



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dear SCS Families,

As we head into Easter break, may your hearts be filled with the joy and hope of our risen Savior. May this time be one of rest, renewal, and sweet moments with family.

He is risen—He is risen indeed!

Mrs. Mitchell



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND GRADUATION

The School Board has set the **8th grade graduation date as Tuesday, June 17. The last day of school for students in grades Preschool 4 through 7th grade will be Wednesday, June 18** with an early dismissal.

2025-2026 STUDENT REGISTRATION

We thank all our families who took advantage of the Closed Enrollment period in January to register their child(ren) for the coming school year. As a reminder, registered families are given a two-week grace period after the publication of the next year's tuition rates to withdraw, which we have now passed.

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Attached is the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. We kindly request that you plan vacations during times school is not in session so your children do not miss important classroom instruction. Please note that dates for performances are tentative and subject to change if a conflict arises.

MILK AVAILABILITY

Please note that **milk will not be available on Monday and Tuesday** when we return from Spring break because our milk won't be delivered until Wednesday.

ATTENTION SUSSEX-WANTAGE BUS RIDERS!

Sussex-Wantage will not provide busing home tomorrow as they are having a half day of school. Please pick your child(ren) up at 3:12 pm.

FISH & CHIPS TAKEOUT DINNER TO BENEFIT SCS!

Fishers of Men at the Holland American Bakery will be having a Fish and Chips Takeout Dinner **this Friday from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm** to benefit the Achievement Center. Please stop by and grab a great dinner for a great cause!

SCS GYM CLOTHING – NEW ORDER PERIOD OPEN

Our school store through TeamOrders.net is **open to accept orders through midnight April 18**. You can place and pay for your orders directly online and then choose to have your order mailed directly to you or shipped to school for pickup. Items will be delivered within 2 to 3 weeks of the closing date. The next order period will be this summer. Here is a link to look at all the great things available: [Sussex Christian School 2025 | TeamOrders.NET](#)

WALK-A-THON

Our annual walk-a-thon will be held on May 16. Please see attached flyers for details on sponsor sheets. Please note: Color will not be used which is why the word "color" has been removed from the name of the walk.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently have the following openings for the coming school year:

- **Elementary Teachers:** Ideal candidates will have a heart for Christian education, a love for children, and the ability to create a dynamic and engaging learning environment. This position involves teaching core subjects while fostering students' spiritual and academic growth. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alison Mitchell at 973-875-5595 ext. 231 or amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org.
- **Full and Part Time Teaching Assistants:** Ideal candidates will have a heart for Christian education and a love for children. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alison Mitchell at 973-875-5595 ext. 231 or amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org.



Congratulations to the following students for their
exceptional work during the 3rd marking period!

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

GRADE 8

Brianna Bailey
Alexandra Jeltima
Selah Klotz
Walker Kuperus
Haley Smith
Allison Sytsema
Anika Thiessen
Anhelina Torppey

GRADE 6

Emma Dollbaum
Piper Kuperus
Madeline Nehrkorn
Tristan Soto

GRADE 5

Lucy Brands
Chivon Christolin
Kenzie Tallamy

HONOR ROLL:

GRADE 8

Dean Byma
Frankie Dollbaum
Sonja Drew
Regan O'Connor

GRADE 7

Naomi Kuiken
Elijah Mitchell

GRADE 6

Sara Esquivel
Lillianna Ruppert
London Serrano
Skyler Vellenga

GRADE 5

Penelope Kuperus
Emma Lee
Charlotte Ruppert
Nathan Smith
Harper Tilley

OEL MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to all who came out to last week's OEL meeting. A devotion was read on Psalm 16:8-9 "I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,"

We were able to wrap up our Gertrude Hawk Chocolate sales a few weeks ago with the chocolate being delivered last week. A huge thank you to all of those who participated as we raised over \$12,000 that will go towards updating the sound system in the gym. Praise God for His goodness! We hope to have the project completed by the start of school next year.

The I55 Book Fair was held in March during Love of Reading Week. OEL was able to purchase 159 books and 2 posters for the teachers' classrooms and the library. Thank you to everyone who supported the Bookfair; there are many happy students with their new books!

The Walk-a-thon will be held on May 16 in the afternoon. See attached information on how students can raise funds to help update the schools' facilities. Rain date will be May 29.

OEL asks for everyone's prayers for the Hot Lunch program as we search for a new coordinator. The hot lunch coordinator organizes volunteers and purchases items for each lunch. A great way to learn the duties is to shadow Felicia Mann as she is this year's coordinator. For more information, please contact her. We encourage you tell others about our search for this position.

OEL has Board elections every year and this year we need to elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary, which are all 2-year terms. The following individuals were nominated for the upcoming school year:

- President: Annette Kuperus
- Vice President: Felicia Mann
- Secretary: Katie Klingler

The OEL Board accepted Annette Kuperus's resignation as Deputy following this year's school term as she was nominated for the President's position. Because of this, Rachel Kuperus has been nominated to fulfill the remainder of the Deputy term, which is for 1 year. The OEL Board is thankful and grateful for those who have been nominated, and we pray that the elected Board members will have God's guidance with the Board for the next school year. We will be voting these nominations into board positions next month in our May meeting.

OEL has a welcome packet that was created for those new to the school or want to find out more of what OEL does. We are looking to update it. If you have any questions or would like to read it, please see one of the Board members.

Mrs. Bonney was at our meeting last month and would like to create a book nook for the students. If you have any ideas or any items that would help create a book nook, please see Mrs. Bonney.

Our next meeting will be held Monday May 5 at 7pm in the library. We hope to see you there as this will be the last meeting of the year.

~Sincerely, Jen Kuperus, OEL President

2025- 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONTH	DAY	WEEKDAY	DESCRIPTION	DAYS IN SESSION
September	1	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED- Labor Day	21 Days
	2	Tuesday	SCHOOL CLOSED- <i>Teacher In-Service Day</i>	
	3	Wednesday	First Day of School - Grades PK4, K-8th	
	4	Thursday	First Day of School - PK3	
	13	Saturday	Fall Festival at Sussex County Fairgrounds	
	17	Wednesday	PK4-8th Grade Pictures	
	18	Thursday	Back to School Night PK3-8	
October	10	Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED- <i>Teacher In-Service Day</i>	22 Days
	13	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED- Columbus Day	
	16	Thursday	PK3 Pictures and Retakes	
November	8	Saturday	Harvest Dinner and Auction	18 Days
	14 & 15	Thurs. & Fri.	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences	
	26	Wednesday	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM	
	27 & 28	Thurs. & Fri.	SCHOOL CLOSED- Thanksgiving Break	
December	6	Saturday	Jr. High Pancake Breakfast	17 Days
	22	Monday	Christmas Concert- Grades PK4-8	
	23	Tuesday	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM	
	24-31	Wed.-Wed.	Christmas Break: No School	
January	1-2	Thurs.-Fri.	New Year's Day- School Closed	19 Days
	5	Monday	School Resumes	
	19	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
February	16	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED: President's Day	19 Days
	21	Saturday	Jr. High Pasta Dinner	
March	13	Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED: <i>Teacher In-Service</i>	21 Days
April	2	Thursday	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM	16 Days
	3-10	Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED- Easter Break	
	24-25	Fri-Sat	Jr. High Play	
	28-5/1	Tues.-Fri.	Standardized Testing Grades 2&3	
May	4-8	Mon.-Fri	Standardized Testing Week Grades 4-8	20 Days
	14-16	Thurs.-Sat.	8 th Grade Trip	
	21	Thursday	Spring Musicale Grades PK4-5	
	22	Friday	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM Grandparent's Day	
	25	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED: Memorial Day	
	27	Wednesday	Student Showcase: Grades 3-8	
June	16	Tuesday	<i>EARLY</i> Dismissal- 12:30 PM Tentative Last Day	12 Days

- This calendar allows for 4 emergency closing days and 1 more Teacher Inservice Day. If more than 4 emergency closing days are needed, they may be added on to the end of the school year or taken away from Spring Break. If fewer days are used, they will be taken off the last week of June.
- The last day of school and graduation date will be set at the April 2026 School Board meeting.



SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Challenging the Mind, Strengthening the Spirit

2025 Sussex Christian School Walk-A-Thon

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men." - Ephesians 6:7

DATE: May 16, 2025 (Rain Date: May 29th, 2025)

WHERE: Sussex Christian School

TIME 1:00pm – 2:30 p.m.



Get ready for one of the most exciting events of the year—our **SCS Walk-a-Thon** is back! This fun-filled, school-wide event includes **Pre-K through 8th grade students** and is packed with energy, excitement, and awesome prizes.

What's the Walk-a-Thon?

The Walk-a-Thon is a fun, school-wide fundraising event where students walk laps around the school to help raise money for Sussex Christian School. It's a great way for students to enjoy time outdoors with classmates, get active, and support a meaningful cause. Friends and family can sponsor students for their participation, and all funds raised will go toward important **facilities upgrades** that will benefit all students at SCS.

What are we walking for?

This year's Walk-a-Thon will support facility improvements across our school campus. With your help, we'll be able to upgrade key areas like classrooms, common spaces, and learning environments—ensuring they remain safe, functional, and welcoming for our students. These upgrades will enhance the day-to-day experience for every child at SCS and reflect the care, quality, and Christian values that define our school. Your support helps us steward our campus well for both current and future generations.



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Prizes & Awards:

To qualify for prizes, each student must raise a minimum of \$50.

Individual Awards:

- One student in each class will be recognized for raising the most money.
- One student in each class will be recognized for walking the most laps.
- **ALL** students will be awarded a participation prize at the Walk-a-Thon as a special treat!!!!!!

Family Awards:

- Families who raise \$500.00 will receive a \$50.00 gift card of their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.
- Families who raise \$1,000 will receive a \$100.00 gift card of their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.
- Families who raise \$1,500 will receive a \$150.00 gift card to their choice from the gift cards available through TRIP.

Class Awards:

The class (based on average raised per student) that brings in the most money will win an ice cream party!

Deadline:

All sponsor sheets and money must be turned in by **May 23, 2025**, to be eligible for a prize.

Important Info for Parents:

On Walk-a-Thon Day, please ensure your child:

- Wears **sunscreen** and **sneakers** (no sandals or flip-flops)
- Brings an **extra labeled water bottle** (we'll provide a water station, but extras are welcome!)

Have questions? Contact **Alex Little** at (201) 874-0114 or amlittle116@gmail.com

Please keep this special event in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support of Sussex Christian School!



May 16th, 2025, 1:00-2:30pm
(Rain Date: May 29th)



Number of Total Laps: _____

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Cost \$3 or 1 lunch ticket



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.

WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	4/18 – Good Friday: School Closed
4/23 – Spring Break: School Closed	4/25 – Spring Break: School Closed
4/30 – Chicken Nuggets with Mashed Potatoes Workers: Rebecca Scott, Katie Klingler, Sarah Goodwin, Susan Pullis	5/1 –Pizza and Snack