



Welcome November!

Principal's Challenge - Joy



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character

Welcome to November at SCS!

This month, we are learning all about JOY! Joy is more than just feeling happy - it comes from knowing that God is with us no matter what. Even when things are hard or uncertain, we can still have joy because we trust that God is good and always in control.

This truth is seen in the story of God's people in the book of Nehemiah. They were reminded that true joy does not come from what we have or from what is happening around us, it comes from God Himself. After hearing God's Word, they realized how far they had wandered and turned their hearts back to Him. As they worshiped and obeyed once again, they discovered that God's joy gave them strength. That same truth is for us today. When we spend time with God, read His Word, and thank Him for His blessings, He fills our hearts with lasting joy!

This month, let us look for ways to share that joy with others through smiles, laughter, helping hands, and thankful hearts.

Joy in Community: Annual Auction & Harvest Dinner

We are looking forward to our Annual Auction and Harvest Dinner! It is a special time to gather as a school family, celebrate God's goodness, and support the mission of our school. Come ready to enjoy warm fellowship, delicious food, friendly bidding, and plenty of **JOY**-ful moments together.

Principal's Challenge Verse

Nehemiah 8:10

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Home Connection

Joy Jar: Set out a jar and invite everyone in the family to write down one thing each day that brings them joy (big or small). Read them together at the end of the week and thank God for the joy He gives us, even during tough times.

Praise & Worship Song

The Joy: One Voice INT. Music featuring Cole Hastie

Reminders

- 11/8: Annual Auction & Harvest Dinner
- 11/19: Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/20 & 11/21: P/T Conferences





HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 5, 2025

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Nov. 6..... End of 1st Marking Period
- Nov. 8..... Harvest Dinner and Auction
- Nov. 17..... School Board Meeting at 6 pm
- Nov. 20 & 21 Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:30 pm Dismissal for Students
- Nov. 26..... 12:30 pm Dismissal
- Nov. 27 & 28..... Thanksgiving Break: School Closed

END OF 1ST MARKING PERIOD

Tomorrow marks the end of the 1st marking period. Report cards will be sent home next week Thursday.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Requests for Parent-Teacher conferences were due today. There are many families who have not sent in their request yet. **Please complete the form on the last page of this issue and return it by tomorrow morning so the office can begin the scheduling process.** Conferences will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 in the afternoon and evening and Friday, Nov. 21 in the afternoon. Afternoon conferences begin at 1 pm and evening conferences begin at 6 pm. **Everyone** should schedule conferences for children in Kindergarten through 9th grade..

Note to 6th – 8th Grade Parents: Choose ONE TEACHER to meet with. If you feel you need to meet with more than one teacher, indicate your first preference along with the other teachers you wish to see. We will do our best to accommodate your request.



SCS GYM CLOTHING – ORDER PERIOD NOW OPEN

Our school store through TeamOrders.net is now **open to accept orders through midnight November 9.** 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 in late January. Here is a link to look at all the great things available: [Sussex Christian School 2025 | TeamOrders.NET](https://www.teamorders.net/Sussex-Christian-School-2025)

NOVEMBER JEANS DAYS TWIST!

During November, students and staff can wear jeans every Friday **PROVIDED THEY DONATE AT LEAST 1 CANNED GOOD FOR THE SUSSEX HELP CENTER EACH WEEK.** We encourage you to donate as many nonperishable items as you would like – even without wearing jeans. **Let's help fill the Help Center's shelves for the upcoming holidays!**



VETERANS DAY WEAR

We encourage everyone to wear camouflage or red, white and blue next Tuesday, November 11 in honor of all veterans.



Only 3 more days until the 46th Annual Auction and Harvest Dinner!

Please read important information below:

ATTENTION AUCTION DONORS: Thank you for your generous donations to this year's event! We are grateful for your support of SCS! Here are a few quick notes as we get closer to Saturday:

- If you still need to drop off a donation, please bring it to school no later than **Friday morning**. If you are donating any perishable items, they can be dropped off on Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 10 am.
- If we do not yet have the details of your donation, please email auction@sussexchristianschool.org as soon as possible.
- If you need someone to pick up a donation, please email auction@sussexchristianschool.org. We would be happy to arrange a time to pick it up! Thank you!

EVENT PARKING & ENTRANCE: Doors will open at 4:30 pm. Please enter through the gym lobby. For those who are able, **please park in the lower church parking lot. The gym parking lot will be reserved for handicap parking and elderly attenders. We appreciate your cooperation!**

A sincere thank you to all who have donated, volunteered and prayed for this event! We are abundantly grateful!

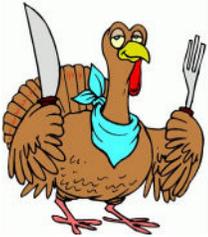
Happy Birthday!

We wish everyone born in November a very Happy Birthday!!!

Cora Brands
Christopher Connor
Anika Gebauer
Olivia Hochstaedt
Paisley Kuperus
Tessa Kuperus
Liliana Liberti



Halie Lordy
Mrs. Rana
Jairus Torres
Arden Wade
Mrs. Waring
Honey Yazdanfar



TURKEYS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Wednesday, November 19, the staff and children will enjoy our annual, free Thanksgiving feast. We need approximately 8 donated turkeys to feed everyone. We ask that they be cooked, carved and brought to school along with the drippings so we can make gravy. If you can prepare a turkey for us, contact Felicia Mann at 201.841.1101 or feliciamann2@gmail.com.

NO AFTERCARE ON HALF DAYS

We have a few early dismissal days coming up soon. As a reminder, Aftercare is not available on any day school dismisses early.

SOCCER SEASON WRAPUP

The soccer season ended last week with the traditional Parents vs. Players game. Thank you to coach Kim Bennett for an incredible, inspiring, and God glorifying soccer season! The season would not have happened without your dedication to our school! Thank you to all the parents who supported our team and made the Parent vs. Students soccer game so much fun! Congratulations to the players for demonstrating hard work, diligence, perseverance, and kindness to one another and to the teams we faced! All students received participation certificates after the game. In addition, individual awards were also presented. We congratulate the following players:

Varsity

Defensive MVP: Emma Mihalik
Most Improved Players: Emma Dollbaum & Sara Esquivel
Coaches Award: Hannah Bennett

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Defensive MVP: Ryker Kuperus
Offensive MVP: Kenzie Tallamy
Most Improved Player: Lucy Brands
Coaches Award: Charlotte Ruppert



TEMPORARY TEACHING POSITION OPEN

We are searching for a temporary 2nd grade teacher to fill a maternity leave from mid-February through the end of the school year. Interested candidates are invited to apply online at www.sussexchristianschool.org/employment or contact the school office for more information.



Qualifications:

- Dedication to excellence in education for all learners.
- A fun, loving, and caring personality that shows God's love to every child.
- Ability to create an engaging and supportive classroom atmosphere.
- Valid New Jersey teaching certification required.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FISH HOURS REMINDER

SCS created the FISH (Faithful in Service Him) program for 6th through 8th grade students to encourage them to serve others in response to the love and faithfulness that God has shown to us through Jesus Christ. SCS wants to help students recognize the importance of Christian service as it is an important part of our students' emotional and spiritual development. Upon graduation, students receive an honor cord for each year they met the following service hours' goals. These cords will be worn during the graduation ceremony. In addition, the Sussex Women's Club typically gives a Community Service Award at graduation to the graduate who has performed the most community service hours so encourage your children to exceed the goals we have given them!

- 6 service hours for 6th grade students (white cord)
- 7 service hours for 7th grade students (blue cord)
- 8 service hours for 8th grade students (gold cord)

If your child has service hours they need to submit for the Fall Festival or other activities they helped with over the summer, they should be submitted at this time. Forms can be found on the Parents page of our school's website.

JOIN THE CHESS CLUB!

Do you like games that make you *think*, plan, and outsmart your opponent? Then come join our brand-new Chess Club — open to all grades up through 8th! Each session starts with a 15–20 minute lesson on the big screen, where we'll learn about:

- The fundamentals and rules of chess
- Openings, middle games, and end games
- Smart strategy, planning, and tactics



After the lesson, everyone gets time to practice and play games with friends.

📅 When: Mondays 3:30-4:30 PM, starting November 10, 2025

📍 Where: SCS Science Room

🎒 Bring: Your own chess set each week

Each week, parents will receive a PDF of the lesson for review and practice at home. Please make sure the instructor has your contact information so updates can be sent directly. If you would like to sign your child(ren) up for the club, **please complete the attached form and return it to school by Friday, November 7.**

About the Instructor: *Mr. Joe (Camerlin) is an SCS parent who is a retired engineer and has taught dozens of kids how to play chess. He loves helping students develop focus, creativity, and confidence — one move at a time!*

OEL MEETING NOTES

Thank you to all those who attended Monday's OEL meeting!

The 46th Annual Auction and Dinner is this Saturday, November 8! If you haven't RSVP'd for the dinner, do so now! The Auction and Dinner committee request the community to pray for this upcoming night of fellowship.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available for preparing the dinner, helping during the event, and cleanup concluding the night. You can check out opportunities here or email Annette Kuperus at OEL@sussexchristianschool.org with interest to volunteer!

We expressed gratitude for the OEL fundraisers and supporters, noting their critical role in funding essential resources for our faculty, staff, students and volunteers.

Our next OEL meeting will be held on Monday, January 12 at 7 pm in the library. We hope to see you there!

~ Respectfully submitted, Katie Klingler, OEL Secretary
OEL@sussexchristianschool.org

NOVEMBER BUS NOTES

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

- Nov. 6 and 7 (Thursday & Friday): **No transportation available.**
- Nov. 20 & 21 (Thursday & Friday): No pm transportation. **Early dismissal - pick children up at 12:30 pm.**
- Nov. 24 & 25: No pm transportation. **Pick children up at 3:12 pm.**
- Nov. 26 (Wednesday): No pm transportation. **Early dismissal - pick children up at 12:30 pm.**

Minisink and Warwick: Busing **will not be available** on the following days:

- Nov. 11 (Tuesday) **Pick children up at 3:12 pm.**
- Nov. 27 (Wed.): **Minisink Only - early dismissal. Pick children up at 12:30 pm.**



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The Sussex Christian Reformed Church Jr High Youth Group will be meeting this Friday, November 7 at 7 pm for Bible Trivia and Fun! Children in 7th and 8th grade are invited to join the Youth Group, which meets select Fridays from 7-8:30PM for a time of worship, Bible lessons, and fun activities and events. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Taylor at 845-699-6307 or rtvp2018@gmail.com!

**STUDENT COUNCIL
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LEGO CONTEST

Date

November 3rd-6th

NO SETS!

Ages

PreK-2nd • 3rd-4th

5th-8th

Winning design displayed at Auction



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
	11/7 – Pizza and Snack - T
11/12 –Hot Dogs & Mac and Cheese Workers: Rebecca Scott, Cristy Testino, Ariel Babcock and Zuzana Nicoletti	11/14 – Pizza and Snack - L
11/19 –THANKSGIVING FEAST! Workers: Thank you to all those who have signed up to help!	11/21 – No Lunch Provided: Early Dismissal Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences

Can you lend a hand with an upcoming hot lunch? Please use this link to sign up:
[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2025-2026 - Google Sheets](#)

SCHOOL FORM – CLIP AND SEND IN WITH YOUR CHILD

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent's Name: _____

Name	Grade	Teacher

Name	Grade	Teacher

Please indicate your 1st & 2nd preferences for the date/time of your conference(s):

___Thursday AFTERNOON, Nov. 20

___Friday AFTERNOON, Nov. 21

___Thursday EVENING, Nov. 20

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.



SCS CHESS CLUB

www.sussexchristianschool.org

Sussex Christian School is excited to offer an awesome opportunity for SCS boys and girls to join our chess club

- **DATES / TIME**
 - Mondays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm starting November 10
- **DESCRIPTION**
 - Led by SCS parents Joe Camerlin, attendees will learn the fundamentals and rules of chess as well as strategies planning and tactics while enjoying practice games with friends.
- **COST**
 - FREE! There is no cost to attend!

SCS Chess Club Registration

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

List any medical problems, chronic disease, and/or allergies: _____

Does child have a prescription inhaler for asthma? () Yes () No

Name of medication _____

EpiPen (Adrenaline) for diagnosed bee sting allergy? () Yes () No

Alternate Name and Contact in Case of Emergency:

Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



After School Program 25-26 Ski Club Purchase Instructions

Ski Club Name: _____

Club Advisor Name: _____

Club Advisor E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please contact your club advisor with questions or changes, as they will contact Mountain Creek on your behalf.

Our group will be taking FIVE trips to Mountain Creek, this winter. (All trip dates are weather permitting & subject to change.)

Trip dates: _____ Day(s) of the week: _____

Make-up trips will be the following dates, if necessary: _____

PRODUCTS – BUY EARLY TO SAVE

Complimentary lessons for club members ages 7-18 on club trip dates. A 15% discount on select food options at the market all season long! All products are non-transferable and non-refundable. Please consider this before purchasing.

5- TRIP CARDS – VALID ON CLUB TRIP DATES ONLY

*The lift/lesson and rental card pricing will go up by \$10 each card on 11/1/25 – 11/28/25. Buy before 11/1/25 to save.

***5-trip lift/lesson card (age 7-18): \$169.99 plus fees until 10/31/25. You must buy a rental card ALSO if you need equipment.**

***5-trip rental equipment card (age 7-18): \$149.99 plus fees until 10/31/25. You must buy a lift/lesson card ALSO to be on property.**

SEASON PASSES – VALID FOR ALL CLUB TRIP DATES AND THEN ADDITIONAL USE

**Season Pass pricing is variable throughout the sale and will follow the same pricing changes as the general public sales but will always be \$10 less than the going rate for the general public.

****All Access Season Pass (valid anytime): see group e-store for pricing**

****Value Season Pass (NOT valid during holiday periods): see group e-store for pricing**

Holiday periods: Dec. 24, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026; Jan. 17-19, 2026 (MLK); Feb. 2-3 (no Red Tail Lodge access); Feb. 13-17, 2026

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT: Please follow the instructions below EXACTLY to be sure you purchase the correct products for the After School Program. These products CANNOT be purchased on our general public website.

- Please visit www.mountaincreek.com
- Go to your profile and sign in or create a new account (click the buy now button if you can't see the account tab)
- STAY IN YOUR ACCOUNT
- Scroll to the "GROUP" option at the bottom of your account page
- Enter the access code and pin below to begin purchasing
- **Please scroll to see ALL the group products**
- You MUST purchase a lift product (either a season pass or a lift/lesson card) to be on the property.
- You MUST purchase a rental card as well as a lift product if you need equipment rental. We do not offer seasonal equipment rental.

Access Code: _____ Pin# _____

- All guests must bring a copy of their receipt/barcode for scanning to receive your pass on your first visit. An electronic copy or paper copy of the receipt/barcode is acceptable.
- Mountain Creek is a cashless resort. We accept Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Debit/Credit or gift cards for Visa, MC, Amex and Discover.
- Please read the attached "Program Info and Guidelines for other pertinent information.



After School Program 25-26 Information and Guidelines

Dear Students, Parents, Group Advisors and Chaperones,

Thank you for being a part of the After School Program. We can't wait to see you on the slopes this winter! Please read the important information below before purchasing your After School Program products.

Credit and Refund Policy

- All 5 Trip lift/lesson cards, 5 trip rental cards and Season Passes are non-refundable and non-transferable (to other people or to other seasons). Please consider this before making a purchase.

Lift/lesson cards

- Five trip lift/lesson cards are pre-programmed giving members direct access to the lift and complimentary lessons on prescheduled club trip dates. **You MUST buy a five-trip rental card ALSO if you need equipment.**
- Lift/lesson and rental cards are only valid on club trip dates (Monday-Friday non-holiday).
- If a club member misses a trip, it can be made up, if used within the parameters of the card (Mon-Fri, non-holiday).

Holiday periods: Dec. 24, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026; Jan. 17-19, 2026 (MLK); Feb. 2-3 (no Red Tail Lodge access); Feb. 13-17, 2026

Rental Equipment Cards

- **You MUST purchase a 5-trip rental card if you need equipment. You must ALSO purchase a 5-trip lift/lesson card along with the rental card. The lift portion of the card is to be on property. We do not offer seasonal rentals.**
- All rental equipment must stay on property and may not be removed for any reason. It is the responsibility of each renter to return rental equipment at the end of every visit in good working order. Failure to return rental equipment will result in a charge to the credit card used for purchase on your rental order for the full cost of the equipment.
- Complimentary helmet and damage insurance is included with equipment rental.

Lockers and Storage of Personal Items

- Lockers can be found in the Red Tail Lodge and at South Lodge.

Free Ski & Board Check

- We offer FREE SKI & BOARD CHECK, to all guests, at the repair shops of both Vernon and South Peaks where you will also find an abundance of ski racks to lock up your equipment (locks can be purchased in the retail shop).
- Please advise your child to secure all equipment as we are not responsible for theft.
- If equipment is lost, please visit website at www.mountaincreek.com and enter "lost and found" in the chat window.

New Jersey's Ski & Snowboard Helmet Law

- New Jersey State Law requires all ski & snowboard participants age 17 & under to wear ski/snowboard helmets while on trails and lifts.
- It is the responsibility of the parent, legal guardian, or supervising adult to ensure that helmets are provided and worn. Mountain Creek recommends helmets for ALL skiers and snowboarders regardless of age.
- Skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to educate themselves on the benefits and limitations of helmet use.
- For complete information on the New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Law visit: www.mountaincreek.com/helmetlaw.

Replacement Card Policy

- Lost Trip Cards or Season Passes must be reported to staff immediately. They will be replaced once for free.

Cashless Resort

- Mountain Creek is a fully cashless resort. We accept Apple Pay, Google Pay, debit, credit or gift card from Visa, MC, Amex or Discover.

Receiving your pass(es):

- You must bring a copy of your receipt/barcode to receive your pass on your first visit. An electronic copy or paper copy is acceptable.

HAVE A BLAST WHEN YOU VISIT!!!



VERITAS
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

turkey trot



\$30
Entry

Runners & Walkers welcome!

Thanksgiving Day
November 27

Start 8 AM - 9:30 AM
at Sussex Fairgrounds
37 Plains Rd, Augusta, NJ 07822

- > Sponsorships available
- > Free t-shirt w/ registration by 11/3!

bit.ly/veritasturkeytrot

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