



HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 5..... First Day of School for P3 and Grades K-8
- Sept. 6..... First Day of School for Preschool 4
Jeans Day for Students and Staff
- Sept. 10..... Milk Orders Due
OEL Meeting at 7 pm
- Sept. 12..... Soccer Game vs. Frankford (Away)
- Sept. 13..... Jeans Day for Students and Staff
- Sept. 14..... Fall Festival 10 am – 3 pm
- Sept. 16..... School Board Meeting at 6 pm
- Sept. 17..... Back to School Night
- 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 – 8th 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

WELCOME TO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed many blessings over the summer and are eager to get back to the excitement that a new school year has to offer. This year we have chosen "Come, Follow Me" as our theme with based on Matthew 16:24, which emphasizes the call to discipleship and following Jesus with unwavering faith. As we start this new school year together, let us remember that we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who was willing to give up everything so that we could have everlasting life. As His followers, we must also be willing to take up our cross, give up everything, and follow Him. The cross serves as a reminder of our Savior's great love for us and our call to follow Him. Take a step of faith and follow Jesus wherever He leads!



Much work was done this summer at school! As you enter the main entrance, you can't help but notice the beautiful new floors that were installed in the original wings of the building. We want to thank Charlie Kuperus for his dedication to this project and ensuring it was completed in a timely manner.

We also want to thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee and many volunteers for completing projects that needed to be done once the floors were finished. They worked countless hours these past several weeks to ensure school is ready for your children to start school tomorrow. If you see Nate Drew and John Kuperus, please be sure to thank them for their tireless efforts on this committee!

(cont'd)

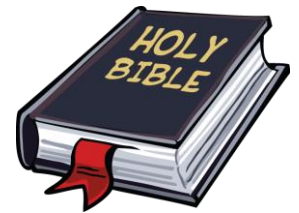
The faculty and staff were amazed at the transformation of the Teachers' Room. OEL gave it a much-needed makeover and it turned out beautiful! Thank you to the moms who worked so hard on this project – your efforts are very much appreciated!

We also have a new process to enter the main entrance this year. You must ring the bell located on the wall outside Mrs. Mitchell's office so that we can let you in the first set of doors. We will then unlock the interior set of doors to let you inside the building. This double layer of security has been recommended by the State Police, and we were able to complete this project with funding from our state security grant.

PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE

The Principal's Challenge encourages students to memorize a different passage each month. Our first challenge is to memorize Matthew 16:24 by September 30,

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"



A special treat awaits those who are successful reciting the verses each month! We hope you and your children will rise to the challenge to hide God's word in your hearts.

BEFORE/AFTERCARE

Both Before and Aftercare will start tomorrow. If you need to use either or both of these services, please be sure you have submitted the Registration form to the office.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Please mark your calendars to attend our Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 17 for families with children in grade Kindergarten through 8th grade. More information will be in next week's Home Announcements.

GYM DAYS

Children in grades K – 8 will have gym class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please be sure your children come dressed to school for gym class including tomorrow.

OEL MEETING

OEL will be meeting Tuesday night at 7 pm in the library. The hot topic will be the upcoming Fall Festival and how you can volunteer. We will also discuss this year's upcoming fundraisers. Please join us if you can. Any questions please contact Jen Kuperus 973-219-7790.

STAFF DIRECTORY

If you need contact information for a staff member, please go to our school's website page: [Faculty & Staff - Sussex Christian School](#)



JEANS DAYS

Students and staff can wear jeans on any Friday they chose provided \$1 is donated each time they do so. A charity will be picked each month by the Student Council and that charity will receive all money collected. We will announce in next week's issue who September's charity will be. Remember that jeans must be proper fitting (not too tight) and have no rips, tears, frayed edges, or holes and tops must still conform to SCS dress code!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to everyone born in September!

Peyton Kuperus
Elijah Mitchell
Olivia Morgan
Addison Schock
Haley Smith



Rieden Solar
Cole Soto
Taylor Sweetman
Hunter Wilson

T.R.I.P. REMINDERS

TRIP is again being held on Monday mornings. Here are a few reminders regarding the program:

- TRIP orders are taken at school on Mondays or can be placed online at any time. You can send orders in with your child or drop it off between 8:30 am and 9 am in the school library.
- If a holiday falls on a Monday, TRIP will be held on Tuesdays.
- Orders circled in red on your order are back ordered and will be received before the next Monday.
- If you need to place a large order for one or more stores, please give us at least one week's notice or plan on having your cards backordered.
- If you have any questions, please contact Felicia Mann at 201.841.1101 or feliciamann2@gmail.com.



DRINKS AND MILK

Children should bring water bottles each day which can be refilled at the bottle filling stations. Snapple can also be purchased at the vending machine for \$1.

White (1%) and chocolate milk are available for **\$58/semester for grades K – 8 and \$35/semester for full-time Preschool 4 children**. It will be provided to students free of charge through Tuesday, Sept. 10. After that, only students who have purchased milk will receive it during lunch. Submit your orders using the following link and send payment into school marked "Milk Money" along with your child's name written on it. Checks should be made payable to Sussex Christian School.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aa0sVAsLMz>

LUNCH INFORMATION

Children should come to school each day with snacks and a lunch. (Those enrolled in half day programs will only need to bring a snack.) **Please remember that we are a Peanut/Nut Free School.** A freshly prepared hot lunch is served on Wednesdays and pizza with a snack is available on Fridays for those wishing to purchase it. **The Friday pizza program will start this Friday, Sept. 6. The Wednesday Hot Lunch program will start on Wednesday, Sept. 11.** Each lunch costs \$3. You can either send in cash with your child on days lunch is provided or order a coupon book containing 10 lunch tickets for \$30. To order books of tickets, send \$30 cash or check (payable to SCS-OEL) in an envelope marked with your child's name and "Lunch Tickets". Tickets will be sent home with the child indicated on the envelope.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	9/6 – Pizza and Snack
9/11 – Chicken Nuggets and Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	9/13 – Pizza and Snack
9/18 – Twin Soft Tacos with Salad	9/20 – Pizza and Snack

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve Wednesday hot lunches. Hours are from approximately 10:45 am – 1 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please use the link below to review the schedule and enter your name in an open spot on the day you wish to help. Hours worked can be submitted for Volunteer Tuition Credits.

[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2023-2024 - Google Sheets](#)

PARENT REACH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM LIST

SCS uses an emergency phone notification system called “Parent Reach” that sends a voice and text message to parents alerting them to school closings, delays, and any other important information that needs to be quickly communicated. If you have someone other than yourself that you would like to be added to the call list, please contact the office.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

SCS has a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that would be activated in case of an emergency at school. This plan is reviewed each year by state and local officials to ensure we are following their recommended procedures to keep your children as safe as possible. Drills are practiced with students and staff on a monthly basis according to state regulations. If an emergency were to occur at school, we ask that parents be aware of the following information:

- You will receive a phone call via our Parent Reach notification system alerting you to the type of emergency.
- All parents are expected to comply with directions given as your children's safety is our top priority.
- **NO ONE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OR COME TO THE SCHOOL UNTIL NOTIFIED.** You will not be permitted to gain access to the building or premises until we have received permission from the authorities. We will keep you updated via additional Parent Reach calls as often as possible.
- Local authorities will assume full authority and control of the situation upon their arrival, and we will follow their directions.
- If necessary, a reunification location will be established off site where you will be able to pick up your children. This reunification location will be announced through a Parent Reach phone call.
- Students must be signed out by a parent or an individual you have authorized on the Emergency Information Form. **Students will only be released to these individuals.**
- An SCS staff member will be given authority to coordinate and oversee the release of your children.

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 contact the office for the necessary forms or download them from the school's website.



FALL FESTIVAL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We hope everyone is planning to attend our Fall Festival next Saturday, September 14 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds! Please see the attached volunteer list and see where you may be able to lend a hand. Teenagers are encouraged to sign up as well. This is a great way to earn service hours! Please contact the person listed to sign up today!

FALL FESTIVAL HANDOUTS

The children will be coming home Friday with postcards advertising the Fall Festival. Please share them with your family and friends! Katie Klingler will also be handing out posters and yard signs during Friday dismissal that we hope you will display.

FALL FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE

Each year, we have an awesome and unique display at the Fall Festival called the Country Store. Here you will find tables filled with wonderful homemade delights made by school families. The Country Store has been very blessed over the years, profiting over \$4,000 per year. We have built quite an exceptional reputation in the community and cater to customers from near and far who come each year for our baked goods!



As with many areas of the Fall Festival, the continued success is not possible without you. **We ask each school family to bake six to eight items to be sold at the store. Many school families have “recruited” mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends to help bake, while offering a nice variety of items.** The top sellers are fancy cookies, pies, breads, bars, crumb cakes, and canning items such as pickles, fruits, vegetables, sauces, jams and jellies. Not very big sellers are brownies, cupcakes, and prepackaged store baked items, as they are easy to prepare and purchase. In addition, the Country Store looks fantastic when the items are decorated with a ribbon or raffia and put on a pretty plate or in a basket. (The dollar stores have some inexpensive ideas!) Just remember, **Appearance Sells!**

When preparing your items, please remember:

- Indicate the name of the item, as well as main ingredients (especially if it has nuts)
- Wrap all items with clear plastic wrap so customers can see what they are buying
- Do not price your items; the committee will do it for you
- All items are asked to be delivered to the school kitchen by 3 pm on Friday, September 16th or to the Country Store table by 9 am Saturday.
- Dress up your baked/canned item for a faster sale!

BAKE DAY – COME JOIN THE FUN!

A bake day will be held in the school kitchen on **Thursday, September 12th** from 8:40 am to 3 pm. Please consider joining us as we bake items for our store. Tuition credits are available for your assistance! Should you have any questions or are able to help during the baking day (even an hour or two is very much needed), please call Jen Kuperus 973.219.7790. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.**

COMMITTEE CORNER

The Board is so very appreciative of the Buildings and Grounds Committee! This small, 2 member committee, has worked tirelessly to ensure our beautiful facilities were ready to welcome our new Administrator, Mrs. Mitchell, her family and your children back for the 2024-2025 school year. The summer project list was lengthy, but we give thanks for the Lord's gift of strength, His provision of talented tradesman who shared their time and parents who helped complete the numerous tasks during the work nights. If you'd like more information about the Buildings and Grounds Committee and their current and future service opportunities, please contact Nathan Drew or John Kuperus. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

FINICAL PEACE WORKSHOP – A NOTE FROM THE LEADERS

Do you complain that "stuff" costs too much now-a-days? Ever ask yourself or your spouse "How in the world how will we ever afford it?" or "We work our butts off, for what? We can barely make ends meet as it is!!!! I know this for a fact, as my wife and I have asked those very same questions, in one form or another over the years of our marriage. Sometimes, the silence was deafening! We were almost never on the same page when it came to our finances. I always trusted her to make things work!

So, how did we get on the same page? How did we learn to communicate with each other about our finances? Well, let me tell you! Our church offered a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class in 2013, which we decided to attend. What did we have to lose? As it turned out, this became one of the best decisions that we ever made. At this course we learned about creating a zero-dollar monthly budget, how to save for that dreaded "Emergency" that was always lurking around the corner, just waiting to pounce on us. We also learned how to pay down our credit cards and eliminate any other debt, how to invest for our future, how to save for our children's college education as well as learning and understanding all the different types of insurance that are out there. But the most important thing that we learned was that all that we have is from our Lord and it is our responsibility to be good stewards of His Kingdom!!!

We had learned so much from taking this 9-week course and applying the "baby steps" to our personal lives back in 2013, that we felt God's calling to continue offering this course to those that are wanting to know how to manage their personal finances and so much more. Since facilitating our first class in 2018, we have helped 20 couples, and 7 single adults to obtain financial stability. With that said, we will once again be facilitating a 9 week "Financial Peace University" course beginning on September 19, 2024, at Sussex Christian School. We would like to extend this invitation to you to come and join us as we learn the Biblical principles on how to make your hard-earned finances work for you!!!

If you are unsure about this course, you are welcome to come to the first class and see what it's all about for free, yes free. If you like it and feel that God is leading you to continue taking this journey with us, we will help you get registered and get the materials to you as soon as possible. Please note there is a cost to sign up for this course, but it will be worth every penny as you invest in changing your future and family tree! Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions that you may have. We will do our best to answer them. You can also visit www.ramseysolutions.com for more information. To register for the class, go to <https://www.fpu.com/43A805>. To watch a video go to www.sussexcrc.org/fpu to Sussex Christian Reformed Church to learn more about our upcoming class and watch our video.

Rick & Judy Vander Ploeg | P: 973.534.0051 (Rick) | P: 973.534.1426 (Judy)
Email: 4vanderploegs@gmail.com

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