

The Sussex Star

February 10, 2023

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Calendar



2/17-Early Dismissal (1:26 p.m.).
Professional Development.
2/20-President's Day. School Closed.
2/23-BOE meeting @ SMS @ 7 p.m.
3/9-Early Dismissal (1:26 p.m.).
Professional Development.

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.

Board of Education Meeting

Our Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **February 23rd** at Sussex Middle School. *Everyone is welcome.*



Marking Period 2 ended on January 25th. Report cards were available in the Parent Portal at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1st. Paper copies of report cards were sent home with students on Thursday, February 2nd.

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.

6th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Sixth grade students are required to have both the Tdap and Meningitis B vaccination for the start of the school year. This must be completed after their 11 year old birthday. Please forward a copy of the vaccinations to the school nurse at Sussex Middle School.

Walkers

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

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 the Administrative Assistants at Sussex Middle School for assistance.

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. Additionally, when utilizing the Parent Drop Off/Parent Pick Up lot, please be sure that the exit of the main parking lot is not blocked by vehicles so that our buses can continue to exit. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

SMS Achievement Academy
2022-2023 Marking Period 3



Sussex Middle School is excited to open its doors before and after school to provide opportunities to the student body. The goal is to provide an open campus atmosphere to encourage student engagement, achievement, and enjoyment. Most days, there will be a before school session that runs from **7:25-8:25am** and an after school session from **3:40-4:40pm**. Guardians are responsible for transportation. There are two categories to choose from: **Enrichment Sessions and Academic Sessions**. Permission slips are available in the auditorium and outside of the main office.

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