



Welcome May!

Principal's Challenge - Gentleness



Theme 2025-2026: Growing in Christ's Character

Monthly Highlight: Gentleness

This month, our school is focusing on **gentleness** — a fruit of the Spirit that reflects Christ in how we speak, act, and respond to others. Gentleness is not weakness; it is strength under control. It shows humility, patience, and a heart that values others.

Our Principal's Challenge verse, Ephesians 4:2, calls us to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." This encourages us to pause before speaking, choose words that build up, and respond with kindness even in difficult moments.

In classrooms, on the playground, and at home, we are reminding students that their words have the power to bring peace or cause hurt. Our goal is to cultivate a school culture where gentleness is evident in every interaction. We invite families to partner with us by reinforcing this at home — modeling gentle speech, encouraging patience, and pointing children back to Christ as our perfect example of love in action.

May Announcements

As we head into May and June, the pace picks up as we wrap up a wonderful school year! We have many exciting events ahead, including two school favorites—the Fruit of the Spirit Walkathon and Grandparents Day. We are also looking forward to hearing our students share Fruit of the Spirit songs at the Spring Concert and seeing their hard work on display at the Spring Showcase.

It is a joyful season, and we are excited for all that is ahead!

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Principal's Challenge Verse

Ephesians 4:2

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Praise & Worship Song

Gentle Like Jesus- Sovereign Grace Music

Home Connection

Gentleness—showing care and respect through our words and actions.

Try this simple family activity:

- Gather building blocks (Jenga, wooden blocks, or stackable cups).
- Take turns adding a block while saying a kind or gentle phrase (e.g., "Thank you," "You are kind," "Can I help?").
- As the tower grows, talk about how gentle words build others up and create peace.
- When finished, gently knock the tower down and discuss how harsh words can quickly tear down relationships.

May Highlights

- 5/8: Walk-a-thon
- 5/21: Spring Concert Gr. PK-5
- 5/22: Grandparents Day
- 5/25: NO SCHOOL - Happy Memorial Day
- 5/27: Spring Showcase Gr. 3-8

Mrs. Mitchell





HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 6, 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 th 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
June 4	Field Day
June 16	8 th Grade Graduation at 7 pm/Last Day of School for Preschool 3
June 17	Last Day of School for Preschool 4 -7: 12:30 pm Dismissal

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK THANK YOU!

The teachers and staff want to say thank you! The lunch, snacks, and gifts are truly making this week special. We all feel so loved and appreciated! Thank you to OEL and all the parents who have gone to great lengths to provide so generously for us!



IT'S TIME TO WALK!!

The weather looks good for Friday's Walk-a-thon!! Here are a few important notes:

- Volunteers should park in the church parking lot. No one should park in the gym parking area as it needs to be free of cars.
- Sunscreen: We encourage parents to apply sunscreen to their children before coming to school as they will be outside for a couple hours.
- Water bottles: Please pack water bottles for your children. We will have volunteers at the water station with igloo cooler jugs filling up cups for the children as well.
- The children will be getting their walk-a-thon t-shirts to wear for the event Friday morning at school. Please be sure they wear comfortable shorts and sneakers.
- All sponsor sheets and money are due by Friday, May 15 to be eligible for prizes.
- We have 4 Gold Sponsors this year! See the last pages of this issue and support these businesses!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORKDAY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help! We need helpers for our joint workday with SCRC this Saturday, **May 9** (rain date May 16). 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. If you would be willing to help (time worked can be submitted for volunteer credit hours), please contact John Kuperus at johnkuperus@sussexchristianschool.org.



**Come and
Join Us!**

Happy Birthday!

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

Savannah Babcock
Liam Cannata
Mrs. Clark
Anna Drew
Johnathan Hossann
Audri Klingler
Lucas Kuperus
Fiona Lavin



Elliott Nehr Korn
Madeline Nehr Korn
Aeliana Opilla
Jayce Orkusz
Briana Pachella
Micah Reinhardt
Liam Reiss
Remington Tilley
Hailey Woodell

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY

We are excited to have Grandparents/Grandfriends Day on Friday, May 22! Grades Preschool – 8th grade will participate in this fun morning. Children were given invitations today 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.

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!

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.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Please monitor your children's dress as we are entering the springtime and warmer weather. Boys should be in collared shirts or SCS t-shirts only. **Tank tops are not allowed.** Girls should be in collared shirts, SCS t-shirts, or dresses. All dresses, skirts, and shorts must be **fingertip length**. Sleeveless dresses must have at least a 1-1/2" shoulder. **Spaghetti straps are not allowed.** **Leggings are not allowed to be worn as pants unless under a dress, skirt, or shorts.** (Leggings are any pants that do not have pockets and/or zippers.) **Sweatpants and gym shorts may only be worn on gym days.** At no point while moving, working, or playing should undergarment be visible. Girls wearing skirts/dresses should strongly consider wearing shorts underneath them for outdoor play. **Parents of Preschoolers:** Please refer to the Dress Code in the Student/Parent Handbook for specific guidelines regarding your child's dress.

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!



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
	5/7 – Pizza & Snack - T
5/13 – Twin Soft Tacos Workers: Sarah Goodwin, Kara Cannata, Zuzana Nicoletti, Rebecca Scott	5/14: Pizza & Snack - L
5/20 – Baked Ziti & Salad Workers: Sue Pullis, Jennifer Dillon, Dana Accettulli NEED TEAM LEADER	5/22 – Early Dismissal: No Lunch Provided

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](#)

2026 SCS May Intercessor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Praise God From whom all Blessings Flow.	2 Parents and Grandparents of SCS, Wisdom and guidance in Christ- centered parenting.
3 God would open the hearts of those that hear His Word today.	4 Please pray that God would renew us as we Grow in the Lord.	5 Pray for our Students, That God would reveal Himself to them in mighty ways.	6 Melody Clark: Sale of Home that things would go smoothly. Please pray for their plans as they move forward.	7 Thank God for all the teachers and staff	8 Please Pray for the walkathon today. Great time for Kids and Families as well as sufficient funds raised for SCS.	9 Parents and Grandparents of SCS would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
10 Thank God for moms.	11 Please pray for the Mason family in their move and upcoming decisions. Pray for God's Guidance and Wisdom.	12 Please pray for Hope Thru the Valley Benefit Dinner. That this ministry would Grow and continue to Reach many with the Good News of Christ.	13 Please pray for our staff. God's hand on them as they finish the School year strong.	14 8th Grade School Trip Today and Tomorrow	15 Pray for Our students that they will have genuine Faith and be transformed by the Gospel.	16 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
17 Biblical Counseling Ministry in this area	18 Pray that the Social media platforms would reach new families and SCS would continue to grow.	19 Please continue to pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.	20 Please pray for healing for those who have severe illnesses.	21 Kimberly Drew: Pray for Ellie to gain strength to make her own transitions from wheelchair to walker and to be able to stand and walk on her own.	22 Praise God for our Faithful Grandparents	23 Veritas Christian Academy Chapel Field Northwest Christian School.
24 Pastors would remain true and faithful to His Word in teaching and life.	25 Please pray for our Country and thank God for those who have given their lives in service to our country.	26 Praise God for Our Volunteers who work tirelessly in service for SCS.	27 Please pray for our students as they display their findings at student showcase	28 Please pray for our School Boards and the Decisions they are making. Pray for godly Wisdom and Discernment	29 Pray through Psalm 100	30 Single Parent Families
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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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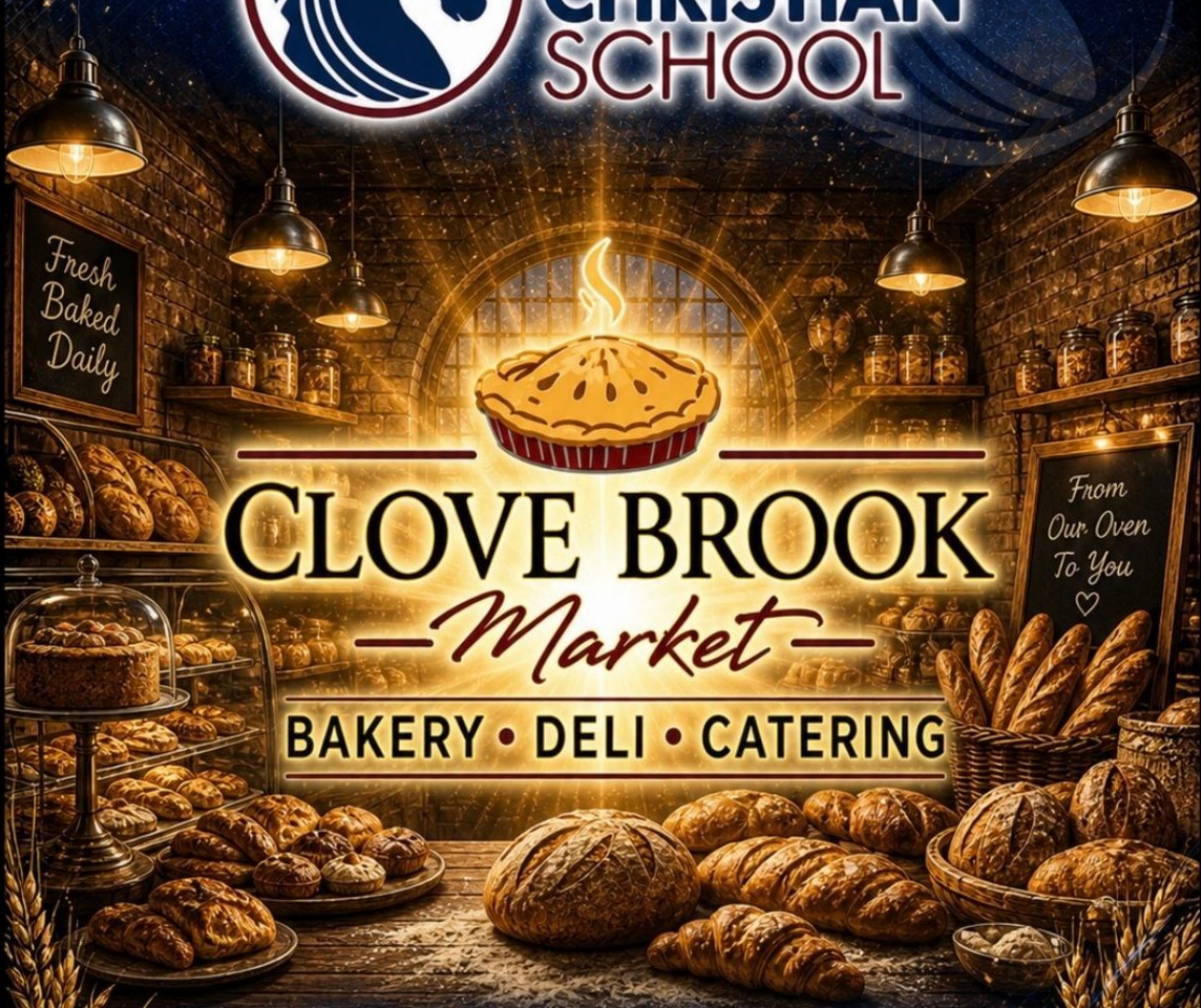


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