



**SUSSEX  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

## HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 18.....	Soccer Game vs. Ogdensburg (Home)
Sept. 20.....	Soccer Game vs. Lafayette (Home) Jeans Day for Students and Staff
Sept. 23.....	Soccer Game vs. Northwest (Away)
Sept. 25.....	Student Portraits Taken Preschool 4 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade See You at the Pole Soccer Game vs. Hardyston (Home)
Sept. 27.....	Jeans Day for Students and Staff
Sept. 30.....	Soccer Game vs. Sussex-Wantage at Woodbourne
Oct. 2.....	Soccer Game vs. Frankford (Home)
Oct. 7.....	Soccer Game vs. Ogdensburg (Away)
Oct. 9.....	Soccer Game vs. Northwest Christian (Home)
Oct. 11.....	Teacher In-Service Day: School Closed
Oct. 14.....	Columbus Day: School Closed

### **EMAIL ISSUES**

We continue to have email issues with Gmail accounts. Group emails from the office are being delayed up to 12 hours and longer in some cases. Because of that, we are providing you with a printed copy of the Home Announcements today. If you would like to view the digital version, please go to our website: [Parents - Sussex Christian School](https://www.sussexchristianschool.com/parents). We apologize for any inconvenience and are working with Microsoft and Google to get this situation corrected once and for all.

### **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION DRILL**

Everyone should have received a text and voice message from us yesterday at approximately 10 am to test our emergency notification system. If you did not receive one or both, please contact the office.

### **FAMILY DIRECTORY**

**If you wish to be part of this year's Family Directory, we must have your completed form by this Friday, September 20.** We publish this directory to help you communicate easier with one another. It provides names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses as well as class lists for our school families. Please note that this information is not published online or made available to any non-school individuals or companies. To be included in the directory, please use the following form to submit your information:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FKYFMZ07Ur>

### **FALL FESTIVAL THANKS!**

OEL would like to give a special thank you to all of those who helped to make the Fall Festival a special event and day for all to enjoy. Last Saturday was a beautiful day and there was a great amount of people who came to support SCS. We have raised over \$15,000 - God is good! Thank you to all who helped.

## FALL FESTIVAL SIGNS

If you have any Fall Festival lawn signs, please return them to school. We can reuse them next year by just changing the date. Thank you!

## INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AND BAND

Mrs. Pachella is offering instrumental lessons to students in grades 4 – 8. If you are interested in this, please read the attached letter for more information.



## PICTURE DAY

Picture day is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 25 for Preschool 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (Preschool 3 will have their pictures taken on Thursday, October 17). We are excited to announce that ordering for school pictures will take place differently this year. Parents will be able to see the image before placing an order online. Information will be sent home after picture day that explains how you can access the image online and view package and pricing options. **Note to Soccer Players: Please do not wear your soccer uniform for pictures. Bring your uniform to change into later in the day.**



## SEEKING JUNIOR HIGH PLAY DIRECTOR!

Do you have a talent for acting, choreography and/or directing? We are looking for someone to take charge of the Junior High play this year. If you are interested or have any questions regarding this role, please contact the office.

## COMMITTEE CORNER

Introducing the Achievement Center Fundraising Committee! This small, dedicated committee uses their gifts to raise funds that support the Achievement Center at Sussex Christian School. Their efforts ensure the center stays current in providing the extra resources necessary to meet the various needs of the SCS students. If you have a love for helping students reach their full academic potential please contact Committee Chairperson, Ken Jeltema, [kjeltema@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:kjeltema@sussexchristianschool.org) for more information and opportunities for you to serve! "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3



## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	9/20 – Pizza and Snack
9/25 – Baked Ziti & Salad Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Rebecca Scott, Sarah Moore Need 1 More Volunteer!	9/27 – Pizza and Snack
10/2 – Hamburgers and French Fries Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Kara Cannata Need 2 More Volunteers or Lunch will be cancelled 😞	10/4 – Pizza and Snack

### **IMPORTANT HOT LUNCH UPDATE**

We continue to need additional volunteers for the Hot Lunch program. Unfortunately, **if we do not have enough volunteers by the Friday before a hot lunch, it will be cancelled.** If you look at the volunteer schedule, you will see there are many weeks that need additional workers. Please sign up to help if you are able to do so. Also, if you are signed up to work and a situation arises that you cannot work, **do not contact the office.** Please try to find a substitute and text Felicia Mann (201-841-1101) to let her know.

[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2024-2025 - Google Sheets](#)

### **A LETTER FROM MRS. MASON**

Included in this Home Announcements is a letter from our School Counselor, Mrs. Mason, explaining some of the services she provides for our students. Please be sure to read it in its entirety, and sign and return the attached form if you would like to utilize the services she can provide.

### **ONLINE ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S GRADES**

Sycamore Education is our web-based school information system. Attendance records and grades for students in grades 2 – 8 are recorded in this system. If you would like access to your child(ren)'s records and are not yet registered, please complete the attached form and send it into the office. We will then activate your account and email you your login information.



## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

The Sussex Christian Reformed Church welcomes children in grades 7 and 8 to attend Jr High Youth Group. This group meets on select Friday evenings from 7pm to 8:30 pm for devotions / Bible lesson and a time of games and activities. This year kicks off on Friday, September 28 at the church. Meet the leaders, sign up your child, and enjoy some refreshments. If you would like to register in advance contact the church office : 973-875-5591 or Troy Yanoff : 973-875-3877.

# 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



## SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Challenging the Mind, Strengthening the Spirit*

September 18, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

My name is Naomi Mason, and I am the school counselor here at SCS. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work with many of your children in various ways at different times throughout the school year. I may work directly with your child/children through their classes if/when invited in by the classroom teacher, individually if requested by you, a teacher, and/or your child, and through skills group sessions.

Through different skills groups, I can better support the spiritual, social, and emotional development of students, which has a positive influence on academic development and success. These small groups will focus on social skills, coping skills, problem solving skills, and character traits such as respect, empathy, kindness and more. We will meet once a week during the school day for approximately 30 minutes, most likely during lunch time.

Your children will have the opportunity to learn new skills and behaviors through applying scripture and discussing ideas, feelings, behaviors, attitudes, and opinions. The children will participate in a variety of activities relating to the group topic. These activities may include drawing, role-playing, relaxation exercises, board games, and practicing new behaviors.

As the parent/guardian, you can always feel free to contact me to discuss your child and his or her growth in the group. However, because counseling is based on a trusting relationship between the counselor and the students, the leader will keep the information shared by the members confidential unless school policy and/or ethical responsibilities require disclosure. These situations are quite rare and only relevant information will be shared if such occasion arises.

In order for your child to participate in a group, I will need your written permission. Please complete the attached permission form and send it back to school with your child to turn in to their classroom teacher. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at [nmason@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:nmason@sussexchristianschool.org) or by phone at 973-875-5595.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to work with your child/children!

Sincerely,

Naomi Mason, MA, CSW  
School Counselor



## STUDENT COUNSELING PERMISSION FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I give consent for my child to participate in group counseling. I understand that:

- The group will provide an opportunity for members to learn and practice social skills, interpersonal skills, discuss feelings, share ideas, practice new behaviors, and make new friends.
- Anything the group members share in group will be kept confidential by the group leader and group members will be asked to also keep everything that is shared in the group confidential
- This permission will remain in effect throughout my child's enrollment at Sussex Christian School.

Comments/Questions or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone number \_\_\_\_\_



## SYCAMORE EDUCATION ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Sussex Christian School is providing parent access to Sycamore Education to further promote educational excellence and enhance communications with parents. Sycamore Education allows parents to view their child's attendance, schedule, and grades anywhere, anytime. Sycamore Education is available to parents or guardians of students in grades 3 – 8 who are enrolled at Sussex Christian School. Users of Sycamore Education are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Access to information on Sycamore Education is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege. Parents/guardians agree to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner.
2. Parents/guardians agree not to share their passwords and logon name or allow anyone other than themselves to access Sycamore Education including their own child(ren).
3. Users will not access data or any account owned by another parent.
4. Parents/guardians will not attempt to harm or destroy data of their children or of another user.
5. Users agree to immediately report any security concern to the system administrator and that if a security issue is detected, not to discuss or demonstrate the problem to other users of the system.
6. Parents agree not set their computer to automatically login to Sycamore Education.
7. Sussex Christian School reserves the right to change passwords or deny access at any time.
8. Sussex Christian School and its service providers make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The school and its service providers will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on the system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, incorrect deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained from this information system is at your own risk. Sussex Christian School and its service providers specifically disclaim any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through this service.
9. Parents/guardians agree and understand that this service is offered as best effort. The school cannot troubleshoot home computer issues. Users are responsible for resolving any technical issues encountered when trying to access this system.
10. Parents will not use Sycamore Education for any illegal activity, including violation of data privacy laws. Anyone found to be violating laws will be subject to civil and/or criminal prosecution.
11. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to modify, harm, or destroy data and/or computer systems and/or computer networks. This includes but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services and legal action.

I have read this contract and understand that this service is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for Sussex Christian School and the service provider to protect against all potential electronic security breaches. Therefore, I hereby waive all claims against the school, its officers, agents, employees, and its service providers for damages occurring by reason of the use of the information system. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the system administrator. Misuse can come in many forms but can be viewed as the ability to view information of students other than my own or the ability to alter any information contained in the information system. I understand that any violation of the above provisions may result in the revoking of my user account and appropriate legal action.

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian #1

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian #2

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Parent/Guardian #1 Signature and Date

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Parent/Guardian #2 Signature and Date





**SYCAMORE EDUCATION  
ACCESS REQUEST**

I am requesting access to the Sycamore Education system. I have read and agreed to the provisions set forth in the Sycamore Education Acceptable Use Policy. Please activate my account and provide me with my user logon information.

Please note: Only one user logon and password is assigned per family. Logon names are determined by Sycamore Education and cannot be changed; however, you may change the password assigned to you by the System Administrator after logging on to Sycamore Education for the first time.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Account Activated: \_\_\_\_\_





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Dear SCS Families:

We are pleased to offer instrumental lessons to children in grades 4 – 8 this year! Lessons are available for the beginner player as well as for those who are experienced with their instrument.

Your child can choose from a variety of instruments and will have one 30-minute lesson on Monday afternoons in alternating time slots each week. Lessons will start on September 30th. The price for each student is \$300 for the year. Payments should be made directly to me via check, cash or Venmo. Full payment is due by September 30 or can be broken into 8 installments with the first installment of \$37.50 due by October 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining 7 installments of \$37.50 each due on the first Monday of each month.

This fee does not cover the cost of the instrument. Please reach out to a music store as soon as possible to find information on renting or buying an instrument. We recommend using The Music Den in Randolph (973.927.5800) or Sussex County Music (973.875.8717). If your child is interested in percussion, we have many different percussion instruments at the school, but it would be helpful to purchase a practice pad and drumsticks to practice at home. Instruments for students to choose from:

- Woodwinds: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
- Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn
- Percussion

Students taking lessons will also be a part of our SCS Band. Band practice will begin during the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period as part of the students' weekly schedule at no cost to the parents.

If your child would like to take part in this program, please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it no later than September 25. Please email me with any questions you may have at [rpachella@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:rpachella@sussexchristianschool.org).

In Service to Christ,

Mrs. Rebecca Pachella  
Music/Choral Teacher

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Plan:  Full Payment  8 Payments

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PRESENTS

## THE 45TH ANNUAL AUCTION & HARVEST DINNER

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- We humbly ask for your prayers for this event - for it to be a great success and a time of wonderful fellowship.
- The Harvest Dinner is an important part of this event. Please consider helping us spread the word and encourage the purchasing of tickets when they become available.
- If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please reach out to any of the auction committee members listed below.
- Consider donating an Item or Service to be auctioned off during our Oral or Silent Auction. Do you have a talent or gift or a service that you would like to donate? Do you know a family member or friend that has talents that they would want to share or be recognized for? Donations come in all shapes and sizes and showcase so many gifts. Please consider sharing your talents and gifts to the event.
- Look for information from your class basket coordinators about class baskets. This is an awesome way for students and parents to get involved in the auction! Class baskets are always a hit among our community! (See attached list of themes for this year!)
- Visit the Facebook Group Page for details from last year and invite others to join. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/386418712964134>) This is a private page so you will need approval to join.
- Come to the event! The 45th Annual Auction & Harvest Dinner is an amazing way to connect with the SCS community - please join us for great food and wonderful fellowship as we raise money for our school!

### Auction Committee Members:

- Amy Everett (862-266-6959)
- Annette Kuperus (201-400-3665)
- Breann Sytsema (845-772-2718)



- Larissa Gebauer (973-277-6120)
- Alex Little (201-874-0114)
- Kristin Tallamy (973-534-8980)

## SCS CLASS BASKET THEMES & COORDINATORS

It is our tradition that each SCS class donates a themed basket to be auctioned off at our annual Auction event. These baskets are always a huge hit in raising money for our school. The themes for this years class baskets are as follows, any combined baskets are due to class size:

1. Preschool 3 (Mrs. Clark): **"A Basket for a Rainy Day"**
  - Colleen Fox (973-600-4618 / cfox92912@gmail.com)
2. Preschool 4 (Mrs. Barlow): **"Everything but the Ice Cream"**
  - Candice Cusack (862-268-7018 / candi7686@gmail.com)
3. Preschool 4 (Mrs. Clark): **"Let's Get Crafty"**
  - Danielle Lordy (973-459-9609 / daniellelordy@gmail.com)
4. Kindergarten: **"Breakfast of Champions"**
  - Felicia Mann (201-841-1101 / feliciamann2@gmail.com)
5. 1st grade (Mrs. Bray): **"The Great Outdoors"**
  - Breann Sytsema (845-772-2718 / bhoogenhuis@yahoo.com)
6. 1st grade (Mrs. Rojo): **"Nacho Average Basket"**
  - Sarah Moore (973-222-4318 / ssledgeski@gmail.com)
7. 2nd grade: **"LEGO basket"**
  - Allie Gannon (845-325-5607 / allieshirv@gmail.com)
8. 3rd grade: **"Mad Scientist"**
  - Taylor Wilson (973-670-4199/taylor.wilson91986@gmail.com)
9. 4th grade: **"CHRISTmas basket"** (Please refrain from buying Santa, elf or Grinch themes; Think Nativity, snowmen, trees, gingerbread, etc.)
  - Kristin Woodell (973-945-7943 / kristinwoodell@gmail.com)
10. 5th grade: **"Instant Memories"**
  - Rachel Kuperus (201-218-2041 / rachelkuperus@gmail.com)
11. 6th grade: **"Yard Work Basket"**
  - Michelle Vellenga (845-629-8650 / michelle@wanderbusphotobooth.com)
12. 7th and 8th grade: **"The Ultimate Gift Card Basket"**
  - Trisha Bailey (973-900-1826 / jtbailey1030@gmail.com)

You will be contacted by your class basket coordinator with all the details you will need to know. If you have further questions, please contact Larissa Gebauer (larissa.ann94@gmail.com / 973-277-6120) or Amy Everett (amyeverett719@gmail.com / 862-266-6959).



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