



GERTRUDE HAWK CONCLUDES FRIDAY

Just a reminder that our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser **ends this Friday**. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex Little at amlittle116@gmail.com.

I:55 ONLINE PURCHASES!

Check out our school's online bookfair too! You can see all the books available for sale – which includes more than what we will have displayed! Invite your friends and family to make purchases too! Books can be shipped directly to the address of your choice. The online bookfair will be open from February 28 to March 10. To access it, go to <https://i55bookfairs.com/pages/nj006>

I:55 BOOK FAIR

OEL's I:55 Book Fair is being held next week! Here is the schedule:

Wish List Days - Monday and Tuesday, March 2 & 3: Each class has signed up for a time for students to visit the Book Fair and create a wish-list to bring home to their parents.



Purchase Days – Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 & 5: Each class has signed up for a time for students to go to the Book Fair to purchase books. Payments can be cash, credit card or check (made to Sussex Christian School - OEL).

Parent Day – Friday, March 6, 9 am until noon: Parents will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and make purchases. Parents should enter school through the gym lobby – not the main entrance.

How Can You Help?? OEL would greatly appreciate any volunteers who can spare some time to assist with the book fair. There are 4 different areas we need help. If you're available and interested, please sign up using the link below. *(You can add your name to more than one time slot.)* Your support would be invaluable in ensuring the success of this event.

[2026 Book Fair Volunteer sign up - Google Sheets](#)

Please reach out to Felicia Mann at 201-841-1101 or feliciamann2@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

MARCH MOMMY AND ME CLASS REGISTRATION

It's time to register for Sussex Christian School's March Mommy and Me classes! The theme for March is **Growing**. 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 5 classes is \$62. 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. Please, no siblings.





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
	2/27 – Pizza & Snack - T
3/4 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Jennifer Dillon, Zuzana Nicoletti, Katie Klingler Need Team Leader	3/6 – Pizza & Snack - L
3/11 – Hamburgers and French Fries Workers: Jennifer Dillon Need Team Leader and 3 More Volunteers or Lunch will be Cancelled	3/13 – Inservice Day: No School for Students

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED! We need additional volunteers for many upcoming lunches. If we do not have enough workers signed up by the Friday before any given week, **lunch will be cancelled** 😞. [HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2025-2026 - Google Sheets](#)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERITAS BANQUET

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, March 25th at Veritas Christian Academy's Annual Banquet. The funds raised will go to support our Opportunity Fund. Please RSVP at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-banquet-27> or at 973-579-6333 by March 11th.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Please see the attached sponsorship form or contact sbaloche@veritasnj.org for more information. Thank you for your support of Veritas Christian Academy. We hope that you can join us!

MENS BIBLE STUDY

Attention SCS men! We invite you to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at Sussex Christian Reformed Church for Men's Bible study on tonight at 7:30 pm. We will be studying Ephesians 6:10-20 focusing on the Breastplate of Righteousness. If you have any questions, contact Anthony Mann at 973-570-3226 or Steve Fox at 862-266-7298. We look forward to seeing you!

SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 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: President Byma read from the First 5 Ap – True Rest by Melissa Westall based on Matthew 11:28-30. God will give us rest when we are weary. We must come to Jesus because He is our source of true rest. Seek Him and remember that His yoke is light because it is well-fitted for us and He bears it with us. Finally, learn from Him to do our work as He does, gently and humbly.

Member Development: President Byma provided the Board with the article *7 Reasons Christian Education is Vital* by Dr. Paul Chappell. The article provides biblical support for Christian Education and equips the Board in its ongoing work and decision-making.

Review of emails/papers/correspondence sent to the School Board was read and received for information and have/will be responded to accordingly. Two new families were welcomed to the SCS family. The Board continues to thank God for the new families that are seeking and partnering with SCS to provide their children with academic and spiritual excellence.

Administrator Mitchell provided her Administrator's Report. The Board is thankful for Kimberly Drew and her seamless start as the 2nd grade teacher as Mrs. Thompspon is on maternity leave. The teachers have a Professional Development Day scheduled for March 13th entitled *AI 101 & Digital Citizenship: Building Confidence for the Classroom*.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for December were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. The proposed budget for the 2026/2027 school year was reviewed, and the Board is thankful for the Finance Committee and their diligence in preparing a budget prioritizing sustainability and attainability. The Association Meeting is scheduled for March 30th.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Venison Dinner. It was a great night of food and fellowship!

The meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty. Next Board meeting is March 16, 2026.

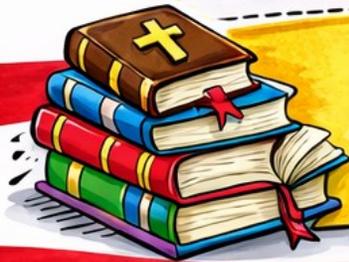
Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Meyers, Secretary



Love of Reading Week!

March 2-6

★ Let's celebrate our love for reading! ★



Monday, 3/2:
Dress as your
Favorite Book Character!

Tuesday, 3/3:
Wear Your
Favorite Hat!



Wednesday, 3/4:
Crazy Hair Day!

Thursday, 3/5:
Wear Silly Socks!



Friday, 3/6:
Wear "Readable Clothes"
Shirts with **Words!**



March 2026 SCS Intercessor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Veritas, Northwest And SCS. That God would be glorified in all their endeavours. ¹	Continue Praying for the Mitchell family as they mourn the loss of a loved one. ²	May we continue to fix our eyes on Him, the author and perfecter of our faith, as He leads and guides ³	Stacy Waring, Mrs Thiessen, entire Jr. High: Every Wednesday, Pray for them all as they prepare for the JR High Play ⁴	Students would remember they are fearfully and wonderfully made Psalm 139 ⁵	Kathrine Mason: Uncle John recently diagnosed with terminal Cancer Sister Hellen in overcomer's outreach and prison ministry. ⁶	Parents and Grandparents of SCS, Wisdom and guidance in Christ-centered parenting. ⁷
God would open the hearts of those that hear His Word today. ⁸	Kimberly Drew taking over Kathryn Thompson During maternity leave. ⁹	Pray for each teacher/ staff member's family as they support and encourage them to serve faithfully where God has placed them ¹⁰	Pray: Need volunteers for the JH Play. ¹¹	Pray for God's provision for Teacher staff family's physical, spiritual, and financial needs so that they can continue to pour into the ministry at SCS. ¹²	Praise God for His goodness to SCS over 65 plus years! ¹³	Parents and Grandparents of SCS would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ. ¹⁴
Faithfulness in our churches. ¹⁵	God would find us faithful. ¹⁶	SCS Board meetings ¹⁷	New families as they tour and consider SCS. Pray for Godly wisdom and provision for them. ¹⁸	Pray for wisdom and stamina for leaders of Church Youth groups in the area ministering to many youth. Pray that the youth would be open to the Gospel and it's implications for them in daily life ¹⁹	Buildings and grounds volunteers as they start to work on spring issues at SCS. ²⁰	Marriages would be strong and represent Christ and the church well. ²¹
Biblical Counseling Ministry in this area ²²	Students who are struggling in School. ²³	Stamina/ perseverance for our teachers and staff. ²⁴	God would keep all healthy. ²⁵	Students and Staff's identity would be in Christ and Motivated by His Love. ²⁶	Wisdom and guidance for the or-et-labora and other committees working for the good of SCS ²⁷	Veritas Christian Academy Northwest Christian School. ²⁸
Pastors would remain true and faithful to His Word in teaching and life. ²⁹	Please pray for Godly guidance for parents as they consider high school options for their eighth graders ³⁰	Northwest Christian School and there pursuit for a principal. ³¹				

YOU'RE INVITED

ANNUAL BANQUET



MARCH 25, 2026
6-8 PM

VERITAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
385 HOUSES CORNER ROAD
SPARTA, NJ 07871

The cost of the evening is generously underwritten by local business owners.

Donations will benefit the Opportunity Fund and future growth of Veritas Christian Academy.

Please RSVP with the QR code to the right or at veritasnj.org or (973) 579-6333 by March 11th



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

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