



SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 22-26.....	Standardized Testing Week for 2 nd – 5 th Grades
April 29-May34	Standardized Testing Week for 6 th – 8 th Grades
May 4.....	OLC Dedication & SCS 65 th Anniversary Celebration
May 7.....	OEL Meeting at 7 pm
May 10.....	Chapel Led by 2 nd Grade Class Color Walk-a-thon 1 pm – 2:30 pm
May 16.....	Spring Musicale Grades Preschool 4 – 5 th Grades at 7 pm
May 18.....	Progressive Dinner
May 20-24.....	Book Fair
May 23.....	Parent Academy 7 pm – 8 pm School Board Meeting at 6 pm <i>*Note Time Change*</i>
May 24	Grandparents Day! Details to Follow Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
May 29	Student Showcase – Details to Follow <i>*Note Date Change*</i>

URGENT HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still have several weeks where we need additional volunteers for Hot Lunch. **Specifically, we are short 1 worker for next few weeks' lunches. If we do not get volunteers, we may have to cancel the lunches.** 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](#)

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS UPDATE

We hope to have our new tuition assistance application platform ready to accept applications very soon. Unfortunately, the company we have previously used is no longer providing this service. We are working with FACTS to implement their Grant and Tuition Aid program and it should be ready to roll out in the next week or two. We will send out an email to everyone once it is ready to go.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were sent home with students in grades K – 8 on Monday. Please be sure to review them with your child(ren), sign them and then return them to school. If you have any question or concerns, please contact the appropriate teacher.

OLC WORKDAYS

In preparation for the OLC Dedication on May 4th, before the 65th Anniversary Celebration, we have some spring cleaning and planting that needs to get done! The OLC Committee will be hosting workdays next Tuesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 2 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Please email Mr. Waters at rwaters@sussexchristianschool.org if you can help! We need to have many volunteers to make this happen!

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Standardized testing will be administered to all **2nd and 6th – 8th grade students next week**. 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.”

DID YOU SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDITS?

All families who are on a **10-month payment plan** need to submit their volunteer hours **NOW** in order to be applied to your May tuition bill. As stated in school policy, refunds will not be issued. Families on a 12-payment plan should submit their hours by the June 15 so they can be deducted from your final payment in July. Please contact the office with any questions.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Fbd4jCNLPm>

PROGRESSIVE DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE

The School Board has 2 tickets available for their Progressive Dinner on May 18th beginning at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$125 per ticket. If interested, please contact Christine Byma at cbyma@sussexchristianschool.org.

PARENT ACADEMY

Mrs. Cyndi Hochstaedt, a Literacy Coach and former SCS student, will be hosting our next Parent Academy on May 23 at 7 pm! This hour-long interactive workshop is geared towards parents of toddlers, preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade students. The topic will be Growing Literacy at Home! Parents will learn ways to help their pre-readers successfully move forward in this tech crazed world and be equipped with strategies to engage their little ones at home while supporting what they are learning in the classroom. Please RSVP here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Zh3aKZSuR7>

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Frankford Plains United Methodist Church is having a Fish & Chips Dinner prepared by Tastefully British on Tuesday, May 7th from 5 to 7pm. Take outs are available. Adults \$18, kids \$7. Advance ticket purchase required by May 5th. They are serving fish and chips, homemade coleslaw, homemade sunshine salad, homemade tartar sauce, green beans, roll and homemade dessert.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sussex Christian Reformed Church Jr High Youth Group outing to SkyZone Trampoline Park is Friday April 26 from 7 - 9PM. Contact Rita Yanoff for details on rides, costs, and to sign up : troyrita@ptd.net or 201-230-1514. Deadline is April 25 by noon.



MEETING MINUTES

OEL MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to those who attended last week's meeting- in person or online. It was a great turnout.

OEL thanks those who participated in the hot lunch survey. A new hot lunch will be added to next year's rotation of spaghetti and meatballs. Volunteers are always needed to make hot lunch. Without them, hot lunch would not happen. Thank you to those who do volunteer and step in when needed. Cooking for about 110 students is a great accomplishment!

TRIP will have a larger weekly stock for the very popular stores so parents can get them quicker.

Next week Saturday is the school's 65th Anniversary. We really need your help!! Please see the signup sheet and sign up where you can. Students are encouraged to attend! They will be singing a song for all to hear. We also need to know how many people will be attending in order to properly plan for food and seating. Please RSVP or let me (Jen Kuperus 973-219-7790) know. This is a very special day with the dedication of the OLC too. Let's show our support to those that created it and attend this ceremony! You can also order some anniversary swag with adult and youth sizes (which are also approved for gym shirts)

The most colorful and vibrant day is May 10 for the Color Walk-a-Thon. Help is still needed for the day. Please contact Alex Little (201-874-0114) if you are able to volunteer and do not mind getting some color on you. (The color is safe and non-toxic). Thank you to all of the sponsors that help make this exciting day happen.

The Book fair will be held May 20-24. It was a really big hit last year with the students, and we are anticipating it to be a big hit this year as well. Students will be able to browse and shop with their class. Hours will be posted next month on when you can purchase books. There will also be an online shopping option. Starting May 17th, we will need some volunteers to unpack a pallet of books. If you think you could help let us know!

Planning for the September 14, 2024, Fall Festival is already underway, and we are looking for people to head some committees. One, two or three people can help head a committee. Many hands make light work. If you are able to help out, please let me know.

Funds were approved to have a mural painted in the school's gym by an SCS alumni. Stay tuned for the completion of that project.

Our next meeting on May 7th will be a voting of new OEL Board members. Those are: Treasurer - Judy Vander Ploeg Assistant Treasurer - Annette Kuperus Deputy - Jules Buske

We hope to see you all at the Anniversary Celebration next week. We also hope to see you at OEL's next meeting Tuesday May 7th at 7pm in the library.

~Sincerely, Jen Kuperus, OEL President

Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for April 18, 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
Board Visitor: Casey Sytsema (member elect)

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Marlene Meyers read Matthew 25:31-40 and a devotion entitled "Loving God by Loving Others" highlighting the importance of sacrificial investment in the needs of others. Followed with prayer.

Review of emails/papers/correspondence to the Board were read for information and have/will be responded to accordingly. The Board appreciates those who reach out with their cares and concerns, prayers, and praises. It allows the Board the opportunity to serve the SCS Association and the community in a way that promotes kingdom building.

Financial reports for February and March were approved by the Board. The Board appreciates the Finance Committee and its focused commitment to maintaining the financial sustainability of Sussex Christian School, its families, and supporters.

Old and new business were discussed:

The Board discussed follow-up concerns from the Association Meeting. The Board is thankful that the SCS Association is dedicated to support the continuation of Christian Education at the High School level, here in Sussex County. Consensus at the Association meeting acknowledges that individual student and family needs may necessitate attendance at a High School other than Veritas Christian Academy. Our hope is that through our partnership and support of VCA, it will develop into an institution sought out and attended by all the students of SCS!

Preparations continue for the combined Outdoor Learning Center Dedication and SCS 65th Anniversary celebration being held on Saturday, May 4th, 2024. The Board gives thanks to all those helping to assure this day glorifies the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The members of the Board of Directors and Education Committee were able to visit most of the classrooms over the past few weeks. Those who visited positively reported on all the amazing things occurring in the classrooms and are appreciative of the stellar instructional skills of all the teachers. The Board gives praise to all the good things happening at SCS thanks to the Administration, teachers, staff, volunteers, and most importantly, our good and faithful God!

Mr. Waters reported on SCS administrative items: New Family interviews are occurring, and new admission applications are being received. 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.

The Board discussed the resignation of Robert Waters and is deeply appreciative of his dedication to SCS. Board members encourage SCS families and community to uphold the Waters family in prayer as they embark on their new journey. The Board is in the beginning stages of forming a Search Committee and has complete faith in the Lords good plan for SCS.

Meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty. Next meeting is April 25, 2024.

~ Respectfully submitted, Christine Byma, Secretary

OLC Dedication & 65th Anniversary Celebration Information

- When: Saturday, May 4, 2024, beginning at 12 pm
- Where: Here!
- Cost: Free!
- RSVP: www.sussexchristianschool.org/65

How can I help:

1. We need volunteers to help in various areas on Friday, May 3 as well as the day of the Celebration. Please use the attached link to see where you can lend a hand and sign up!

[65th Anniversary Celebration Volunteer SIGN UPS - Google Sheets](#)

2. We need baked goods and individual chip snack bags. All items must be nut free. Specifically, we are looking for single served items such as cookies, bars, brownies, cupcakes as well as chips. No pies. If you would be willing to donate anything, please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F49AF22AAFF2-48998805-65th>

Thank you!

Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 4, 2024

12 — 1:30 PM
Outdoor Learning Center Dedication

1:30 — 4 PM
65th Anniversary Celebration
Open House and a Meal Together

Please register and join us!
sussexchristianschool.org/65



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	4/26 – Pizza and Snack
5/1 – Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Volunteers: Chase Sanders, Rebecca Scott, Sarah Goodwin Need 1 More Volunteer	5/3 – Pizza and Snack
5/8 – French Toast with Sausage Volunteers: Amelia Kummer, Donelle DeCouto, Carrie Oostdyk Need 1 More Volunteer	5/10 – Pizza and Snack



SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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2024 SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLOR WALK-A-THON

Our annual Color Walk-a-Thon is being planned for all students in grades Preschool 4 – 8! It will be filled with lots of fun and great prizes! Throughout the course there will be stations where the children will pass through "Color" that will stick to T-shirts supplied by OEL.

DATE: May 10, 2024 (Rain Date: May 31, 2024)
WHERE: Sussex Christian School
TIME: 1 pm – 2:30 pm

This year the money raised will go to the "Room-to-Grow" initiative! Sussex Christian School will be moving SCS into the next phase that God has prepared for our campus. Room-to-Grow has short-term goals like creating a Fine Arts Classroom in the Gym wing, to furnishing our overflowing elementary classrooms with state-of-the-art desks, chairs, and furnishings, updating the beauty and security of our Main Lobby, as well as long-term goals such as putting bricks into place outside the back hallway to construct four additional classrooms. The Room-to-Grow initiative will improve student learning, create additional, beautiful educational spaces for our existing student population, and build a legacy for future generations of Christian families! Thank you for partnering with us as we pursue God's plan and work in His service here at Sussex Christian School.

We are excited to offer many individual awards!

STUDENT PRIZES: *In order to earn a prize, the student needs to raise a minimum of \$50:

- The student in each class who raises the most money
- The student in each class who walks the most laps
- **ALL** students will be awarded a participation prize as a special treat!!!!!!
- The **class** (by average) who raises the most money will be awarded an **ice cream party!**

FAMILY PRIZES: Your family can earn one of these prizes based on the amount they raise:

- Families who raise \$500 will receive a \$50 gift card of their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.
- Families who raise \$1,000 will receive a \$100 gift card of their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.
- Families who raise \$1,500 will receive a \$150 gift card to their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.

ALL SPONSOR SHEETS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY **May 17, 2024, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE.**

PARENTS: The day of the Color Walk-A-Thon, please make sure your child is wearing sunscreen and sneakers (no sandals or flip flops)! We will provide students with water bottles, but you may want to send an extra labeled bottle as the kids work real hard and often it is warm out.

Please contact Alex Little at 201.874.0114 or amlittle116@gmail.com) with any questions.

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men." Ephesians 6:7

Please keep this event in your prayers!!

Thank you for your continued support of SCS!



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MAY 10-11, 2024

WRITTEN BY *Michele Giles*

DIRECTED BY *Tara Marine*



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