



Welcome January!

Principal's Challenge - Patience



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character

Happy New Year SCS Families!

We hope you enjoyed a joyful, restful holiday season and are looking forward to all that God has in store for the year ahead. This month, we are learning about patience—trusting God's timing and remaining faithful as He works in us and through us. Psalm 27:14 reminds us, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

To help reinforce this fruit of the Spirit at home, we invite your family to create a simple Patience Pocket together. It's an easy, meaningful way to give children a practical tool for practicing patience in everyday moments.

Community Outreach Spotlight:

This month, Student Council jean-day donations will support Samaritan Inn, a local organization serving families experiencing homelessness through shelter, food assistance, and supportive programs. Giving in this way helps our students practice compassion and generosity as we grow together in Christ's character.



Principal's Challenge Verse

Psalm 27:14

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Home Connection

Patience Packet

Decorate a simple envelope and label it: Patience Pocket.

Inside the envelope, place small slips of paper with quiet, calming activities such as: drawing a picture for someone; counting blessings; reading a Bible verse; singing a worship song; stretching quietly for two minutes.

You can tape the envelope to the fridge or keep it in a family room for easy access.

Praise & Worship Song

Patient- Apollo LTD

Reminders

- 1/8: 3 School Prayer Night 7-8PM
- 1/19: MLK JR Day - No School





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SCHOOL**

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 7, 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 8	Basketball Games vs. Sussex Charter: Boys-Home, Girls-Away (Blue) Three School Evening of Prayer at 7 pm in the Gym
Jan. 12	OEL Meeting in the Library at 7 pm
Jan. 13	Basketball Games vs. Hardyston: Girls (Red)- Home; Boys – Away
Jan. 14	Basketball Games vs. Hamburg: Boys – Home; Varsity Girls – Away School Board Meeting at 6 pm
Jan. 16	Re-Enrollment Due
Jan. 19	School Closed
Jan. 20	Basketball Games vs. Franklin: Girls (Blue)- Home; Boys- Away
Jan. 22	Basketball Games vs. Lafayette: Boys – Home; Girls (Red) - Away

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

The enrollment period for all SCS families is open **now through January 16**. On January 17, open enrollment will begin, and we will begin offering seats to new families. For that reason, we encourage all current families to complete the re-enrollment process and/or submit new student applications prior to January 17.

Re-enrollment
for Next School Year

Please use the following instructions to complete the re-enrollment process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenna Vander Groef at 973-875-5595 ext. 232 or jvandergroef@sussexchristianschool.org or.

- **Returning Students:** On Monday, you should have received one email for each child in your family from admissions@sussexchristianschool.org with the subject line "Begin Re-enrollment". This email contains a link to complete the re-enrollment process for your child(ren). **In most cases, the email was sent to the mother in each family.** If you'd like to switch which parent is responsible for enrollment for your family OR if neither parent received the welcome email today, please contact Rachel Kuperus. Be sure to check your spam if you didn't see the email come through!
- **Current Families - New Students:** If you would like to enroll a new student at SCS, for example a new preschool or kindergarten student, please contact the office so we can provide you with instructions for doing so. These applications are also due January 16.

THREE SCHOOL'S NIGHT OF PRAYER

Please join us, along with Veritas Christian Academy and Northwest Christian School, for a time of prayer for Christian education in Sussex County tomorrow night at 7 pm in our gym.



Happy Birthday!

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

Macie Ayers
 Sophie Barlow
 Aidan Castro
 Gia Christolin
 McKenzie Connor
 Penelope Connor
 Erin Kessler



Penelope Kuperus
 Mikaela Lordy
 Easton Mann
 Lillianna Rupp
 Tristan Soto
 Mrs. Thiessen
 Skyler Vellenga

MID-MARKING

We are passed the midway point of the 2nd quarter. For those of you with children in grades 4 – 8, please check on your child's progress in Sycamore and contact the appropriate teacher with any concerns.

VENISON DINNER

Tickets are on sale for a Venison Dinner being held in the school gym on January 30 from 5 pm to 8 pm to benefit our school. Please see the attached flyer for complete details.

PRAYER CALENDER

Attached is a January Intercessor calendar developed by the Spiritual Development committee based on feedback from staff members. We hope you will use this calendar as a reminder to pray and use as a tool for specific requests.



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
	1/9 – Pizza & Snack - L
1/14– Hamburgers and French Fries Workers: Sarah Goodwin NEED 3 MORE VOLUNTEERS OR LUNCH WILL BE CANCELLED	1/16 – Pizza & Snack - T
1/21– Chicken Parm Sandwiches Workers: Rebecca Scott, Sue Pullis, Kaitlyn Chand, Jenny Higgins	1/23 – 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 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: Casey Sytsema read from the devotional entitled *Jesus Calling* and Romans 8:28. Every detail in our lives is under God's control including all that happens at Sussex Christian School. A great reminder that God is close to us and cares for us.

The Administrator's Report was reviewed. The Administrator and the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, in partnership with the janitors, have been working diligently to ensure the school is being cleaned appropriately to minimize the spread of illness.

Member Development: President Byma reviewed policies in the Faculty Handbook which provided the guidelines for the field trips that happen throughout the year. The guidelines are detailed and are in place to encourage valuable outside of the classroom learning experiences while prioritizing the safety of the SCS students, teachers, and chaperones.

Review of emails/papers/correspondence sent to the School Board was read and received for information and have/will be responded to accordingly. The Board continues to hold family interviews and has welcomed two new families to the SCS family. It is a joyous occasion when new families partner with SCS and afford our faculty and staff the opportunity to prepare their children to live fully for God! A special thank you to Sussex Christian Reformed Church and their generous donation of NIV Bibles for the junior high.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for October were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. We ask for your prayers as the Finance Committee begins preparing the budget for the 2026/2027 school year. The Board also extends its gratitude to the Finance Committee for the thoughtfully prepared year-end letter. The Board is deeply appreciative of all those who support the mission of Sussex Christian School. Whether it be through the giving of your gift of prayer, the gift of time, or the gift of a monetary donation, the Lord's work continues to be carried out!

We hope to see you all at the Three School Evening of Prayer held in the SCS gym on January 8, 2026, at 7 pm.

The SCS Board wishes you and your families a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to what God has planned for Sussex Christian School in 2026!

The meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty.

Next Board meeting is January 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Meyers, Secretary

January 2026 SCS Intercessor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Alison Mitchell: Thankful for the dedication of our SCS staff, who faithfully use their gifts and energy each day to love, teach, and disciple our students.	3 Parents and Grandparents of SCS, Wisdom and guidance in Christ-centered parenting.
4 God would open the hearts of those that hear His Word today.	5 Prayer for new students starting in New Year.	6 Sharon Hartman: G-5 Thankful for spiritual growth, Pray that she will be able to help students grow spiritually and academically.	7 Kristin Rana: G-1 Thankful for supportive staff and students. Prayer for her and her endeavours.	8 3 School prayer night @ 7pm	9 Thankful for God's protection and provision of students and staff at SCS	10 Parents and Grandparents of SCS would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
11 Faithfulness in our churches.	12 Kathryn Thompson G-2 Thankful for God's power and faithfulness in all situations. Safe healthy delivery of baby in February Mrs. Drew as she teaches class in meantime. .	13 Larissa Gebauer I'm so grateful for the privilege of telling the story of SCS , capturing & sharing the moments that make this community so special. Please pray for me as I balance work, home life & little ones.	14 Please pray for God's protection and peace over our staff and their families –for health, strength, and wisdom in all the daily responsibilities and situations they navigate at home and at school.	15 Katie Mason: G-K Thankful for SCS community and a Christ-centered employment setting, ability to share Christ with children each day	16 Thankful for the Goodness of God in Jesus Christ.	17 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
18 Biblical Counseling Ministry in this area	19 Naomi Mason: Wisdom/ discernment as she ministers the Word as School Counsellor.	20 Jill Nerhkorn TA P-K Thankful for God provisions, Prayer for God's continued provisions, guidance and wisdom for family and children.	21 Laura Thiessen Middle School: Play practice starts...	22 "Can we Talk?" Practical Presentation on <u>Godly Communication</u> by Roy Thiessen Tomorrow @ 7pm At SCS	23 Thankful for Forgiveness of sin through the Work of Christ on the Cross.	24 Veritas Christian Academy Northwest Christian School.
25 Pastors would remain true and faithful to His Word in teaching and life.	26 Lidia Barlow P-K Students would see the love and grace of Christ through her speech and actions.	27 Sports ministry at SCS Coaches and players would Ambassador for Christ well.	28 Pastor Mike Ruel G-8 Bible class Kids would have true saving faith.	29 Students and Staff would grasp how wide and long and high is the love of Christ is and moved by it.	30 Thankful for helpers who at faithfully assist in events/programs of SCS.	31 Single Parent Families



VERITAS
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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AN EVENING
OF PRAYER
FOR OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7PM

Sussex Christian School
51 Unionville Ave
Sussex, NJ 07461



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 —

