
- The secret to winning is to place as many Pennies in your class's jar as possible while adding silver coins to sabotage the jars of the other classes!
- Jars will be weighed each Monday in April. A graph will show which homerooms have the most total coin weight. Note: this will not show the overall points, just the weight.
- The Class Jar with the most points at the end of the day on Tuesday, April 30, will win a surprise class party! The winner will be announced in May.



## **HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have several weeks after Spring Break where we need additional volunteers for Hot Lunch. Hours are 10:30 am until approximately 1 pm. Please use the following link to sign up. Hours worked can be submitted towards the Volunteer Tuition Credit program.

[Hot Lunch Schedule 2023-2024](#)

## **HOT LUNCH SURVEY**

OEL would like to everyone to complete a brief survey regarding the Hot Lunch program. Please take a moment to answer a few questions and note any comments you wish to make.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aZTGHxYKhf>

## **STAGE PROP BUILDERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few people to help construct props needed for the Junior High play. If you can help, please contact Mr. Waters.



## **UPCOMING PARENT ACADEMY: PARENT LITERACY WORKSHOP**

As part of our ongoing Parent Academies, SCS is excited to host Literacy Specialist, Cyndi Hochstaedt, this Spring. Cyndi will be providing SCS families with a Literacy Workshop. This workshop would be for families with children in Preschool 3 through 1st grade and would also be great for families with little ones ages 1 and 2. Help us determine which day would work best for the majority.

<https://forms.gle/1xtdnNtHMRhRNyPt9>

## **MOTHERS' MARKET**

Sussex Christian School has the opportunity to team with Green Valley farms for their upcoming Spring Mothers Market in effort to raise money for SCS. The date of the sale is April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. We are looking for preloved kids (spring & summer) clothing, shoes, baby gear, toys and more. We will set up a booth for these items to sell at the market. All money raised from the sale of these items will be donated right back to SCS. The fall sale raised \$500. At the end of the sale all unsold items will be donated to a local non-profit. Items will be collected in the church parking lot following pickup on March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Larissa Gebauer 973-277-6120 with any questions, other dates can be arranged for pickup of items!"

## **Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for March 11, 2024**

*The Mission of Sussex Christian School is to prepare young people to live fully for God in a rapidly changing world, with the ability to understand, evaluate, and transform their world from the foundation of God's unchanging Word.*

Members present: Jonathan Kuperus, Nick Kuperus, Christine Byma, Nathan Drew, Marlene Meyers, John C. Kuperus, Robert Waters      Members absent: Kenneth Jeltema

Devotions/Opening Prayer: John Kuperus read Mark 10: 35-45 and a devotion highlighting leadership through service to others. Followed with prayer.

Member Development: President Kuperus reviewed Section V: C-I of the School Board handbook. The Board took this time to reflect on the purpose, priorities and the needs of each one of Sussex Christian School committees. The Board is thankful to those who give their time to serve on the many SCS committees and encourages others to speak with any committee or Board member if they feel led to join in some capacity.

Review of emails/papers/correspondence sent to the School Board were read and received for information and have/will be responded to accordingly.

The Board was presented with the Finance Committee's final 2024-2025 budget. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the budget as presented and gave thanks to the committee for their dedication to ensuring Christian Education at Sussex Christian School remains financially attainable for the current and future families. The budget is a testimony to the committee's commitment to being good stewards of God's resources!

Old and new business were discussed:

Preparations continue for the combined Outdoor Learning Center Dedication and SCS 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration being held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Board gives thanks to all those helping to assure this day glorifies the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Board is looking forward to hosting the attendees of the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The night is sure to be full of good food, good fellowship and good fun, all in the support of Sussex Christian School!

Mr. Waters reported on Sussex Christian School administrative items: Current enrollment stands at 166 students. Mr. Waters continues to advise the Board on the projected growth of SCS both in faculty size and student numbers. The Board gives thanks to the good Lord for His provision of generational families and new families that continue to seek a Christian Education for their children.

We would like to remind the Association that on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, The Board will hold its annual, in-person Association Meeting. Members are encouraged to attend as this is your opportunity to formally vote for new Board of Directors Members and the 2024-2025 Budget.

The meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty.  
Next Board meeting April 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Byma, Secretary



**SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**  
Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	3/29 – School Closed – Spring Break
4/3 – SPRING BREAK	4/5 – SPRING BREAK
4/10 – Baked Ziti & Salad <b>Volunteers:</b> <b>Amelia Kummer, Donelle DeCouto,</b> <b>Silvia Danko, Annette Gebauer</b>	4/12 – Pizza and Snack

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Lafayette Federated Church invites children ages 2 – 12 to join them on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am for a fun morning of Easter Egg Hunting and family activities. All Free! To sign up, go to [www.LFC.org/children](http://www.LFC.org/children).