



# HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APRIL 29, 2026

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

- April 28 - May 1 .....Standardized Testing Week for Grades 2 and 3
- April 29 .....Track Meet at Walkkill Valley *\*Rescheduled from Last Week\**
- April 30 .....Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School
- May 4-8 .....Standardized Testing Week for Grades 4 – 8
- May 4 .....OEL Meeting at 7 pm in the Library
- May 7 .....Track Meet at High Point Regional High School
- May 8 .....Walk-a-thon
- May 9 .....Buildings & Grounds Workday Starting at 8 am
- May 12 .....Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School
- May 14 .....Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School
- May 19 .....School Board Meeting a 6 pm
- May 21 .....Spring Musicale Grades P4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades at 7 pm
- May 22 .....Grandparents Day: 12:30 pm Dismissal for Students
- May 25 .....Memorial Day: School Closed
- May 27 .....Student Showcase Grades 3 – 8

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

We are looking for a few volunteers to organize and run refreshments for Grandparents Day on May 22. If you would like to help, please contact the office. Thank you!

### **STALLION OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS DUE TOMORROW**

Anyone wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Stallion Opportunity Fund needs to complete the application by tomorrow. Applications submitted after the deadline are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are subject to available funds. As a reminder, tuition assistance is not automatically renewed - families must reapply each school year. Use this link to submit you information: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3K31M>

### **NOTES FROM MRS. LEGG**

The Jump Rope Challenge has been extended to May 28, 2026. We are working hard at getting the jumping in. Keep practicing! The challenge charts are posted in the gym.

Field day will be held on Thursday, June 4 with a rain date of Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Details to follow.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORKDAY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are planning a joint workday with SCRC on **May 9** (rain date May 16). Mulch for the flower beds has been generously donated for both properties. We will need manpower and tools (wheelbarrows, rakes forks brooms, etc.) We will start at 8 am in hopes of finishing by 1 pm or 2 pm. Many hands make light work! If you would be willing to help (time worked can be submitted for volunteer credit hours), please contact John Kuperus at [jkuperus@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:jkuperus@sussexchristianschool.org).



**Come and  
Join Us!**

## **WORDS OF THANKS**

The Byma family would like to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible donations and support this community provided over the weekend. During a difficult time for our family, your generosity ensured we were fed and cared for. Your support helped us get through a very difficult day, and we are forever grateful to you and to our Provider, from whom all blessings flow. ~In Christ, the Richard Byma Family



## **PIONEER WEEK DONATIONS**

Mrs. Drew would like to collect any items children may have worn or used during his/her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Pioneer Week in the past for use by other students. Please contact her if you have anything you would like to donate: [kdrew@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:kdrew@sussexchristianschool.org). Thank you!

## **MOMMY & ME CLASS REGISTRATION**

It's time to register for Sussex Christian School's May's Mommy & Me classes! The theme for May is **Friendship**. Classes will be held on May 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 9 am until 10:30 am. They are designed as a learning program for children 20 months to 3 years old with 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 4 classes is \$50. 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. Siblings are not permitted so you and your child can have one-on-one time.

## **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** and **early elementary grades**. Teaching certification and/or ACSI certification is required. For more information, contact Mrs. Alison Mitchell at 973-875-5595 ext. 231 or [amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:amitchell@sussexchristianschool.org).

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## **OEL 4/13/2026 Meeting Recap**

May is right around the corner, and it is shaping up to be one of our most exciting months yet! We are gearing up for our "Fruit of the Spirit" themed Walk-a-Thon on May 8, and the students are in for an exciting, fun afternoon. Volunteers, keep an eye on your inbox for an email with all the juicy details and info. Plus, don't forget that Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching the week of May 4!

We also have some incredible news to celebrate: thanks to your amazing generosity, the Getrude Hawk fundraiser raised over \$5,000 for the playground, and the 1:55 Book Fair fundraiser was a total "page-turner," raising enough to grant every single item on our teachers' book wish lists! Finally, a huge thank you to those stepping up for our community; the OEL board position nominations were accepted. We will be voting in May! Thank you for making our school such a vibrant place for our kids to grow!

There is only one OEL meeting left for this school year. We invite you to our last OEL meeting on May 4 to plant new ideas and cultivate a wonderful finish to the school year!

Respectfully submitted, Katie Klingler, OEL Secretary  
[OEL@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:OEL@sussexchristianschool.org)

## **Sussex Christian School Board of Directors Meeting Notes for April 20, 2026**

*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: Casey Sytsema, Katie Kuperus, Marlene Meyers, John C. Kuperus, Nathan Drew, Scott Woodell and Alison Mitchell. Absent: Christine Byma

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Scott Woodell read from Our Daily Bread, *Humble Sacrifice* and Chronicles 17:16-22. Jesus humbled himself and made the ultimate sacrifice for us. We should humbly sacrifice our lives for others.

Member Development: The Board read the article *Called to Serve: The Role of the Christian School Board*. Reviewing written policies is essential to make sure the staff at SCS are equipped to do their job. The article reinforced the three-legged stool (school, church, home) concept.

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 gives thanks that three new families were welcomed to SCS.

Administrator Mitchell provided her Administrator's Report. As typically happens at this time of year, the calendar is full of activities as we begin to wind down the school year. The 8th grade graduation is set for June 16th with the last day of school on June 17th. Thank you to Miss Kuperus for her great job with the students who participated in the Stem Program at High Point Regional High School.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for February were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board.

Committee Reports: The Athletic Committee is coordinating the three-school field day scheduled for April 30th. The Board is thankful for this opportunity to bring the three schools together. The Board is also thankful for the Buildings and Grounds committee and their countless hours working on the beautiful campus we have here at SCS. Please come out to help spruce things up around the outside of SCS on May 9th with a rain date of May 16th. A big thank you to the PR Committee and all their hard work. Mrs. Mitchell advised she has been receiving comments on how well received the social media posts are with the music and pictures as they show all that is being done at SCS. Be sure to wear your SCS apparel as this is a great way to promote SCS. SCS will be having a table set up for Wantage Day which is June 13th. We are looking for some volunteers to man the table. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours. If you are available, please reach out to Scott Woodell.

The meeting was closed in prayer for school families and faculty. Next Board meeting is May 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Meyers, Secretary



*Congratulations* to the following students for their exceptional work during the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period!

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**

**GRADE 7**

Emma Dollbaum  
Piper Kuperus  
Madeline Nehrkorn  
Lillianna Ruppert

**GRADE 6**

Lucy Brands  
Chivon Christolin  
Penelope Kuperus  
Charlotte Ruppert  
Destinie Serrano  
Kenzie Tallamy  
Harper Tilley

**GRADE 5**

Joshua Jeltema  
Ryker Kuperus  
Ella Mitchell  
Samuel Mitchell

**HONOR ROLL**

**GRADE 8**

Aidan Castro  
Naomi Kuiken  
Stella Kuperus  
Elijah Mitchell

**GRADE 7**

Sara Esquivel  
London Serrano  
Skyler Vellenga

**GRADE 6**

Anna Drew  
Emma Lee  
Isabella Pollock  
Nathan Smith

**GRADE 5**

Jonah Camerlin  
Gia Christolin  
Rena Kuperus  
Arya Lavin  
Leo Liberti  
Naomi Norman  
Robert Pachella  
Amelia Sanchez  
Addison Schock  
Layk Vellenga  
Arden Wade  
Evan Woodell



**SUSSEX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**FRUIT OF THE**  
**Spirit**  
**WALK-A-THON**  
**2026**



**MAY 8, 2026**

**RAIN DATE: MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

# WALK-A-THON FAMILY PRIZES

*\*item color and logo placement may vary-thank you for understanding*

## **Tier 1 prize:**

**YETI 26oz SCS Water Bottle**  
families who raise  
a total of \$500



## **Tier 2 prize:**

**SCS GCI Rocker Chair**  
families who raise  
a total of \$1,000

## **Tier 3 prize:**

**SCS GCI Rocker Chair  
&SCS YETI**  
families who raise  
a total of \$1,500







**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
	5/1 – Pizza & Snack - T
5/6 – Chicken Nuggets & Mashed Potatoes Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Dana Accettulli, Jennifer Dillon, Zuzana Nicoletti	5/7: Pizza & Snack - T
5/13 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Kara Cannata, Zuzana Nicoletti, Rebecca Scott	5/14 – Pizza & Snack - L

**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](#)

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# SHERLOCK HOLMES

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**\$15**  
FRIDAY  
NIGHT

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:00 PM

**\$10**  
SATURDAY  
MATINEE

[OUR.SHOW/VERITAS2026](https://our.show/veritas2026)

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