



Welcome December!

Principal's Challenge - Peace



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character



Welcome to December at SCS!

This month, our Fruit of the Spirit focus is PEACE. In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

What an incredible gift! The peace Jesus gives is different from anything the world can offer—it's not based on everything going perfectly, but on knowing Him. When we are growing in Christ's character, His peace starts to show in how we react to challenges, how we treat others, and how we trust God even when things are hard.

This month, I encourage you to practice that kind of peace. When something upsets you, pause and remember, Jesus has given you His peace. When you see a friend who is worried, share a word or action that reminds them of God's love. Peace is not just something we receive; it's something we can give away. Let's ask God to help us live out His peace today and every day.

In the Community: Christmas Giving Project

We are again partnering with Project Self-Sufficiency to support local families in need. Please send in new, unwrapped gifts by December 8 to help us share Christ's love and peace this season.

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and peace with our community during this special time of year!

Principal's Challenge Verse

John 14:27

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Home Connection Prince of Peace Star

At home, help your child create a "Peace Star" decoration:

- Cut out a star shape from paper or cardboard. In the center, write John 14:27.
- On the five points of the star, write ways your family can practice peace this month (eg: use gentle words, forgive quickly, help a friend, solve problems calmly, trust God when worried).
- Hang the Peace Star somewhere at home as a daily reminder that **Jesus, the Prince of Peace**, calms our hearts when we trust in Him.

Praise & Worship Song

Peace Be Still - Hope Darst



Reminders

- 12/6 JR High Pancake Breakfast
- 12/22 Christmas Concert
- 12/23 Early dismissal
- 12/24-1/4 Christmas Break!





**SUSSEX
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 3, 2025

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 4Varsity Basketball Games vs. Netcong: Boys & Girls Home
 Dec. 6Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by 6th – 8th Grades
 Dec. 9Basketball Games vs. Ogdensburg: Boys-Away; Girls-Home (Red)
 Dec. 11.....~~Varsity Basketball Games vs. Hamburg~~ *Rescheduled to Jan. 14
 Dec. 12.....Midway Point of 2nd Marking Period
 Dec. 15.....School Board Meeting at 6 pm
 Dec. 16.....Basketball Games vs. Stanhope: Boys & Girls Away
 Dec. 22.....Preschool 4 – 8th Grade Christmas Concert at 7 pm
 Dec. 23.....12:30 pm Dismissal
 Dec. 24 – Jan. 2.....School Closed: Christmas Break
 Jan. 5Classes Resume

FINAL DAYS TO PUT YOUR GIFT UNDER OUR TREE!

Please consider donating a gift to Project Self-Sufficiency's Season of Hope Toy Drive and help bring joy to the less fortunate in Sussex County. Gifts will be picked up next week, so please be sure to bring your donation by Monday, December 8. **Bring a gift and you can wear jeans to school each Friday this month 🤔. BUT....even if you don't wear jeans please donate!** **This is a great cause and there are so many children who will have their spirits lifted on Christmas day through your generosity.**

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST SATURDAY!

We hope your Saturday morning plans include starting the day with a delicious pancake breakfast here at school! The Junior High classes (and their parents) will be serving up a delicious breakfast in the gym from 7:30 am until 10:30 am. See attached flyer for details – tickets are available at the door.

BASKETBALL SEASON IS HERE!

Come cheer on the SCS Stallions at one of their upcoming basketball games. A game schedule can be found on our school's website and are also listed under the School Calendar section of the Home Announcements each week. Please note: Students cannot stay after school unattended to watch the games.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH TRIP!

Get all your Christmas gift cards in one stop: TRIP! No need to visit the mall! Check out the abundance of retailers who have cards available through our program at www.shopwithscrip.com. **All orders need to be placed by 9 am on December 15** to ensure you have them in time for Christmas.

Happy Birthday!

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

Angelina Accettulli
Mrs. Bonney
Chivon Christolin
Alex Dillon
Leilana Gonoud
Carter Hossann
Caleb Konboz
Laurel Kuperus
Miss Kuperus
Ryker Kuperus



Mrs. K. Mason
Faye McKenna
Isaiah Mitchell
Simon Nehr Korn
Naomi Norman
Destinie Serrano
Bo Talian
Jeriah Torres
Miles Wilson

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DRESS CODE

This year's Christmas program will take place on Tuesday, December 22 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.**



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

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.

VENISON DINNER

Tickets are on sale now for a Venison Dinner being held in the school gym on January 31 from 5 pm to 8 pm to benefit our school. Please see the attached flyer for complete details and ticket information.



OEL Fundrai\$er

Purchase at any time from the link below or by scanning the QR code for your gift giving needs or treating yourself.

All orders ship within 7 to 9 days.



<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4727606.115b16>

If you have any questions, contact
Judy Vander Ploeg at 973-534-1426



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
	12/5 – Pizza & Snack - L
12/10 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Rebecca Scott, Jenny Higgins, Kaitlyn Chand	12/12 – Pizza & Snack - T
12/17 – Appetizer Smorgasbord Workers: Christine Solar, Zuzana Nicoletti, Marilyn Dowden, Dana Accettulli	12/19 – Pizza & Snack - L

Can you lend a hand with an upcoming hot lunch? Please use this link to sign up:

[HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2025-2026 - Google Sheets](#)

SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jr. High

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, December 6

Serving from 7:30am- 10:30am

Tickets

Adults: **\$12**

Children (3-12): **\$10**

Children 2 & under: **FREE**

Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Sausage
Hot & Cold Drinks

For more
information call
(973)875-5595

51 Unionville Avenue • Sussex, NJ

*Snow Date: 12/13



VENISON Dinner



Supporting Christian Education in Sussex County

HOSTED BY SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

January 31, 2026 | 5 pm – 8 pm

Hot/Cold Appetizers • 4 Course Dinner • Dessert

— Complimentary beverage service provided by *Tap Theory* —

— Entertainment - *Tim VG & Company* —

Door Prizes

\$50 / per person / limited tickets available

SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

51 Unionville Ave., Sussex, NJ

RSVP: Please scan the QR code, call the school 973-875-5595 x217

or email: venison@SussexChristianSchool.org

All proceeds to benefit Sussex Christian School

— No Alcohol Served or Permitted In or On Premises —



Sussex County and Warren County elementary, middle and high school students are challenged to a ***competition for a cause!***



STUFF THE STOCKING

Area schools are collecting donations of *new, unwrapped* gifts and gift cards for children of all ages to be distributed to local families in need through the **Season of Hope Toy Shop**.

The competition will take place NOW through December 8.

HOW IT WORKS

Project Self-Sufficiency staff will collect donations from all participating schools. Then, our elves will tally the donations from each school. The winning school will claim the **Stuff the Stocking trophy** from the 2024 winner Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School.



PLEASE NOTE –

Only **NEW, UNWRAPPED** items will be accepted.

There is a great need for **Gift Card donations**, which are an option for those who want to contribute but don't want to shop.



Bringing Holiday Toys to Sussex & Warren County Children in Need

For more information go to **www.projectsufficiency.org** or call **(973) 940-3500**.

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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

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