



# Welcome March!

## Principal's Challenge - Goodness



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character

BOOK



### Growing in Goodness

This month at Sussex Christian School, we are focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit—Goodness. Throughout March, students will be encouraged to see that goodness is found not only in big acts, but in small, consistent choices—using Christ-honoring speech, building others up rather than tearing them down, and choosing what is right even when it takes effort. We are reminding students that every word and action plants a seed, and in time those seeds produce a harvest.

As we challenge students to make goodness a daily habit, families are invited to practice it together at home in a simple but meaningful way. Look for this month's "Secret Good Deeds" idea below as a way to reinforce that goodness is often quiet and humble—done for the Lord. This is a meaningful way to help children put Galatians 6:9 into practice and discover the joy of doing good..

### Love of Reading Week & Book Fair

March also brings one of our favorite celebrations—Love of Reading Week! Throughout the week, students will participate in themed reading days, special activities, and classroom celebrations designed to spark joy in reading.

We are also excited to host our annual Book Fair! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to discover new books, build their home libraries, and grow in their love for reading with some wonderful choices from I:55 Books!

### Principal's Challenge Verse

#### Galatians 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

### Praise & Worship Song

"Goodness of God" - Bethel Music

### Home Connection

#### Secret Good Deeds

As a family, brainstorm simple "good deeds" you can do for others – but do them secretly!

Leave cookies for a neighbor, clean up without being asked, or give someone a surprise encouragement note. Then talk about how it felt to quietly do good. : )

### Reminders

3/2-3/6: Book Fair & Love of Reading Week

3/13: HALF DAY - NOON Dismissal  
Teacher In-Service Day @ 12:30PM

*Mrs. Mitchell*





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CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

## HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 4, 2026

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 4-6 ..... Love of Reading Week/I55 Book Fair Continues  
March 13 ..... **12 pm Dismissal for Students; Teacher In-Service in PM \*Note Change\***  
March 16 ..... School Board Meeting at 6 pm  
March 23 ..... Virtual School Roundtable Meeting at 7 pm  
March 30 ..... School Association Meeting at 7 pm  
April 2 ..... 12:30 pm Dismissal  
April 3 ..... Good Friday: School Closed  
April 6-10 ..... Spring Break: School Closed  
April 24 ..... Junior High Production of *Annie, Jr.* at 7 pm  
April 25 ..... Matinee Performance of *Annie Jr.* at 2 pm

### **CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Yesterday's snow day put us over our 4-day allowance for snow days for the school year. Because of this, **SCHOOL WILL NOW BE IN SESSION NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 13, UNTIL 12 PM** to make up for this extra day. (Note the earlier pick-up time from a normal early dismissal day.) March 13 was initially scheduled as a full day off for Teacher In-Service. We have rearranged the teacher's schedule for the day to allow for classes to be held in the morning. Please be sure to pick up your child(ren) at 12 pm. Busing will be provided to school in the morning.

### **SCS GYM CLOTHING – ORDER PERIOD ENDS SOON!**

Our school store through TeamOrders.net is now **open to accept orders through midnight March 8. This will be the last ordering period until summer.** You can place and pay for your orders directly online and then choose to have your order mailed directly to you or shipped to school for pickup. Items will be delivered within 2 to 3 weeks of the closing date. Here is a link to look at all the great things available: [Sussex Christian School 2026 | TeamOrders.NET](#)

### **LOVE OF READING WEEK CONTINUES**

Everyone is having so much fun this week with the daily themes for Love of Reading week! Since we were off from school yesterday, **we will combine yesterday's theme of Wear your Favorite Hat with Friday's Readable Shirts! Two fun days rolled into one!**

### **3RD QUARTER MID-MARKING**

Yesterday marked the midway point of the 3rd marking period. Teachers in grades 4 – 8 will have grades updated in Sycamore by next Tuesday. Please be sure to check on your child's progress at that time and speak with the appropriate teacher if you have any concerns.

### **WALK-A-THON SHIRTS – TIME TO ORDER!**

Our walk-a-thon will be held in the afternoon on Friday, May 8. OEL provides free, special SCS Walk-a-thon shirts to all participants (Grades P4-8). They need to get the orders placed, so please use the following link to order your child(ren) the appropriate size shirt no later than Monday, March 9. [T-shirt Order Form - Complete One Form per Child](#)

# Happy Birthday!

***We wish everyone born in March a very Happy Birthday!!!***

Eddie Anderson  
Lucy Brands  
Magnolia Calyer  
Ariella da Silva  
Jesse Gannon  
Norman Harris  
Joshua Jeltema  
Kennedy Kelly  
Eden Kuperus  
Elsie Kuperus



Emma Lee  
Leo Liberty  
Baker Pachella  
Prynne Puglisi  
Zebulun Rich  
Olivia Ruppert  
Brooke Talian  
Kennedy Thoma  
Jameson Torres  
Catori Vaughan

## **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 until March 10. To access it, go to <https://i55bookfairs.com/pages/nj006>

## **I55 BOOK FAIR**

The book fair continues through Friday. Here is the schedule for the remainder of the week. Please reach out to Felicia Mann at 201-841-1101 or [feliciamann2@gmail.com](mailto:feliciamann2@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you!



**Purchase Days – Today and tomorrow, 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.



## **MARCH JEANS DAYS**

During March, students and staff can wear jeans every Friday by donating \$1/week which will go to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Remember that jeans must be fitted properly (not too tight) and have no rips, tears, frayed edges, or holes!

A bit of background on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: It is a non-profit book gifting program established by Dolly Parton in 1995 through The Dollywood Foundation. The program mails one free, age-appropriate book monthly to registered children from birth until their fifth birthday. Initially launched in East Tennessee, it has expanded globally, sending over 3 million books monthly to children across five countries. Funding is shared between The Dollywood Foundation and local community partners. It partners with American Printing House for the Blind (APH) for braille and audio books, and Penguin Random House is its exclusive publisher.

# OEL MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to those who came to our meeting Monday evening! Here is a recap of what we discussed:

The Book Fair is going strong. Thank you to everyone who has jumped in to help make it a success.

Our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser has wrapped up, and deliveries are coming soon. Proceeds will support future playground upgrades.

We're also hard at work planning this year's Walk-A-Thon... and let's just say there may be a surprise theme involved. 👁️ It's going to be a fun, high-energy event for our students, and we can't wait to share more soon.

We also began discussing upcoming Board nominations. Open positions include Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Deputy. Nominations will be accepted at the April meeting, with voting in May.

Be part of the discussion and add April 13 to your calendar to see what O.E.L. is all about. We'd love to have you there.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Kuperus , O.E.L. President



## 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
	3/6 – Pizza & Snack - <b>L</b>
3/11 – Baked Ziti and Salad Workers: Rebecca Scott, Sue Pullis, Pamela Gonoud, Emily Vertullo	3/13 – Inservice Day: 12 pm Dismissal for Students – No Lunch
3/18 – Hamburgers and French Fries Workers: Jennifer Dillon, Dana Accetulli <b>Need 2 More Volunteers or Lunch Will be Cancelled</b>	3/20 – Pizza & Snack - <b>T</b>

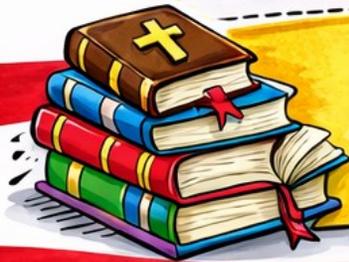
**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!** We need additional volunteers for many upcoming lunches. If we do not have enough workers signed up by the Friday before any given week, **lunch will be cancelled** 😞. [HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE 2025-2026 - Google Sheets](#)



# 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!**



## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 March 11 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!

### **WOMEN'S SEMINAR**

Lafayette Bible Church is holding a Women's seminar entitled, "Abide: A Three Session Study of John 15 from the Gospel Coalition" on Saturday, March 21 from 9 am until noon at the church. You can sign up at the Welcome Center of [app.sharefaith.com/App/Form/9eb8d360-3b84-4950-aae3-561f54591155](http://app.sharefaith.com/App/Form/9eb8d360-3b84-4950-aae3-561f54591155).

### **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](mailto:sbaloche@veritasnj.org) for more information. Thank you for your support of Veritas Christian Academy. We hope that you can join us!

# OPEN HOUSE



Make plans to join us for our Open House on March 16th! Hear from students, teachers and our administration to discover the difference a Christian high school can make!

6:15PM TO  
7:30PM

**MARCH  
16TH**

385 HOUSES  
CORNER ROAD  
SPARTA, NJ

RSVP TO [VCAOFFICE@VERITASNJ.ORG](mailto:VCAOFFICE@VERITASNJ.ORG)



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](http://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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