



**SUSSEX
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 19, 2025

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Feb. 20 Basketball Awards
- Feb. 21 \$1/bag Used Book Sale for Students
Jeans Day for Students and Staff
- Feb. 22 Baked Ziti Dinner Sponsored by 6th – 8th Grades
- Feb. 28 Jeans Day for Students and Staff
- March 4 Mid-marking Point of 3rd Quarter
- March 2-9 Love of Reading Week – **See Attached Corrected Schedule**
- March 10 OEL Meeting at 7 pm in the Library
- March 13 School Board Meeting at 6 pm
- March 25 Virtual School Roundtable Meeting at 7 pm
- March 31 School Association Meeting at 7 pm
- April 4 Junior High Performance of “Fiddler on the Roof” at 7 pm
- April 5 Junior High Performance of “Fiddler on the Roof” at 2 pm

TRACK & FIELD TEAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We continue to accept Track & Field registrations through February 28. This team is open for students in grades 5 – 8. Mrs. Kim Bennett will be the coach with practices beginning in mid-March. Please remember that your child must have an up-to-date NJ Sports Physical in order to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Meyers at sports@sussexchristianschool.org.



TRANSPORTATION FORMS FOR 2024-2025

Please be sure to submit your transportation forms for the 2025-2026 school year by February 28. These forms are required to secure transportation for your child(ren) for the coming school year or to be eligible to receive payment in lieu of transportation. One form must be completed for each child who will be enrolled in **Kindergarten through 8th grades** next year. If you have any questions or need printed copies, please contact Mrs. Walther.

VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT SUBMISSION

If you have Volunteer Tuition Credit hours to submit, please do so through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Fbd4jCNLPm> It can also be accessed through the School Forms link on our website on the “Parents” page.

USED BOOK SALE FRIDAY!

We will have a \$1/bag used book sale for the students on Friday, February 21 to make room for new books in the library. If you would like your child(ren) to be able to get some oldies but goodies, simply send in \$1 and they can take as many as they can fit in the bag they will be given 😊

I55 BOOK FAIR

OEL is again hosting an I55 Book Fair! It will be held March 3 – 7 during the “Love of Reading Week. I55 is a Christian business that works with schools to provide quality, age-appropriate literature to the next generation of readers. This book fair has been hugely successful for us in the past! Here is how the week will work:



Wish List Days - Monday and Tuesday, March 3 & 4: Each class has signed up for a time for students to visit the Book Fair and create a wish-list to bring home to their parents.

Purchase Days – Wednesday and Thursday, March 5 & 6: Each class has signed up for a time for students to go to the Book Fair to purchase books. Payments can be cash, credit card or check (made to Sussex Christian School - OEL).

Parent Day – Friday, March 7: Parents will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and make purchases. Parents should enter school through the gym lobby – not the main entrance.

If you would like to shop with your child, teachers have asked that you come on the following days/times. Enter through the gym entrance and we will get your child for you.

- Preschool 3: Thursday, March 6 between 11 am and 11:45 am
- Preschool 4 Half Day: Wednesday, March 5 between 11:45 am and 12:25 pm.
- Kindergarten: Wednesday, March 5 between 1:50 pm and 2:30 pm.
- 1st Grades: Friday, March 7 between 8:50 am and 12 pm
- 2nd Grade: Friday, March 7 between 9:30 am and 10:10 am
- 3rd Grade: Friday, March 7 between 8:50 am and 9:30 am
- 4th Grade: Friday, March 7 between 11:45 am and 12 pm
- 5th Grade: Friday, March 7 anytime between 10:20 am and 11 am

Important Notes:

- There is a large selection of books and many copies of each one. If there are any books that are "oversold"; we will order them and deliver them to your students' classroom in about 2 weeks from the book fair end date.
- "Last Copy" books will be labeled with the student's name who wants it, and it will be sent home with that student on Friday, March 7. We need to hold onto the book until the end of the fair so others can see it and have it ordered for them if they want it.
- Forty (40%) of profits go towards books for the teachers' classrooms and library. In the past we have been able to fulfill all teachers' wish lists and most of the library wish lists.

How Can You Help??

OEL would greatly appreciate any volunteers who can spare some time to assist with the book fair. There are 4 different areas we need help. If you're available and interested, please sign up here: [2025 Book Fair Volunteer sign up - Google Sheets](#) (You can add your name to more than one time slot.) Your support would be invaluable in ensuring the success of this event.

1. Set Up: Date to be determined pending the delivery.
2. Wish List Days: March 3 & 4 - Help the younger students create their wish lists.
3. Purchasing Days: March 5 - 7 - Help students find books on their wish lists and assist with purchases.
4. Clean up and pack up the books into boxes: March 7

Finally, if you have any Jungle decorations we could borrow or have any questions, please contact Felicia Mann at 201-841-1101 or feliciamann2@gmail.com.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	2/21 – Pizza and Snack
2/26 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Ame Kummer, Carrie Oostdyk, Kara Cannata Need 1 More Worker	2/28 – Pizza and Snack
3/5 – Baked Ziti & Salad Workers: Rebecca Scott, Sue Pullis, Jenny Higgins, Donelle DeCouto	3/7 – Pizza and Snack

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED! We need additional volunteers for many upcoming lunches. If we do not have enough workers signed up by the Friday before any given week, **lunch will be cancelled** 😞. **[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2024-2025 - Google Sheets](#)**

To purchase a book of 10 lunch tickets, simply send in \$30 cash or a check payable to SCS-OEL in an envelope with your child's name written on it.

VERITAS VINE

Interested in what's happening at Veritas Christian Academy? Here's a link to their weekly community communication: [Vine 2/14](#)

Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for February 13, 2025

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: President Christine Byma read from Our Daily Bread the devotional entitled *Out of Breath* as well as from Deuteronomy 5:12-15 - Observe the Sabbath Day. Life is busy, and we are all rushed, checking emails and pressure to meet deadlines. We have created a culture of rushing. We need to observe the sabbath day and rest as God has commanded.

Member Development: President Christine Byma reviewed page 2 of the 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook - "The School Mission". We reviewed Sussex Christian School's mission based on God's infallible Word, the Bible, and its explication in the ecumenical creeds and confessions of the Reformed tradition.

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Review of emails/papers/correspondence sent to the School Board were read and received for information and have/will be responded to accordingly. The Board is appreciative of all those who take the time to communicate their prayers, praises and/or concerns whether it be via in-person conversations, email, phone or text. Open and honest communication fosters strong and lasting relationships.

Thanks to the Lord's provision over SCS, the Board welcomed 3 new families into the Sussex Christian School community for the 2025-2026 school year. Please continue to pray that the good Lord continues to work in the hearts of more families and direct them to seek out SCS to provide their children a quality Christian education.

The Board looks forward to showing our support for the Junior High students at their Ziti Dinner this Saturday, February 22nd from 4:30 pm until 7 pm. The Board encourages all SCS families to attend and enjoy a delicious meal cooked and served by this wonderful group of students!

Financial Reports: The financial reports for December were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. Thank you to the Finance Committee for their diligent work on developing the proposed budget for the 2025/2026 school year. SCS is blessed with this great committee whose members are dedicated to keeping Christian education at SCS attainable and sustainable.

Old business was discussed. Thank you to all who attended and helped with the Venison Dinner. It was a great night of fellowship, and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the generosity of the VCA, NCS and SCS communities, the event was able to raise funds to support Veritas Christian Academy's mission and purpose to glorify God by teaching a Biblical worldview of life in a Christ-centered environment.

The Administrator's Report was reviewed. The Junior High Play practices are going well. The dates for this year's play are April 4th and 5th.

Committee Reports were provided to the Board. The Board gives thanks to each member for their willingness to share of their time and talents to serve Sussex Christian School in their various capacities. The Board encourages school families or association members interested in committee opportunities to please reach out to a committee or Board member.

New Business was discussed. President Byma gave a summary on the 3 Schools Quarterly meeting attended by Board Presidents, Board representatives and Administrators from VCA, NCS and SCS. The three schools are committed to building solid relationships as a priority to ensure a successful future for this unity agreement.

The Association Meeting will be held on March 31st at 7 pm. A virtual RoundTable will be held on March 25th at 7 pm for any questions that any association member wants to discuss before the in-person meeting.

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

Next Board meeting March 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Meyers, Secretary



Love of Reading Week!!!

**March 3-7 we will be celebrating our
love for reading!**

Monday, March 3: Dress as your favorite book character!

Tuesday, March 4: Wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday, March 5: Wacky Wednesday is Crazy Hair Day!

Thursday, March 6: Wear Silly Socks!

Friday, March 7: Wear readable clothes!
(Clothes with words on them)

Let's have fun celebrating **READING!**

If you have any questions, see Mrs. Bray

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	
	\$25	
Stop and Shop	\$10	
	\$25	
	\$50	
Subway	\$100	
	\$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