



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 19	Christmas Program Grades P4 – 8 th
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
	Basketball Games vs Ogdensburg: Boys-Home; Girls-Away
Jan. 9	Basketball Games vs. Northwest: Boys-Away; Girls-Home
Jan. 14	JV Boys and Girls Basketball Games vs. Hamburg: Away
Jan. 15	JV Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Games vs. Stanhope: Home

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NOTES

Our Christmas program will take place this
Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm in the school gym.



Here is some important information for the program:

- All children in Preschool 4 through 8th grade will be participating.
- Children should arrive at 6:45 PM, through the gym doors, leave their coats with their parents, then report to their homeroom.
- Preschool 4: Please save your child a seat as they will be dismissed to you upon completing their songs.
- Doors will open for general seating at 6:50 pm.
- **Parking**: Please park in the lower church parking lot and walk up to the gym. We would like to leave the gym parking area available for the elderly and those with trouble walking.
- **Dismissal**: One parent should go to the bleachers to pick up their child after the program. Children will be dismissed directly to their parents by their teachers.
- Grandparents are invited to the program.
- Children should dress as follows:
 - Preschool 4: Dress the children appropriately for a Christmas program. 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 PLEASE.**



Dear Sussex Christian School Families,

As we approach the most joyful season of the year, I am reminded of the profound beauty and simplicity of the Christmas story. In Luke 2:10-11, the angel proclaimed to the shepherds, *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

At Sussex Christian School, we are blessed to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas: the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King. In the busyness of holiday preparations, it is easy to lose sight of the heart of this season—God’s incredible love for us, revealed through the birth of His Son. This is also a season to reflect on our calling to follow Jesus more closely, letting His light shine through our lives as a testimony to His love and grace.

This time of year, also serves as a reminder of the calling God places on our lives and the mission of SCS: *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.* The Christmas story itself reflects this mission, as we see how God called ordinary people—like Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds—to live fully for Him, to trust His plan, and to carry the hope of Christ into a broken and ever-changing world.

This year, our students and staff have embraced this mission in remarkable ways. From service projects that bless our community to classroom discussions that engage hearts and minds with God’s truth, we see evidence of lives being shaped by Christ’s love and the unchanging foundation of His Word. Together, we are equipping young people not just to navigate the challenges of today but to transform their world as lights for Christ.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate, let us hold fast to the peace and joy that Christ brings. He is Emmanuel, God with us, and because of Him, we have a hope that endures through every season of life.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Sussex Christian School, I wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas. May your homes be filled with His presence, your hearts with His peace, and your lives with His everlasting love.

In Christ,

Alison Mitchell
Administrator

MID-MARKING

We are passed the midway point of the 2nd quarter. Teachers in grades 4 - 8 will have grades updated by tomorrow. Please check on your child's progress on Sycamore at that time and contact the appropriate teacher with any concerns.

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.**

2025-2026 CLOSED ENROLLMENT PERIOD

This year has been another great year for enrollment at SCS, with so many new families joining the school! Preschool 3, Preschool 4 (full day), Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 4th grades are all full classes, and we have limited seats available in several other grades. Praise the Lord!



Re-enrollment
for Next School Year

With the number of new families already reaching out with interest in enrolling in the 2025-2026 school year, we will be offering a **Closed Enrollment period for ALL GRADES to our current SCS families from January 6 to January 20, 2025.** A link to re-enroll your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 academic school year will be emailed to all current families on January 6 along with instructions. You will access the FACTS Enrollment portal using your existing credentials. If you do not reenroll your child(ren) by January 20, 2025, we cannot guarantee your child a seat in a full class even if you have other children attending the school. Seats will be reserved in the order the applications are completed. **If you have a new child you wish to enroll, please contact the office for instructions.** New Student Applications for current SCS families are also due January 20, 2025, for existing SCS families.

On January 21, open enrollment will start. New families who have completed the admissions process will be offered any remaining seats available in classes they are applying for. Current SCS families re-enrolling after the January 20 deadline will be offered any remaining seats in the order that applications are received. Once classes are filled, late registrants will be put in a wait pool until a seat becomes available or a new class is added to accommodate the growing population.

Registered families will, as always, have a two-week grace period after the publication of the next year's tuition rates to withdraw.

Please contact Rachel Kuperus at ext. 232 or rkuperus@sussexchristianschool.org with any questions regarding this enrollment period.

TRIP EARNINGS

TRIP payout amounts for your current earnings will be applied to your next tuition payment due unless you notify Mrs. Walther **by 3 pm tomorrow** that you want it applied to a different month(s). If you have any questions, please contact the office.



MILK NOTE

Due to our delivery schedule for milk, we will not have milk for the children tomorrow through Tuesday, January 7. Our next delivery will not be until Wednesday, January 8. Please be sure to send your child in with a drink.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	12/20 – Early Dismissal: No Lunch
1/8– Hamburgers and French Fries NO WORKERS – WILL BE CANCELLED IF WE CANNOT GET VOLUNTEERS	1/10 – Pizza and Snack

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](#)

MOMMY AND ME CLASS

We are excited to announce the start of Mommy and Me classes! These classes are an early learning program for children 20 months to 3 years old with an adult to interact in a preschool environment including movement and music, interactive circle time, social development, art and stories. They will be held 4 Thursday mornings each month from 9 am until 10:30 am. January's classes will start on the 9th and the theme is "Snow/Winter". The cost for each month is \$50. If you would like to register for the January session, please contact the office for a registration form. Please note that space is limited so registrations will be accepted in order received. Siblings are not allowed.



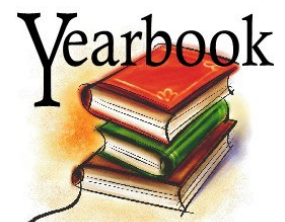
SCS GEAR

In addition to our supplier for gym clothing, Squadlocker has created an online store to carry additional higher end items/brands for parents and kids. Please see the attached flyer to access the store. The online store for our gym clothing and hoodies/sweatshirts will open again for orders starting on January 2 so look for information on that coming home after the new year.

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>



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

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 for a Christmas celebration. Bring a \$5 wrapped item for the exchange. Refreshments will be served.

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.



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 —



Sussex Christian School

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- ✓ **STORES NEVER CLOSE**
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