



**SUSSEX
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 11, 2024

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 12..... Mid-way Point of 2nd Marking Period
Basketball Games vs. Franklin: Boys-Home; Girls-Away
- Dec. 13..... Parent Academy: Facing Fears & Anxiety through Prayer at 7 pm
- Dec. 16-20 School Spirit Week – See attached flyer for details!
- Dec. 16..... Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball Games vs. Stanhope (Away)
- Dec. 17..... Basketball Games vs. Hardyston: Boys-Away; Girls-Home
- Dec. 19..... Christmas Program Grades P4 – 8th
- Dec. 20..... 12:30 pm Dismissal: Start of Christmas Break
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 1..... School Closed for Christmas Break and New Years Day
- Jan. 2..... Classes Resume Session
School Board Meeting at 6 pm
- Jan. 7..... OEL Meeting at 7 pm in the Library

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our November food drive for the Sussex Help Center and to our toy drive for Project Self-Sufficiency! Twenty-three bags of groceries were collected and nearly 100 gifts were donated!

WHAT A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!

We hope you were able to attend Saturday's Junior High Pancake Breakfast. If not, you missed a good one! Over 300 tickets were sold! Thank you to Steve Mihalik and Frank Dollbaum for heading up the breakfast. They did a great job and want to pass on this note of thanks to everyone:

"All praise, thanks and glory to God for blessing us and our Pancake Breakfast! Mr. Mihalik and I would like to thank everyone who participated because we could not have done it without the Lord and without you! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and served, thank you to everyone who sold tickets, thank you to everyone who donated, thank you to everyone who came, thank you to everyone who prayed and thank you to everyone who participated and supported in any other way! The Lord truly blessed us in every way possible and made it a great event not just because we raised money for our middle school students, but we believe everyone who came to eat left more blessed than they were when they had arrived! We are so blessed to be a part of such an amazing community of brothers and sisters in Christ here at SCS! Thank you again and God bless you all!"

~ God bless you, Frank Dollbaum III and Stephen Mihalik III

MID-MARKING

Tomorrow marks the midway point of the 2nd quarter. Teachers will have grades updated by next Thursday, December 19 so please check on your child's progress on Sycamore at that time.

DEADLINE TO ORDER VENISON DINNER TICKETS APPROACHING!

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. **Last day to order tickets is January 3, 2025.**



ONE MORE WEEK TO ORDER FROM TRIP!

Still need to purchase gift cards for Christmas? No problem! You still have one more chance to order them effortlessly through TRIP! The final TRIP order before Christmas will be placed this Monday, December 16, which will be the final TRIP day for 2024. **Be sure to either place your orders online or submit them to school by 9 am Monday.** TRIP will resume on Monday, January 6.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

Due to capacity limits of the gym, we must keep attendance at the Christmas program limited to immediate family members and grandparents. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NOTES AND DRESS CODE

This year's Christmas program will take place on Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm in the school gym. All children in Preschool 4 through 8th grade will be participating. Children should be dressed as follows:

- Preschool 4: Dress the children appropriately for a Christmas program. No set rules other than no denim or shirts with graphics/logos.
- Grades K – 8: Boys should wear dress pants with a collared shirt and the girls wear dresses, dress pants or skirts with a nice blouse or top. Tops for both boys and girls should be in Christmas colors: Red, Green, or White. **NO DENIM.**



Mrs. Pachella will reach out directly to you if your child plays a part that requires different attire.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	12-13 – Pizza and Snack
12/18 – Appetizer Smorgasbord Workers: Rebecca Scott, Susan Pullis, Jenny Higgins and Sarah Goodwin	12/20 – Early Dismissal: No Lunch

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED! Can you help with an upcoming Hot Lunch? **There are still 2 weeks in January with no volunteers at all** 😞 Hours are 10:30 am until 1 pm. Use this link to sign up – thank you!

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



BASKETBALL SKILLS CLUB FOR 3rd & 4th GRADERS

Last week all 3rd & 4th grade parents received an email with information and a registration form for a Basketball Skills club starting in January. If your child would like to participate, **please be sure to send the completed form to school by the end of this week.**

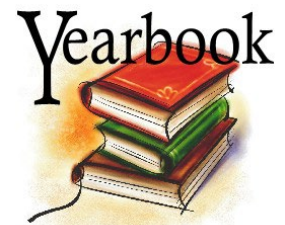
LANDSCAPER/GROUNDSKEEPING COMPANY NEEDED

SCS is seeking an insured Landscape/Grounds Maintenance company for a 1-year contracted term, January 2025 through December 2025. Interested companies should prioritize preserving the health and aesthetics of SCS's outdoor spaces and be committed to undertake activities which leave the grounds of SCS clean, beautiful and orderly for the present and the long-term. Please email office@sussexchristianschool.org for a complete job description.

YEARBOOK ADS – RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

It's time to reserve space to send a special message to this year's graduating class or to a particular graduate. The deadline to order an ad is **Thursday, December 19**. Space is available in full page, half page, quarter page, and 1/8 (Business Card) page sizes. You can design the ad yourself or we can design it for you. We must have your ad information (i.e., pictures, text, etc.) submitted no later than January 31 if we will be designing it or by March 15 if you will be creating it. Use the following link to reserve your space. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DMg7WMqnTd>



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. This evening of encouragement will provide you with the tools to truly trust God and give Him all our worries, anxieties, fears, etc., so that we can experience and have His peace. Light refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP to Frank Dollbaum at dollbaum26@gmail.com.**

KIDS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION FUNDRAISER

Royal Buick GMC is having an art competition fundraiser for students in our school as well as Northwest Christian and Veritas Christian Academy. The theme for the competition is "Royal GMC". Types of creative art include, painting, photography, dance, graphic design, poetry, sculpture and several others. Our school will receive \$50 for each submission and the school with winning entries in each of the 5 different categories will receive an additional \$1000! Please see attached flyer for complete details and encourage your children to participate! All entries must be submitted no later than December 21.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Sussex CRC will host a BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, December 30, from 1 pm-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those looking to donate should remember to eat a good meal beforehand, drink plenty of water, and to bring an ID. Walk-ins can be taken, but scheduling an

appointment is best. More information and a link to sign up can be found on the attached flyer.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sussex CRC's Junior High Youth Group will meet this Friday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the church.

Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for December 5, 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, Ken Jeltema, Marlene Meyers, John C. Kuperus, Casey Sytsema, Nathan Drew, and Alison Mitchell.

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Assistant Treasurer, Casey Sytsema read from Psalm 86 and a devotional focusing on leadership. David showed himself to be both a leader and a servant. The Board was encouraged to reference Psalm 86 in our leadership roles.

Member Development: President Christine Byma reviewed pages 15-20 of the Faculty Handbook – Relational Policies. The Board discussed the benefits of fostering positive relationships through telephone conversations. The Board tasked Mrs. Mitchell to encourage the faculty and staff to prioritize the use of phone calls for parent/teacher communications over emails. The Board also discussed the recent parent/teacher conferences and are thankful for this opportunity for the parent and teacher to exchange support for one another in jointly caring for the child.

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 October and November were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. It was noted that the school continues to be blessed by the generosity of our supporters through the giving of charitable gifts and church offerings. The Board thanks all those who have made donations.

Old business was discussed. Mark your calendars for the Parent Academy hosted by Frank Dollbaum this Friday evening, from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Science Room, the Joint Prayer Service, hosted by SCS on Thursday, January 9 and the Venison Dinner, hosted by SCS on January 25.

Mrs. Mitchell reported on Sussex Christian School administrative items: She gives praise to the Lord that He continues to work in the hearts of new families to lead them to seek a Christian Education for their children! There continues to be lots of interest in SCS with possible new families looking to enroll their children for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Mitchell was very excited to inform the Board that the students are very busy preparing for the Christmas program.

Committee Reports were provided to the Board. The Board gives thanks to Dynamic Mechanical Service LLC for donating their time, talents and supplies to help with a few heating problems. SCS is blessed by the generosity of our community!

New Business was discussed. The Board continues to review the Strategic Plan to ensure Sussex Christian School, its Administration, Board and Committees are engaged and committed to meeting key standards to keep SCS thriving.

The meeting was closed in prayer for the school families, teachers, and staff. Next Board meeting January 2, 2025.

~Respectfully submitted, Marlene Meyers, Secretary



SCS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 16 - 20

MONDAY - 16

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Dress like an Animal or Character from the Manger

TUESDAY - 17

LET IT SNOW!

Dress like a Snowman

WEDNESDAY - 18

STAY COZY!

Wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater

THURSDAY - 19

BE SWEET!

Dress like a Candy Cane

FRIDAY - 20

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Wear your coziest Christmas PAJAMAS

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL JUDGE A
DOOR DECORATING CONTEST
DURING SPIRIT WEEK

Ticket Order
Deadline Friday,
January 3, 2025



Limited Tickets
Available!



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 —



Royal Art Challenge 2024



Who: All current students from Northwest Christian School, Sussex Christian School, and Veritas Christian Academy are eligible to enter one piece of original art.

Submissions may be works of graphic design, painting, photography, film, sculpture, multimedia, dance, musical or spoken-word performance, poetry, or any other creation that can be reasonably defined as “creative art”.

Artwork needs to be photographed or videoed by a parent and sent to royalart@royaladvantage.com. We'd love if you also posted on social media and tagged us! (Instagram: [royal_buick_gmc](#) Facebook: [Royal Buick GMC](#))

Theme: Royal Buick GMC

Dates:

November 25 (submission begins)

December 21 (submission closes)

Please include artist's name, grade and school because Royal will donate \$50 to the appropriate school for each entry!

Winners will also be chosen (and their school awarded an additional \$1000!) by a panel of judges and a public vote for each of the following categories:

- Creativity
- Originality
- Relevance to Royal
- Artistry
- Impact

* By submitting artwork, parents grant permission for their children's artwork and first name to be used online.



Give blood, stay snug.

Choose between socks or a beanie
when you come in to give.



SUSSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:00PM – 7:00PM

49 Unionville Ave, Sussex

All presenting donors will get to choose our custom holiday donor socks or our custom winter hat/beanie, along with refreshments, and help save up to 3 lives during a critical week for blood donations.

Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are still welcome. To sign up scan the QR-code or visit nybc.org/sponsor and use code **71395** or call 1-800-933-2566.

Any further questions contact Kristen at Kreutter@nybc.org

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.



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