



# Welcome April!

## Principal's Challenge - Faithfulness



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character



### Growing in Faithfulness

April's Fruit of the Spirit focus is faithfulness — staying true to God and His Word no matter what. Psalm 119 reminds us that faithfulness is a choice we make every day. We choose to follow God's ways, keep His Word close to our hearts, and hold tightly to His truth. Just like a friend who always keeps their promises, God is always faithful to us.

Home Connection: As a family, talk about what it means to be faithful. Encourage your child to practice faithfulness by following through on commitments, spending time in God's Word, and trusting Him in every situation.

### April Announcements

We are looking forward to a full and exciting month ahead! Track season has begun, and we are excited for our students as they participate.

We are especially excited for our Jr. High production of Annie Jr. on April 24 and 25 — we hope you will join us to support our students.

We will wrap up the month with the 3 Schools Sports Event (SCS, NCS, and VCA) on April 30 for 5th-8th graders. More information will be sent home soon.

As Spring Break approaches, we wish all of our families a wonderful and restful break. We hope this time provides an opportunity to refresh, spend time together, and return ready to finish the school year strong. As we return, we will continue to practice faithfulness — finishing what we have started, working hard, and staying true to what God has called us to do each day.



### Principal's Challenge Verse

#### Psalm 119:30-31

"I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, Lord; do not let me be put to shame."

### Home Connection

#### Faithfulness Family Necklace

Create a Faithfulness Family Necklace using beads. As you add each bead, talk about a time God has been faithful to your family — an answered prayer, His provision, or His care during a difficult time.

Talk together about what faithfulness means and read a Bible story that shows God's faithfulness (such as Noah, Abraham, or Jesus' promises).

When you finish, hang the necklace somewhere special as a reminder that God is always faithful.

### Praise & Worship Song

"Faithful God" - I Am They

### April Highlights

- 4/2 - 12:30 PM Dismissal
- 4/3 - 4/12 - Spring Break
- 4/24 & 25 - Jr. High Play Annie Jr.
- 4/30 - 3 Schools Sports Event (Gr. 5-8)

*Mrs. Mitchell*





SCHOOL CALENDAR

- April 2 ..... 12:30 pm Dismissal
- April 3 ..... Good Friday: School Closed  
Fish & Chips Takeout Dinner at Holland American Bakery  
3 pm – 6:30 pm to Benefit SCS
- April 6-10 ..... Spring Break: School Closed
- April 14 ..... Open House at 5:30 pm – See Attached Flyer & Spread the Word!
- April 16 ..... Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School
- April 20 ..... School Board Meeting at 6 pm
- April 24 ..... Junior High Production of *Annie, Jr.* at 7 pm
- April 25 ..... Matinee Performance of *Annie Jr.* at 2 pm
- April 28 - May 1 ..... Standardized Testing Week for Grades 2 and 3
- April 30 ..... Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School
- May 4-8 ..... Standardized Testing Week for Grades 4 - 8

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Don't forget that **school dismisses at 12:30 pm tomorrow**. No buses will be running so be sure to pick your child(ren) up at that time.

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING WRAP UP**

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's Association Meeting! We wanted to provide you with a quick update on the results of issues that were voted upon:

- The 2026-2027 budget was approved as presented.
- Steve Fox, John C. Kuperus, and Marlene Meyers were elected as Board members

**STALLION OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

**Families may now apply for tuition assistance from the Stallion Opportunity Fund** through FACTS, the school's external service provider, for the 2026-2027 school year. **Applications can be submitted online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3K31M>** using your existing FACTS login information. Applications must be completed in full, including all required documentation, for FACTS to begin the review process.

There is a **\$40 application fee** that FACTS charges per application; however, one application may be submitted to multiple schools that use FACTS at no additional cost (e.g., Veritas Christian Academy). If you have already submitted an application for Veritas, you do not need to complete a new application. Simply log in to your existing application and add Sussex Christian School.

**All applications MUST be submitted by April 30, 2026.** Please note that the application timeline has been moved earlier to provide families with earlier notification of tuition assistance awards. Applications submitted after the deadline are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are subject to available funds. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the school office.

# Happy Birthday!

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

Mrs. Barlow  
Peyton Birchenough  
Noah Cannata  
Rilee Chand  
Aubrey Everett  
Rylie Everett  
Elizabeth Hossann  
Kole Klingler  
Mason Klingler



Mrs. Legg  
Lily Pifano  
Amelia Sanchez  
London Serrano  
Anamaria Soto  
Brynn Sytsema  
Mrs. Thompson  
Bryer Vellenga

## **TEACHING POSITION(S) AVAILABLE FOR 2026-2027**

We are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic teachers to join our faculty for the 2026–2027 school year. Ideal candidates will have a heart for Christian education, a love for children, and the ability to create a dynamic and engaging learning environment. Positions include a focus on middle school math and science while fostering students' spiritual and academic growth. Teaching certification and/or ACSI certification is preferred. For more information, contact Mrs. Alison Mitchell at 973-875-5595 ext. 231 or [amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org).

## **VETERAN INFORMATION REQUESTED**

The reporters of our school newspaper, the Stallion Tribune, are asking anyone who has a family member who is a veteran to fill out a form located on the front table of school with their information. They would like to honor all veterans in their May issue of the paper.

## **MILK AVAILABILITY**

Please note that **milk will not be available on Monday and Tuesday** when we return from Spring break because our milk won't be delivered until Wednesday.

## **FISH & CHIPS TAKEOUT DINNER TO BENEFIT SCS!**

Fishers of Men at the Holland American Bakery will be having a Fish and Chips Takeout Dinner **this Friday from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm** to benefit our school. Please stop by and grab a great dinner for a great cause! See attached flyer for details!

## **STANDARDIZED TESTING**

We will be administering standardized tests to all **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students April 28 through May 1** and to **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the week of May 4**. (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will not be tested.) Please be sure your children are in attendance unless ill and that they are not tardy. The school has the following policy for students taken out of school during the week for any reason other than illness:

***“Students taken out during Basic Skills testing week for any reason other than illness will be required to make the tests up. Parents will need to make necessary arrangements with the child’s teacher. A fee of \$25 per hour will be charged to compensate the teacher’s time.”***



**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
	4/3 – Good Friday: School Closed
4/8 – Spring Break: School Closed	4/10: Spring Break: School Closed
4/15 – French Toast and Sausage Workers: Emily Vertullo, Ariel Babcock, Elaine Smith <b>Need Team Leader for Grill</b>	4/17 – Pizza & Snack - T

**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](#)

**VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDITS**

**Attention families on a 10-month payment plan:** If you have volunteer tuition credit hours to submit, please do so using the link below by April 28 so we can apply them to your May tuition bill. Those families on a 12-payment plan should submit their hours by June 20 so they can be deducted from your final payment in July. Please contact the office with any questions.

[Volunteer Tuition Credit Form](#)

# April 2026 SCS Intercessor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 This months Theme is Faithfulness. We Thank God for His Faithfulness.	2 Pray for Building and Grounds team and volunteers as they take care of spring duties around SCS	3 Thank God as you Ponder today Jesus Christ who Suffered the wrath of God for our sins.	4 Parents and Grandparents of SCS, Wisdom and guidance in Christ-centered parenting.
5 Praise God our Lord Jesus Christ has risen!!! Happy Easter	6 Students and staff who are on Spring Break: Rest and preparation	7 Rejoice in the Lord Always. I will say it again: Rejoice... Phil 4:4	8 Play practice continues: Please pray for students and teachers who are working hard to make this happen	9 Please pray for the 4 Christian Schools in the area as they seek to find teachers who are needed for next year.	10 Please pray for the Board of SCS.	11 Parents and Grandparents of SCS would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
12 Faithfulness in our churches.	13 Nadene Long: Please pray for my family as we try to find a place for my sister and I to live as well as the sale of my mom's place.	14 Please pray for the marriages represented here pray that God would strengthen and encourage them.	15 Larissa Gebauer: Pray for discernment, a steady heart, and grace while serving & in every interaction, and for balance in this busy season of work and home.	16 Pray for Genuine Faith among our students, and that they would grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.	17 Middle schoolers STEM competition: Pray they will work together and represent Christ Well in all their interactions.	18 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
19 Biblical Counseling Ministry in this area	20 Pray for JH Tech week this week.	21 Kathrine Mason: Continue to pray for them as they seek God's direction.	22 Kimberly Drew: Please pray for Ellie who has casts on both legs to continue to try and help her gain strength to walk with a walker	23 4th Grade Class trip today: Great time of Class learning. Safety for all.	24 JR High Play Annie Jr. Tonight!	25 Veritas Christian Academy Northwest Christian School. Chapel Field.
26 Pastors would remain true and faithful to His Word in teaching and life.	27 Please pray for the sports teams and events. That they would Represent God well.	28 Please pray for our teachers and staff today. For encouragement and stamina.	29 Please pray for our students. That they would learn well.	30 Please pray for the single parent Families.		

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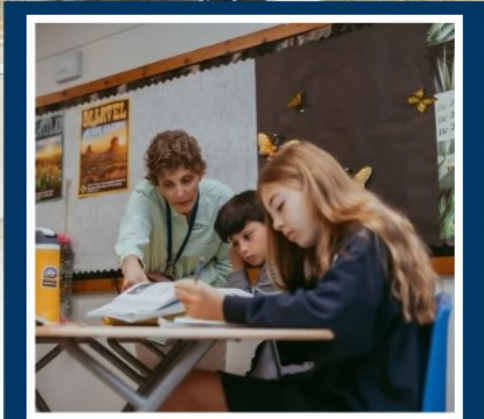


*Fish. Fries. Roll. Slaw.*  
**\$15**  
\*per meal  
*\*chicken strips available*

Support: **Sussex Christian School**

**@HOLLAND AMERICAN BAKERY**

**FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 3:30-6:30PM**




# OPEN HOUSE

A night for prospective parents to see what student life is like at Sussex Christian School.



**APRIL 14**  
**@5:30PM**

- Tour our School
- Ask Questions
- Discover the SCS Difference

 (973)875-5595

 <https://sussexchristianschool.org>

**SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

# Sussex Christian School *presents....*



**Friday, April 24, 2026 at 7 pm**  
**and**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 2 pm**

Book by  
**Thomas Meehan**

Music by  
**Charles Strause**

Lyrics by  
**Martin Charnin**

Original Broadway Production Directed by **Martin Charnin**

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"® By Permission of Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

***Admission is free, but a good will offering will be taken to support  
the Drama program.***

Performances held in the school gymnasium located at  
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