



Welcome February!

Principal's Challenge - Kindness



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character

Growing in Kindness

As we step into February, we turn our hearts toward kindness and living out God's love for others. Throughout the month, students will be encouraged to practice treating others with care, respect, and compassion—just as God calls us to do. We will be talking about how our words and actions matter, and how simple choices can make a big difference in someone else's day. At home, families are invited to continue the conversation with a hands-on activity about using kind words.

Community Outreach:

As a school community, we invite families to look for opportunities this month to complete random acts of kindness, big or small. A kind note, helping hand, or thoughtful gesture can brighten someone's day and reflect God's love beyond our school walls.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, may it remind us to share kindness freely and reflect God's love through our words and actions each day.



Principal's Challenge Verse

Matthew 7:12

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Home Connection

Your Words Are Like Toothpaste

Try this at home! Squeeze toothpaste onto a plate. Now try to put it back in the tube—uh oh, you can't! That's like mean words. Once they're out, you can't take them back.

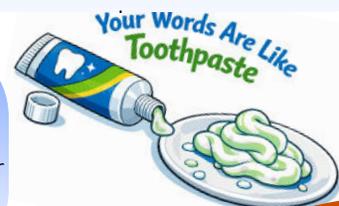
Let's choose kind words that help, not hurt.

Praise & Worship Song

"Kindness" - Steven Curtis Chapman

Reminders

- 2/16: - No School: President's Day
- 2/21 - Jr High Pasta Dinner Fundraiser





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HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 4 , 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb. 6Jeans Day for Students and Staff
 Feb. 10Basketball End of Season Party and Awards 5 pm
 Feb. 13Jeans Day for Students and Staff
 Feb. 16President's Day: School Closed
 Feb. 17Stretch & Flow with Colleen @ 7 pm
 Feb. 18School Board Meeting at 6 pm
 Feb. 20Jeans Day for Students and Staff
 Feb. 21Baked Ziti Dinner Sponsored by Junior High Classes
 Feb. 27Jeans Day for Students and Staff
 March 2-6Love of Reading Week/I55 Book Fair

REPORT CARDS

Report cards went home yesterday with all children in grades K – 8. Please be sure to review them, sign them, and return them to school. If you have any questions/concerns, please be sure to reach out to the appropriate teacher.

VALENTINE'S DAY LOLLIPOP SALE

The Student Council will accept orders for Valentine's lollipops through this **Friday, Feb. 6**. Any orders received after that are subject to availability. See order form attached to this Home Announcements for details.

BAKED ZITI DINNER

The 6th – 8th grade students (and their parents 😊) are having a delicious Baked Ziti Dinner on Saturday, February 21 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the gym. See attached flyer for details.



NOTICE FOR MINISINK AND WARWICK BUS RIDERS

Busing WILL NOT be available February 17-20 as your school districts are closed the entire week. (We only have Monday the 16th off.) Please make arrangement to get your child to and from school each day.

FEBRUARY JEANS DAYS TWIST!

This month's Jeans Day Dollar Donations will again go to support Samaritan's Purse.

YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY

All yearbook orders are due Friday. There is no guarantee that there will be extra books available for sale at the end of the year, so be sure to order yours today! Each book is \$17.50.

[Yearbook Order Form](#)



Happy Birthday!

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

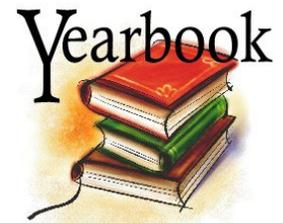
Eliza Barlow
Meadow Birchenough
Grant Fox
Maeve Fox
Rena Kuperus



Benjamin Rana
Aria Rodriguez
Nathan Smith
June Sytsema
Sutton Wade

YEARBOOK ADS – RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

It's time to reserve space to send a special message to this year's graduating class or to a particular graduate. The deadline to order an ad is **Friday, February 13 (extended one week)**. Space is available in full page (\$100), half page (\$50), and quarter page (\$25) sizes. You can design the ad yourself or we can design it for you. We must have your ad information (i.e., pictures, text, etc.) submitted no later than February 27 if we will be designing it or by March 15 if you will be creating it. Please contact the office to reserve your space.



PRAYER CALENDER

Attached is a February Intercessor calendar developed by the Spiritual Development committee. We hope you will use this calendar as a reminder to pray and use as a tool for specific requests.

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 or 201-400-3665.

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.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found area is overflowing with items! If your child(ren) are missing something, please stop in and go through the abundance of items to see what may be yours.

I55 BOOK FAIR

OEL is again hosting an I55 Book Fair! It will be held March 2-6 during the "Love of Reading Week. I55 is a Christian business that works with schools to provide quality, age-appropriate literature to the next generation of readers. This book fair has been hugely successful for us in the past! Here is how the week will work:



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.

Important Notes:

- There is a large selection of books and many copies of each one. If there are any books that are "oversold"; we will order them and deliver them to your students' classroom in about 2 weeks from the book fair end date.
- "Last Copy" books will be labeled with the student's name who wants it, and it will be sent home with that student on Friday, March 7. We need to hold onto the book until the end of the fair so others can see it and have it ordered for them if they want it.
- Twenty (20%) of profits go towards books for the teachers' classrooms and library. In the past we have been able to fulfill all teachers' wish lists and most of the library wish lists.



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](#)

- Set Up: Friday, February 27 at 10 am
- Wish List Days: March 2 & 3 - Help the younger students create their wish lists.
- Purchasing Days: March 4, 5 & 6 - Help students find books on their wish lists and assist with purchases.
- Clean up and pack up the books into boxes: March 6 starting at 12:30 pm.
- Let OEL borrow any "Adventure Awaits" decorations (this year's book fair theme).

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



Wishing Mrs. Thompson well

as she begins her maternity leave.
 We are excited for her and her growing family as they
 welcome another precious blessing.
 We pray for a smooth delivery, good health,
 and a joyful time of bonding.



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
	2/6 – Pizza & Snack – L
2/11 – Spaghetti and Meatballs Workers: Rebecca Scott, Sue Pullis, Pamela Gonoud, Kaitlyn Chand	2/13 – Pizza & Snack - T
2/18 – Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Zuzana Nicoletti, Pamela Gonoud Need 1 More Volunteer	2/20 – 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

Baked Ziti Dinner



Saturday, February 21

Serving from 4:30pm- 7:30pm

Tickets

Adults: \$15

Children (5-12): \$10

Children 4 & under: FREE

*Takeout Available

Baked Ziti

Meatballs

Sausage

Fresh Bread

Salad

Dessert & Drinks

For more

information call

(973)875-5595

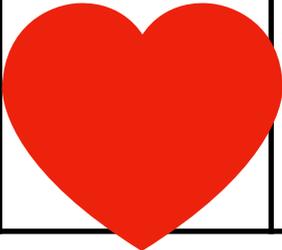
or contact any 6th-

8th grader

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*Snow Date: 2/28

February 2026 SCS Intercessor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Faithfulness in our churches.	2 Strong marriages that portray Christ and the Church giving glory to God.	3 Praise God for successful Venison Dinner	4 Stacy Waring: Praising God for a great year, And one new student in Grade 3	5 Kathryn Thompson and family, Baby Thompson	6 Unified Gospel-centred teacher teams and co-worker relationships.	7 Parents and Grandparents of SCS, Wisdom and guidance in Gospel-centered Biblical parenting.
8 God would open the hearts of those that hear His Word today.	9 Imelda Valazquez 2nd grade co-teacher: Please pray for my mother-in-laws outpatient procedure today	10 Alison Mitchell: This month we pray the fruit of the Spirit-kindness-over our staff and students asking God to help us live out Matt. 7:12.	11 Stacy Waring, Mrs Thiessen, entire Jr. High: Pray for them all as they prepare for the JR High Play	12 Naomi Mason: Prayer for wisdom in working with our students who have learning challenges.	13 Kids would develop Christlike community and camaraderie in the Sports and PE Program	14 Praise God for the Love He has for His Children through the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross!
15 Pastors would remain true and faithful to His Word in teaching and life.	16 Veritas Christian Academy Northwest Christian School	17 SCS Board Meeting tomorrow	18 Play Practice Day today: Pray for volunteers who will help with all the play related things.	19 Please pray for unity within the school community, teachers, staff, parents, and students	20 Baked Ziti dinner tomorrow Middle School Fundraiser	21 Personalize Pauls prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 for yourselves and SCS families.
22 Biblical Counseling Ministry in this area	23 Veritas, NWCS, SCS, That may be searching for faculty and staff.	24 Sports program: Please pray for safety, and Christlikeness on the court.	25 Pray for the marriages of the staff at SCS: Staff give so much to the ministry of SCS and they have families too.	26 Christ would be honoured above all and the students and staff would enjoy God greatly.	27 Please pray for 2nd grade class and substitute teacher coming in...	28 Single Parent Families
			 JR High Play			

Valentine's Day Lollipop Sale



The Student Council is selling Valentine's Day Lollipops



How it works: Each lollipop costs \$1.

Sales start today and ends on February 6.

To order: Fill out the form below and send in money with your child. Students will give their orders to their teachers and the lollipops will be delivered by February 14. They can be purchased for friends, teachers, or given to children by their parents!

To: _____

Grade: _____

From: _____

To: _____

Grade: _____

From: _____