



**SUSSEX
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 1, 2024

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 Coming Out Next Week! Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
May 29	Student Showcase <i>*Note Date Change*</i>
June 14.....	Last Day of School: 12:30 pm Dismissal 8 th Grade Graduation at 7 pm

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Tomorrow is the National Day of Prayer. This day was originally signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan amended the law to designate the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer. Students and staff will be taking time tomorrow to join fellow Christians around the country in a time of prayer. We ask that you also take time from your homes, workplaces or wherever you are to pray for our world, our country, our schools, our families, our churches and all those in need of God's comfort and care.

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for our school for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS. Applicants can apply online by clicking the FACTS link at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3K31M>. Use your existing FACTS login information to access the site. Once an online application has been completed, you will need to submit supporting documentation which can be uploaded in .pdf or .jpeg format.

There is a \$40 application fee that FACTS charges per application; however, you can have 1 application submitted to multiple schools who use their services without any additional cost (i.e., Veritas). If you have already submitted an application for Veritas, you will need to go into that application and add our school to it. You will not have to start the process all over again.

All applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, please contact us. You may also speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.

Happy Birthday!

We wish everyone born in May a very Happy Birthday!!!

Miss Brown
Cora Buske
Dean Byma
Liam Cannata
Mrs. Clark
Addison DeCouto
Anna Drew
Astreaus Johnson
Audri Klingler
Selah Klotz
RJ Kummer



Lucas Kuperus
Talia McQuade
Adelyn Michella
Madeline Nehrkorn
Aeliana Opilla
Briana Pachella
Rudy Solar
Camille Thompson
Shelby Van Ek
Hailey Woodell

A NEW CHALLENGE!

For the month of May, Mr. Waters is challenging the students to memorize Romans 1:16:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

CHILDREN SINGING AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Pachella has been working with the children to learn a song for them to sing at the anniversary celebration on Saturday. We would love to have as many students in attendance as possible. Please RSVP if you have not done so already to let us know you will be attending this special day!

MAY JEANS DAY CAUSE

Students and staff may wear jeans on Fridays provided they donate \$1 for each week they wear them. This month's donations will be given to Father John's Animal House in Lafayette, NJ.

COLOR WALK-A-THON UPDATE

It's only 9 days away!!! The children are anxiously awaiting this fun, annual event! It will be filled with lots of fun and great prizes! This year the money raised will go to our Room to Grow campaign. Get those sponsors signed up!



THANK YOU!

We hope you and your family were able to attend one of the recent shows of *Seussical, Jr.*! We want to congratulate the students on their outstanding performance! They did a fantastic job!! We also want to thank Mrs. Nachesca Sweetser for her hard work and expertise directing the cast and organizing the sets and costumes. She brought out the best in the students and the stage and characters looked fantastic! We also thank all those behind the scenes who helped in countless ways. We couldn't have done it without you and appreciate all your hard work!

TRIP PAYOUTS

If you participate in the TRIP program, your May tuition bill will be credited with the amount you have earned. Those whose payment was due today already received the credit; those whose payment is due on the 15th will have their credit applied by the end of the week.

MUSICALE DRESS CODE NOTES

Our Spring Musicale is just around the corner! Students in **Preschool 4 through 5th grade** will be participating on **Thursday, May 16 at 7 pm** in the gym. Boys should wear dress pants and collared shirt and girls should wear a dress or blouse with dress pants. No sneakers and no jeans. Spring colors if possible!



STUDENT SHOWCASE – AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Students are excited to present to you their *Student Showcase – An Evening of Excellence* on Wednesday, May 29 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the gym and surrounding halls. Students in **grades 6** will share their **Science projects**; **7th graders** will be performing their monologues for the **Living Wax Museum**, and **8th graders** will give **oral presentations on their research projects**. Mrs. Pachella will also have **art projects** on display from the many projects done by **students in grades 3-8**. Please be sure to stop in for this special evening!

PARENT ACADEMY

Mrs. Cyndi Hochstaedt, a Literacy Coach and former SCS student, will host our next Parent Academy on May 23 at 7 pm. This hour-long interactive workshop is geared towards parents of toddlers through 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 at <https://forms.office.com/r/Zh3aKZSuR7>

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Attached is the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Please plan your vacations during times school is not in session so your children do not miss classroom instruction. Please note that dates for performances are tentative and subject to change if a conflict arises.

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](#)



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	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
5/15 – Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese Volunteers: Chase Sanders, Cristy Testino, Rebecca Scott Need 1 More Volunteer	5/17 – Pizza and Snack



Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional work during the 3rd marking period!

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

GRADE 8

Bethany Bennett
Brady Heinzelmann

GRADE 7

Brianna Bailey
Frankie Dollbaum
Brennan Heinzelmann
Evangeline Husby
Alexandra Jeltema
Selah Klotz
Walker Kuperus
Haley Smith
Allison Sytsema
Anika Thiessen
Anhelina Torppey

GRADE 6

Naomi Kuiken

GRADE 5

Emma Dollbaum
Piper Kuperus
Madeline Nehr Korn
Tristan Soto

HONOR ROLL:

GRADE 8

David Maldonado
Alina Torppey

GRADE 7

Sonja Drew
Regan O'Connor
Nathan Schneider

GRADE 6

Stella Kuperus

GRADE 5

Sara Esquivel
Emma Mihalik
Lillianna Ruppert
London Serrano
Senya Torppey
Skyler Vellenga



MONTH	DAY	WEEKDAY(S)	DESCRIPTION	DAYS IN SESSION
September	2	Monday	Labor Day: School Closed	18 Days
	3,4	Tues. & Wed.	Teacher In-Service Days	
	5	Thursday	First Day of School for Preschool 3, K – 8 th Grade	
	6	Friday	First Day of School for Preschool 4	
	14	Saturday	Fall Festival at the Sussex County Fairgrounds	
	17	Tuesday	Back to School Night Grades 3 – 8 th Grade	
October	14	Monday	Columbus Day: School Closed	22 Days
November	2	Saturday	Harvest Dinner and Auction	19 Days
	25, 26	Mon. & Tues.	12:30 pm Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences	
	27	Wednesday	12:30 pm Dismissal: Start of Thanksgiving Break	
	28, 29	Thurs. & Fri.	Thanksgiving Break: School Closed	
December	7	Saturday	Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Junior High	15 Days
	19	Thursday	Christmas Concert Grades P4 - 8	
	20	Friday	Early Dismissal: Start of Christmas Break	
	23-31	Many 😊	Christmas Break: No School	
January	1	Wednesday	New Year's Day: School Closed	21 Days
	2	Thursday	Classes Resume Session	
	20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day: No School	
February	7	Friday	Spaghetti Dinner (Snow Date Feb. 8)	19 Days
	17	Monday	President's Day: School Closed	
March	No Days Off 😞			21 Days
April	4, 5	Friday & Sat.	Junior High Play	16 Days
	18	Friday	Good Friday: School Closed	
	21-25	Mon. – Fri.	Spring Break: School Closed	
	29, 30	Tues. & Wed.	Standardized Testing Grades 2 & 3	
May	1 & 2	Thurs. & Fri.	Standardized Testing Grades 2 & 3	21 Days
	5-9	Mon. – Fri.	Standardized Testing Week Grades 4 - 8	
	22	Thursday	Spring Musicale Grades P4 - 5	
	23	Friday	Grandparents Day: 12:30 pm Dismissal	
	26	Monday	Memorial Day: School Closed	
	29	Thursday	Student Showcase: Grades 3 - 8	
June	19	Thursday	Tentative Last Day of School for Students	14 Days

- This calendar allows for 4 emergency closing days and 2 more additional Teacher Inservice Days. If more than 4 emergency closing days are needed, they may be added on to the end of the school year or taken away from Spring Break. If fewer days are used, they will be taken off the last week of June. Please plan accordingly.
- The last day of school and graduation date will be set at the April 2025 School Board meeting.

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



SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Challenging the Mind, Strengthening the Spirit

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!



SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TRIP ORDER FORM

Name: _____ TRIP Account #: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Send Order Home with: _____ Teacher: _____

Order Total: \$ _____ Paid Via: "Cash" "Check" : # _____ (Checks payable to SCS-TRIP)

TRIP Representatives are available on Monday mornings in the library. Cash and Carry Cards are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be sent home that day. Special orders will be available before the following Monday.

CASH AND CARRY CARDS CARDS

Name	Value	Qty
76 Gas	\$25	
	\$100	
AC Moore	\$25	
Acme	\$25	
	\$100	
Amazon	\$25	
	\$100	
Applebee's	\$25	
	\$50	
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25	
	\$100	
Burger King	\$10	
Clove Brook Market	\$10	
	\$25	
Dairy Queen	\$10	
Dunkin' Donuts	\$10	
	\$25	
Exxon/Mobil	\$50	
Farmside Supply	\$25	
	\$50	
	\$100	
Foundational H & F		
Gulf Gasoline	\$25	

Name	Value	Qty
Gap/Old Navy	\$25	
	\$100	
Home Depot	\$25	
	\$100	
iTunes	\$15	
	\$25	
Kohl's	\$10	
	\$50	
	\$100	
Land's End	\$25	
	\$100	
Lowe's	\$25	
	\$100	
Marshall's/TJ Max	\$25	
	\$100	
Olive Garden	\$25	
Panera Bread	\$25	
Quick Chek	\$25	
Red Lobster	\$25	
Rite Aid	\$25	
Shear Intensity	\$25	
	\$50	
Shell Gas	\$25	

Name	Value	Qty
Shop Rite	\$10	
	\$25	
Staples	\$100	
	\$25	
Starbucks	\$100	
	\$10	
Stop and Shop	\$25	
	\$50	
	\$100	
Subway	\$10	
Sussex Meat Packing	\$25	
	\$50	
Target	\$25	
	\$100	
Wal-Mart	\$25	
	\$100	
	\$250	
Wendy's	\$10	
Weis	\$25	
	\$100	
VISA	\$50	
	\$100	

SPECIAL ORDER CARDS

Name	Value	Qty

Name	Value	Qty