

The Sussex Star

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Principal's Message

With only two school days left, I want to wish each of our students, parents/guardians and staff a very safe, healthy and relaxing summer.

Parent Drop Off Solar Panel Lot



The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. If you drive your student to school, please drop off your student in the solar panel parking lot between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Please do not utilize the main parking lot to drop off your student during the above timeframe as it creates potentially hazardous conditions both for our students and our bus drivers.

Calendar



6/20, 6/21-Early Dismissal.
6/21-Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises @ High Point Regional High School @ 7 p.m.
6/21- Last Day of School
6/21-Report Cards Available in Realtime Parent Portal @ 4 p.m.
6/30-BOE Meeting @ SMS @ 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting



Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **June 30th** at Sussex Middle School. Please note the change of date. *Everyone is welcome!*



8th Grade Parents



Our eighth grade students will be participating in the Eighth Grade Commencement Ceremony on June 21st at High Point Regional High School in the gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please note that each graduate will receive six tickets. Your ticket envelope will be labeled and enclosed with your child's graduation gown and was sent home with your child on Friday, June 17th.

Parent Portal

The district has moved to **Realtime Notification** as its primary means of communication for school closings, emergencies and general notifications. Parents/Guardians will need to update their contact information on the parent portal. Should you have any issue logging into your parent portal account, please email your child's school secretaries for assistance.

Free Breakfast & Lunch



In order to ensure safe nutritious meals are available to children, the USDA has approved free breakfast and lunch for ALL children enrolled in the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District for a limited time period.

Absentee Line



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the absentee line at 973-875-4138 option 1 and leave the reason for your child's absence.

Testing



If your child has a pending Covid-19 test, please make the school nurse aware. Additionally, please keep your child home until the pending test results are finalized.

Walkers

All walkers at Sussex Middle School should utilize the following walking route: Newton Ave to Main Street. There are crossing guards positioned at the intersection of Newton Ave and 23 as well as the intersection of Route 23 and Route 284.

Parking At SMS



When parking in the middle school parking lot, please utilize the parking spaces provided and adhere to New Jersey regulation 39 4-138 regarding the fire lane.

As a reminder, currently the school day begins at 8:40 a.m. and ends at 3:29 p.m. Students walking to school are asked to arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m. and are to report to the auditorium upon their arrival. Students who are dropped off by a parent/guardian should be dropped off at the doors in the solar panel parking lot on Loomis Avenue between 8:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Please refrain from utilizing the main entrance parking lot to drop your child off. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students and staff members safe.

Nurse's Corner



As a reminder, the nurse must have a current sports physical for the 2021-2022 school year on file in the health office in order for your child to participate in any extracurricular sports.

Please ensure that your child has a *reusable* water bottle with them. This will assist with daily operations at the water stations as well as in the nurse's office.

Please be aware that as of Tuesday, January 18th, we made a change to our isolation and quarantine timeframes. In accordance with updated New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommendations, we will be reducing our quarantine time frame from ten days down to five days.

Individuals who need to quarantine will now be able to return on day six **if they do not have symptoms of illness**. If you have already been placed into a ten day quarantine, you can now return on day six if you do not have symptoms of illness. If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not resolved), continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have resolved.

More information about the NJDOH recommendations can be found using the following link:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/to pics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf

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