



## HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 21, 2026

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 22	Basketball Games vs. Lafayette: Boys – Home; Girls (Red) – Away
Jan. 23	Godly Communication Workshop with Roy Thiessen at 7 pm
Jan. 26	Bring Your Own Craft Night at 7 pm in the Library
Jan. 27	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Basketball Games vs. Sussex Charter: Girls (Red)- Home; Boys- Away
Jan. 29	Basketball Games vs. Northwest: Girls (Blue)- Home; Boys- Away
Jan. 31	Venison Dinner at 5 pm
Feb. 2	OEL Meeting at 7 pm Hardyston Basketball Tournament Begins for Girls Varsity Team
Feb. 3	Reports Cards Issued
Feb. 16	President's Day: School Closed
Feb. 18	School Board Meeting at 6 pm

### ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our closed enrollment period and registered your children for the 2026-2027 school year! At this time, **enrollment is open for new families** as well. Please encourage your family and friends to consider SCS for their children's education and contact the office to set up a tour. Word of mouth is our best advertisement!

### VENISON DINNER

Tickets are on sale 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.

### MILK ORDERS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

It is rapidly approaching the start of the second semester. If you wish to order milk for your child for next semester, you must place your order using the link below **NO LATER** than **Monday, January 26** and send payment in to the office. Cost is \$63 for Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and \$38 for Preschool 4 Full Day. The last day to receive milk for the first semester is Tuesday, January 27. <https://forms.office.com/r/aa0sVAsLMz>

### IMPORTANT AFTERCARE NOTE

**Aftercare WILL NOT be available on Monday, February 2 due to a staff meeting.**

### TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Yearbooks are a great keepsake for every child! What adult doesn't like to go back through their own yearbook and revisit their school days? Don't miss out on an opportunity to own this full-color book! Each yearbook costs \$17.50. To reserve your copy, please use the following link and send payment into school no later than **February 6**. There is no guarantee extra books will be available for sale at the end of the year, so be sure to order yours today! [Yearbook Order Form](#)





## GODLY COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Thanks be to God He has given us the gift of communication. Can you imagine what it would be like without it?

Sadly, it seems that today we can struggle greatly in this area. On **Friday, January 23, at 7 pm** in the library, Roy Thiessen will have a presentation on the topic of Godly Communication. We will discuss 4 rules for Communication found in Scripture. We will be encouraged when we learn How the Gospel of Jesus impacts the way we communicate. We will be given a few practical tools for understanding why we communicate the way we do as well as what Biblical change looks like. These biblical principles and practical tools have helped change our marriage, our parenting and family. Whether you struggle at home, at work, as a parent, a child, a student, a co-worker, or you would just like to grow in this area, come and be encouraged on this topic on Gospel-Centered Communication.

Call or Text Roy Thiessen @ 862-266-7586 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there. Bring your Bibles!!

### OEL SOCIALS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OEL Socials are simple, relaxed evenings created to help parents connect and build community at Sussex Christian School. These gatherings are intentionally low-key and welcoming. Come to one or come to all. Each night offers an easy way to spend time with other parents, unwind, and get to know one another outside of school drop-off and pick-up.



Questions or new ideas? Contact Annette Kuperus at [oel@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:oel@sussexchristianschool.org) or 201-400-3665.

#### **Monday, January 26 | 7:00 PM | Library** **Bring Your Own Craft Night**

Bring a craft you enjoy and join us for a cozy, come-as-you-are evening. Crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, embroidery, or any project you're currently working on is welcome. Don't have a craft? No worries. Adult coloring pages will be available so everyone can join in. This night is all about conversation, creativity, and connecting at your own pace.

#### **Tuesday, February 17 | 7:00 PM | Gym** **Stretch & Flow with Colleen Fox**

Join us for a gentle movement night led by a SCS parent, Colleen Fox from Fox Fitness and Massage. Colleen will guide us through a light exercise flow focused on stretching and simple movements. This is beginner-friendly and designed to help you feel good, not worn out. Bring your own mat if you have one. Light resistance bands will be provided. Come move a little, relax a lot, and stay to socialize afterward.

#### **Wednesday, March 11 | 7:00 PM | Library** **Puzzle & Unwind Night**

Spend the evening working on puzzles, chatting, and connecting with other SCS parents. This is a casual, welcoming night designed for conversation and community.

## **FEBRUARY MOMMY AND ME CLASS REGISTRATION**

It's time to register for Sussex Christian School's February Mommy and Me classes! The theme for February is **Love/Friendship**. Classes are led by Preschool teacher Lydia Barlow and will be held in her classroom each Tuesday from 9 am until 10:30 am. They are designed for children 20 months to 3 years old and a parent to interact in a preschool environment. Activities include movement and music, circle time, art and stories all while learning to socially interact with others. The cost for all 4 classes is \$50. If you would like to register, 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.



## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Want a quick, easy way to earn money for SCS? Download the Box Tops App and scan your receipts. There are over 80 brands and 350 products that are part of this program!

## **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

OEL is working on an updated Business Directory featuring businesses owned or operated by families and friends connected to our school community. This directory is intended to serve as a resource for our families as they look for services within our broader school community. If you own or operate a business and would like to be included, please complete the submission form (link below) or the paper form (attached) no later than **January 30, 2026**.

[Sussex Christian School Community Business Directory 2026 – Fill out form](#)

## **OEL MEETING NOTES**

The January 12th OEL meeting kicked off with a devotional dedicated to God's work through volunteering and reflecting on heartwarming, handmade Thank You notes received from students for the Thanksgiving Feast.

OEL is extremely grateful for all the ways our community shows up for one another. New families: 'Welcome Buddies' have been assigned and will be reaching out to you soon!

If you are looking for a way to offer your gift in service, there are still opportunities to volunteer with the 1:55 Book Fair and Gertrude Hawk fundraisers

OEL Board Member nominations are approaching. Please reach out to Annette Kuperus at [OEL@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:OEL@sussexchristianschool.org) with interest to volunteer!

Keep an eye out for some upcoming fun community events you won't want to miss!

Our next OEL meeting will be held on Monday, February 2 at 7:00 pm in the library. We hope to see you there!

~ Respectfully submitted, Katie Klingler OEL Secretary  
[OEL@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:OEL@sussexchristianschool.org)

## Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for December 15, 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, Casey Sytsema, Katie Kuperus, Marlene Meyers, John C. Kuperus, Nathan Drew, Scott Woodell and Alison Mitchell.

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Katie Kuperus read from Psalm 1 and a devotional book *The Songs of Jesus* written by Timothy Keller. The roots for our system for flourishing are to be in God's word and to be shaped by the scripture. We need to delight in the Bible and our relationship with God.

The Administrator's Report was reviewed. Mrs. Mitchell complimented Admissions Coordinator Jenna Vander Groef as she continues to do an excellent job. Four school tours are being held during the month of January for prospective families. The Board is thankful for Jenna and her diligent work in guiding new families through the SCS Admissions process.

Member Development: President Byma provided the Board with the article *A Case for Reformed Christian Education* by David Vander Meer. The article emphasizes the importance and impact Christian Education, rooted in the Reformed Christian tradition, has on young children, their families and their churches (the three-legged-stool). At SCS, this Reformed tradition, the sovereignty of God and His word, is foundational to all we do. From our covenant families, a staff whose philosophy of teaching honors God, committees who are the hands and feet of Jesus, to Administration and a Board who understand that all things done at SCS should point back to God and Christ as the Head!

Review of emails/papers/correspondence sent to the School Board was read and received for information and have/will be responded to accordingly. Three new families were welcomed to SCS.

Thank you to Mrs. Pachella and the students who sang at the Three-School Prayer Night held at SCS. It was a great night of prayer thanking God for all that He is doing with Christian education in Sussex County.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for November were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. Continuing to pray for this committee as they are preparing next year's budget.

Tickets are still available for the Venison Dinner, which is on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the school office for your tickets.

The meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty. Next Board meeting is February 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Meyers, Secretary



# 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](mailto:venison@SussexChristianSchool.org)

**All proceeds to benefit Sussex Christian School**

— No Alcohol Served or Permitted In or On Premises —





**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
	1/23 – Pizza & Snack - <b>L</b>
1/28– Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Renee Liberti, Pamela Gonoud, Emily Vertullo	1/30 – Pizza & Snack - <b>T</b>
2/4 – French Toast & Sausage Workers: Pamela Gonoud <b>Need 3 More Volunteers or Lunch Will Be Cancelled 😞</b>	2/6 – Pizza & Snack - <b>L</b>

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 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	
	\$100	
Staples	\$25	
	\$100	
Starbucks	\$10	
	\$25	
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