



SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 14Track Meet at Walkill Valley High School
 May 15Mid-way Point of the 4th Marking Period
 May 19School Board Meeting a 6 pm
 May 21Spring Musicale Grades P4 – 5th Grades at 7 pm
 May 22Grandparents Day: 12:30 pm Dismissal for Students
 May 25Memorial Day: School Closed
 May 27Student Showcase Grades 3 – 8
 June 4Field Day
 June 8School Board Meeting at 6 pm
 June 168th Grade Graduation at 7 pm/Last Day of School for Preschool 3
 June 17Last Day of School for Preschool 4 -Grade 7: 12:30 pm Dismissal

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY

We are excited to have Grandparents/Grandfriends Day next Friday, May 22! Grades Preschool – 8th grade will participate in this fun morning. Children were given invitations last week to give to their Grandparents. Please RSVP for those who will be attending so we can get an accurate count of how many guests will be in attendance. If child(ren) do not have a grandparent/grandfriend who can attend, we will be buddy them up with another family.



If you would like your child(ren) to go home with their Grandparent/Grandfriend, we must have written permission to do so. Please send a note or email to us by Thursday so we can coordinate this with the teachers.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We would like to offer our Grandparents/Grandfriends some **refreshments** when they are here next week. We will have many people in attendance, so we will need quite a few donations! If you would be willing to contribute something, please let the office know. **Please note that all items must be nut free.** Thank you!

IMPORTANT BUSING NOTES

Please note the following changes to bus schedules:

- Sussex-Wantage: Friday, May 22 – We are dismissing at 12:30 pm. Please pick your children up at that time.
- Minisink: No changes – they will pick students up at 12:30 pm on Friday, May 22
- Warwick: Warwick schools are closed on Friday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 26. You will need to provide transportation to and from school on those days.

MIDMARKING PERIOD

Friday marks the midpoint of the 4th marking period. Teachers in grades 4 – 8 will have grades posted in Sycamore by next week Friday. Please be sure to check on your child's progress and address any concerns with the appropriate teacher.

WALK-A-THON SPONSOR UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Walk-a-thon! We loved every minute of it and are so proud of how everyone kept walking and walking and walking!!! The students walked a combined total of **600 MILES!!!** (Every 10 laps walked was 1 mile.) As a reminder, all sponsor forms and money for the walk-a-thon must be turned in by Friday in order to be eligible for prizes.

FIELD DAY

We need approximately 18 parent volunteers for Field Day activities in the afternoon on June 4. (Rain date is Tuesday 6/9/2026.) We also need 2 or 3 parents to officiate kickball games that morning starting at 9:30 am. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Legg at llegg@sussexchristianschool.org. She is also looking for about 7 canopy style tents for relief from the sun – if you have any we can borrow, please contact her.

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.

MUSICALE NOTES

Our Spring Musicale will be here before you know it! Students in **Preschool 4 through 5th grade** will be participating on **Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm** in the gym. Boys should wear dress pants and collared shirt, and girls should wear a dress or blouse with dress pants. Spring colors would be great! No sneakers and no jeans.



Due to the capacity limits of the gym, we must keep attendance limited to immediate family members and grandparents. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

STUDENT SHOWCASE – AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Students are excited to present to you their *Student Showcase – An Evening of Excellence* on Wednesday, May 27 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the gym and surrounding halls. Students in **grades 6** will share their **Science projects**; **7th graders** will be performing their monologues for the **Living Wax Museum**, and **8th graders** will give **oral presentations on their research projects**. Mrs. Pachella will also have **art projects** on display from the many projects done by **students in grades 3-8**. Please be sure to stop in for this special evening!

TIME TO SCHEDULE SPORTS PHYSICALS

Students in grades 5 – 8 are invited to participate in our sports programs (soccer, basketball, track). Students must have a current NJ Sports Physical submitted to the office prior to participation.

History has shown doctors are extremely booked during the summer months conducting physicals. Please schedule your child's physical now if he/she will be needing one over the summer! For students not residing in New Jersey, you must still use the NJ Sports Physical – other state forms are not acceptable.



OEL MEETING MINUTES

What a year it has been! As we head into these final weeks, we have some fantastic news to share from our latest OEL meeting:

We have officially wrapped up our meetings for the 2025-2026 school year! It has been a productive journey, and we are so grateful for the collaboration and dedication everyone brought to the table. While the formal sit-downs are done, the momentum certainly isn't slowing down.

We are thrilled to announce that the below OEL Board slates for the upcoming term starting with the 2026-2027 school year have been officially approved! Please join us in welcoming our team:

- Judy VanderPloeg, returning Treasurer
- Kristen McLoughlin, returning Assistant Treasurer
- Danielle Lordy, Deputy

Finally, because of our community's incredible generosity, we've been able to allocate significant funds as we hit the home stretch of the school year. These resources are going directly toward finishing the year strong and ensuring our students and staff have everything they need for a memorable finale.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Klingler
OEL Secretary
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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
	5/14: Pizza & Snack - L
5/20 – Baked Ziti & Salad Workers: Jenny Higgins, Sue Pullis, Jennifer Dillon, Dana Accettulli	5/22 – Early Dismissal: No Lunch Provided
5/27 – Hamburgers and French Fries NEED TEAM LEADER & VOLUNTEERS!	5/29: 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](#)

JOIN US FOR

Grandparents DAY

A Special Day to Honor the
Grandparents/Grandfriends in Our Children's Lives



PLACE:

Sussex Christian School



DATE:

May 22, 2026



TIME:

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

for grades Preschool 4
through 3rd

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

for 4th – 8th grades

Please RSVP

so we can plan appropriately
for all our guests to:

office@sussexchristianschool.org

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— Together in His Love —

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

Name	Value	Qty

THE SECRET CASE OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES

\$15
FRIDAY
NIGHT

MAY 15TH @ 7:00 PM
MAY 16TH @ 2:00 PM

\$10
SATURDAY
MATINEE

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

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