



**SUSSEX  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

## HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 20, 2024

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 22 .....	Jeans Day for Students & Staff – Bring in a Canned Good!
Nov. 25, 26.....	12:30 pm Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 27 .....	12:30 pm Dismissal: Start of Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28, 29.....	School Closed for Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3.....	Basketball Games vs. Ogdensburg: Boys-Away; Girls-Home
Dec. 5.....	Basketball Games vs. Northwest: Boys-Home; Girls-Away
Dec. 7.....	Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Dec. 10.....	JV Basketball Games vs. Hamburg – Home
Dec. 12.....	Basketball Games vs. Franklin: Boys-Home; Girls-Away
Dec. 13.....	Parent Academy: Facing Fears & Anxiety through Prayer at 7 pm
Dec. 19.....	Christmas Program Grades P4 – 8 <sup>th</sup>

### **THANKS FOR THE FEAST!**

We would like to thank everyone who donated turkeys and volunteered time to help prepare today's delicious Thanksgiving Feast! Everyone looks forward to this special luncheon each year, and we appreciate everyone's hard work to put it together for us!

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

Letters notifying you of your parent-teacher conference appointment times were sent home on Monday. If you have a conflict with the date/time specified, **please call the office as soon as possible so we can try to reschedule. Please be sure to arrive on time** for your conferences as they are scheduled back-to-back, and we must stay on schedule.

### **TRIP NOTE**

TRIP **will not** be held next week due to the short school week.

### **OUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP – TIME TO SURROUND IT WITH GIFTS!**

We've put our Christmas tree up by the office and would love to see it surrounded with gifts! We have partnered with Project Self-Sufficiency in their efforts to provide gifts for less fortunate families during Christmas. Please consider donating to this great cause! All gifts must be brought to school by December 6. Please see the attached flyer for complete information.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Our DELICIOUS annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 7:30 am until 10:30 am in the gym! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3-12, and those 2 and under are free. Tickets are available from any junior high student and will also be available at the door. You may also contact the school office at 973.875.5595 or [office@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:office@sussexchristianschool.org).



## VENISON DINNER

Tickets are on sale now for a Venison Dinner being held in the school gym on January 25 from 5 pm to 8 pm to benefit Christian education in Sussex County. Please see the attached flyer for complete details and ticket information.

## WINTER'S ON THE WAY – PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY!

Please remember to dress your children appropriately for outdoor play during the winter months. They will continue to have recess outside, weather permitting, and must have coats on in order to go outdoors. They must wear snow pants and boots if they wish to play in the snow (when it arrives). A rule of thumb is that if the temperature is above 15°, they will go outside to play.



## SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our school normally follows the Sussex-Wantage school district regarding delayed openings, closings, and early dismissals. Whenever we close or delay school, we will activate our Parent Reach Notification system. If a 90-minute delay is announced, please be aware that conditions may worsen and cause a full-day cancellation. In such a case, we will again send out another phone notification.



**Delayed Openings:** The school day will **start at 10:10 am**. If you drive your children to school on a delayed opening day, please **do not bring them any earlier than 9:50 am**. There is no one available to supervise your children prior to that time. **Before School Care is not available on these days as well. Note: Preschool 3 and Half Day Preschool 4 WILL NOT meet on days when we have a delayed opening.**

**Early Dismissals:** School closes **at 12:30 pm on early dismissal days** for all grades. **Preschools 3 and 4 children should also pick their children up at 12:30 pm.** (Note later pickup time for Preschool – this is to make dismissal lines run smoother for everyone.) **Aftercare will not be available on early dismissal days.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MINISINK & WARWICK BUS RIDERS:** **If your district is closed, but we are open, busing will not be provided for your children.** For **delayed openings**, the bus will pick students up based upon their delayed opening time. For early dismissals, they will pick students up based upon their closing time.



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH TRIP!

Get all your Christmas gift cards in one stop: TRIP! No need to visit the mall! Check out the abundance of retailers who have cards available through our program at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). **All orders need to be placed by 9 am on December 16** to ensure you have them in time for Christmas.

## ATTENTION BUS RIDERS!

**Sussex-Wantage:** Busing WILL NOT be available as follows:

- Nov. 22 (Friday): No pm transportation. Pick children up at 3:12 pm.
- Nov. 27 (Wednesday): No pm transportation. Early dismissal - pick children up at 12:30 pm.

**Minisink:** Busing WILL NOT be available on the following on Wednesday, November 27. Reminder - early dismissal. Pick children up at 12:30 pm.

## SCS PARENT ACADEMY

The Spiritual Development Committee invites you to attend an evening Bible Study, "**Facing Fear and Anxiety Through Prayer**," hosted by committee member and SCS parent, Frank Dollbaum on Friday, December 13 at 7 pm in the Science Room. The study will be anchored to Philippians 4:6-7 and 1 Peter 5:6-7 and will include scripture, personal experience and testimony to encourage others on how to deal with fear through prayer.

"Anxiety" seems to have become a popular term in society that people are willing to accept as a universal condition or acceptable state of living, but it is really a softer term for Fear. Scripture is clear in 2 Timothy 1:7 and 1 John 4:18 that fear of that type does not come from God. The study will demonstrate how to apply these scriptures and others, not simply study them. Fear comes at all of us, but it's not enough to just know what the scriptures say, its understanding and applying them as well. Ultimately, the evening will come to the point about Trust in God, and truly surrendering to Him as He instructs us to do. His peace won't come if we don't allow it.

This evening of encouragement is for our brothers and sisters in Christ to provide the tools to truly trust God and give Him all our worries, anxieties, fears, etc., so that we can experience and have His peace. Please join us!

## OEL MEETING NOTES

Thank you to everyone who attended the OEL meeting Monday night whether in person or online. It was so great to see so many people! We opened in prayer and with a devotional titled "Worry Finder or Hope Seeker" based on Romans 12:12 which says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." It was a great reminder to rejoice in hope and be constant in prayer, as well as to be patient in everything.

The Auction and Dinner committees were able to report an amazing night of fellowship for followers of SCS. **This year's fundraiser was able to raise of \$74,000!** To God be the Glory! Thank you to everyone who came to the dinner and the auction as well to everyone for their hard work and participation to make that evening such a great event to benefit SCS.

We discussed what OEL does and why we raise funds for the school. Examples of what the fundraising is used for is new gym equipment like pickleball nets and equipment, a much needed update to the teachers room that will better serve and function for the teachers, egg incubators, sound equipment for the play, outfitting more classrooms for the rapid growth of the school, and much more.

OEL is looking to organize another gently used SCS clothing swap! Please bring your SCS gear to your parent teacher conferences and place gently used clean clothing in designated boxes for other parents to pick up. You can also pick up clothing if you do not have any to bring to exchange. This will take place Monday and Tuesday after school during the parent teacher conferences.

We are planning to have a Walk a Thon for May 16, 2025. We need a committee formed to organize this. Committees work great with a few parents to take on the task together. If you think that this is something you would be able to do, please let Jen Kuperus know.

Our next meeting will be January 7, 2025. OEL wishes you all a blessed Thanksgiving and will see you in the new year!



*Congratulations* to the following students for their exceptional work during the 1st marking period!

**HIGH HONOR ROLL:**

**GRADE 8**

Alexandra Jeltema  
Selah Klotz  
Walker Kuperus  
Haley Smith  
Allison Sytsema  
Anika Thiessen

**GRADE 6**

Emma Dollbaum  
Piper Kuperus  
Madeline Nehrkorn  
Tristan Soto

**GRADE 5**

Lucy Brands  
Chivon Christolin  
Penelope Kuperus  
Kenzie Tallamy

**HONOR ROLL:**

**GRADE 8**

Brianna Bailey  
Frankie Dollbaum  
Sonja Drew  
Anhelina Torppey

**GRADE 7**

Naomi Kuiken  
Stella Kuperus  
Elijah Mitchell

**GRADE 6**

Sara Esquivel  
Emma Mihalik  
Lillianna Ruppert  
London Serrano  
Skyler Vellenga

**GRADE 5**

Charlotte Ruppert  
Nathan Smith  
Rieden Solar  
Harper Tilley

## **Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for November 14, 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: Christine Byma, Nick Kuperus, Marlene Meyers, John C. Kuperus, Casey Sytsema, Nathan Drew, Alison Mitchell and Ken Jeltema.

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Nathan Drew read from Our Daily Bread and Luke 18:1-8. Persist in Praying. Always pray and not give up. We persist because we have faith that God will respond in perfect wisdom to our situation.

Member Development: President Christine Byma reviewed pages 9 – 15 of the Faculty Handbook – Instructional Policies. The Board reviewed the SCS staff's expectations in teaching the class, homework, and the grading scale.

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

Financial Reports: The financial reports for September and October were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. The committee is pleased to announce that the new, beautiful flooring project is paid in full thanks to the combined, generous financial support of SCS community members! The Board gives thanks to Mr. Charles Kuperus, the Finance Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their dedication to improving the school building.

Old Business: The Board continues to reach out and welcome the numerous new families to SCS. The Board is encouraged by all the positive feedback received! The Board is happy to report that the 3 schools' event, The Sportsman's Classic, was a huge success! Thank you to all who supported this event whether through participation and/or prayer. SCS looks forward to hosting the next two 3 schools' events: the first being a Joint Prayer Service, on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and then the Venison Dinner, on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Old Business concluded with the Board discussing the continued search for a School Resource Officer. Please know that it is a priority of the Board to ensure the safety of the students and staff at SCS. We are working diligently and praying fervently for the Lord to help us fill the position with the person of His choosing.

Mrs. Mitchell reported on Sussex Christian School administrative items: The Board gives thanks that school has welcomed 3 new families into the SCS family for the 2024-2025 school year. The Junior High play this year will be Fiddler on the Roof.


Committee Reports were provided to the Board. The Spiritual Development Committee invites you to a Parent Academy "Facing Fear and Anxiety through Prayer" on December 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Frank Dollbaum. The 3 Schools Quarterly meeting was discussed, and a note of praise for our collective communities and their warm acceptance and committed support for the joint unity agreement.

New Business was discussed. As a follow-up to the Harvest Dinner and Auction, the Board gives thanks to those who planned, prepared and presented such an enjoyable night filled with good food and fellowship, all while joining friends and families together to support the mission of Sussex Christian School! Thank you, OEL, Auction Committee and the many, many volunteers!


The meeting was closed in prayer for the school families, teachers and staff.

Next Board meeting December 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Meyers, Secretary



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



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	11/22 – Pizza and Snack
11/27 – No Hot Lunch Due to Early Dismissal	11/28 – School Closed
12/4 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Christine Solar, Ame Kummer, Annette Gebauer Need 1 More Volunteer	12/6 – Pizza and Snack

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you help with an upcoming Hot Lunch? Hours are 10:30 am until 1 pm. Use this link to sign up – thank you!**  
[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2024-2025 - Google Sheets](#)

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

Sussex Christian Reformed Church Junior High Youth Group meets Friday, November 22 from 7 - 8:30 pm at the church.

**LIVE NATIVITY**

Frankford Plains United Methodist Church will be having a live Nativity on Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 pm. There will be live animals, refreshments for all and crafts for children.



# SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jr. High

# Pancake Breakfast



## Saturday, December 7

Serving from 7:30am- 10:30am

### Tickets

Adults: **\$12**

Children (3-12): **\$10**

Children 2 & under: **FREE**

Pancakes  
Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Hot & Cold Drinks

For more  
information call  
**(973)875-5595**

51 Unionville Avenue • Sussex, NJ

**\*Snow Date: 12/14**





# VENISON Dinner



*Supporting Christian Education in Sussex County*

HOSTED BY SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**January 25th, 2025 5 pm — 8 pm**

Hot/Cold Appetizers • 4 Course Dinner • Dessert

Birch Beer, Root Beer, Coffee, Tea, Iced-Tea, Water included

Door Prizes • Entertainment by Tim VanderGroef

**\$50** / per person / limited tickets available

**SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

51 Unionville Ave., Sussex, NJ



**RSVP:** Please scan the QR code or call the school 973-875-5595 x217

— No Alcohol Served or Permitted In or On Premises —



42ND ANNUAL  
**Fall Craft Fair**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024  
10 AM - 4 PM**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
37 PLAINS ROAD, AUGUSTA NJ**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**OVER 100 JURIED CRAFTER TABLES  
IN 3 BUILDINGS!**

**FOOD CONCESSIONS INCLUDE:  
CHILI, NACHOS, HOTDOGS, AND  
FRESH BAKED DESSERTS!**

**BAKE SALE TABLE OFFERS  
HOMEMADE DESSERTS AND NCS'S  
FRESHLY FROZEN HOMEMADE  
APPLE PIES!**

**FOR INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.NCSNJ.ORG](http://WWW.NCSNJ.ORG)**

**ONLY SERVICE ANIMALS, AS DEFINED BY  
THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT,  
WILL BE PERMITTED.**



# 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