



# Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

December 10, 2021

## Calendar of Events

### **December**

12/16; 7pm SWBOE Mtg @ SMS

12/23; EARLY DISMISSAL

12/24; SCHOOL CLOSED

12/27-12/31; SCHOOL CLOSED

### **January**

1/3; SCHOOL CLOSED

1/4; 7pm PTO Mtg Virtual

1/6; 7pm BOE Reorganization Mtg @  
SMS

1/13; Early Dismissal - Staff/Faculty PD

1/17; SCHOOL CLOSED

1/27; 7pm BOE Mtg @ SMS

The 12-month calendar is  
available to print here on  
our website

[12-month Calendar](#)

Don't forget to check  
out our website

[www.swregional.org](http://www.swregional.org)

Please send students to  
school with a proper fitting  
mask



**Congratulations to this year's  
Sussex- Wantage Regional  
School District  
Governor's Educator of the Year.**

**Lawrence School;**

**Aimie Schneider**

**Wantage School:**

**Deborah Roberts**

**Sussex Middle School:**

**Jennifer Apolito**

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## SPIRIT WEEK!



12/20/21-12/23/21 @ CEL AND WES

### **12/20 Monday -SPIRIT OF THE SEASON –**

Wear your favorite holiday colors!  
For example: red/green, blue/white

### **12/21 Tuesday - Winter Hair Day -**

Wear hair accessories or festive hats!

### **12/22 Wednesday - Crazy Sweater Day -**

Wear a crazy holiday sweater!

### **12/23 Thursday-"Twas' the Day Before Winter Break"**

Wear Pajamas!

Please make sure to follow the school dress code!



Congratulations to the SMS students  
of the month for November.

6th Grade- Kaleb DeFalco  
7th Grade- Mikaelyn Walsh  
8th Grade- Jason DeMicco

These students will be recognized at  
the Board of Education meeting on  
November 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Sussex  
Middle School.

# Cafeteria News

Breakfast and lunch are available at each school in the district, free of charge for all students for the 2021-22 school year.

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Click [here to view school menus](#)



View your menu <https://swregional.nutrislice.com/>

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Before/After Care registration is open.

Go to the district website [for the application.](#)



# Community Events

Wantage Twp. Recreation  
**HOLIDAY HOME**  
**Decorating Contest**



**Prizes awarded**

Wantage residents decorating for the holidays  
are encouraged to enter the contest.

Let's light up our community this season!

Register by sending your name, home address  
and picture of your decorated home to:

[nicole@wantagetwp-nj.org](mailto:nicole@wantagetwp-nj.org)

Registration due by 12/13

Contest details posted on our

Facebook Page & [wantagetwp.com](http://wantagetwp.com)

**Final decision of judging by Recreation Committee**

# Community Events

**Come support the Sussex-Wantage  
Wildcats Wrestling Team!**

## Photos with SANTA

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**



**6:00-9:00pm at Tractor Supply in Wantage, NJ**



**\$5.00 per child**



**All proceeds from this event will go directly towards our youth  
wrestling team.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS! GO  
WILDCATS!**



# Community Events

## **ANIMAL RESCUE SUPPLY DRIVE**

### **WHEN**

**Now until  
December 23rd**

### **WHERE**

**Collection drop-off  
boxes in main  
hallways of the  
school**

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

EMPTY BASKETS OF ALL SIZES

#### **FOR DOGS:**

Dog Food – dry  
\*Dog Food – canned (wet)  
Puppy Food  
Dog Treats/Bones  
Dog Bowls (new or used)  
Dog Toys  
Leashes (new or used)  
Collars-all sizes (new or used)  
Dog Beds (new or used)  
Crates (wire or plastic) (new or used)  
Puppy Play Pens (aka X pens) (new or used)  
Flea Medications (spray or monthly)

#### **FOR CATS:**

Cat Food – dry  
Cat Food – Canned (wet)  
Kitten Food  
Cat Treats  
Cat Bowls (new or used)  
Cat Litter  
Litter Box/Litter Scoop  
Cat Toys  
Cat Carriers (new or used)  
Cat Beds (new or used)

#### **CLEANING SUPPLIES**

Cleaning Products (bleach,  
Pine Sol, etc.)  
Paper Towels  
Garbage Bags  
Plastic Gloves (medium and large)

#### **BENEFITING**

**O.S.C.A.R -**

**One Step Closer Animal Rescue**

**B.A.R.K.S**



# Community Events

**Santa Claus is preparing to come to town...**



**Sussex Fire Department & Auxiliary**

We invite you to our....

## REINDEER RUN WITH SANTA ON HIS FIRETRUCK

**Sunday December 12, 2021,**

9 am to 2 pm

(Delivery times will vary throughout the day with the first stop at 9am, end time will not necessarily be 2pm))

For a \$5 donation per recipient, our fire truck will arrive street-side in the Sussex area with lights and sirens. After the truck comes to a complete stop, each child is encouraged to come to the fire truck to receive his/her gift from Santa (or a firefighter). Photo opportunities are encouraged.

To be involved bring a \$5 donation/child, a pre-wrapped gift(s) for each child (clearly labeled with the child's name and the delivery address) to the Sussex Firehouse on:

- Sun. 11/28 11-1,
- Tues. 11/30 5-7
- Sun. 12/5 10-12
- Tues. 12/7 5:30-7:30

For further questions, please contact our committee, 973-919-5380 or 201-679-4916.

**\*\*All monetary proceeds benefit Sussex Fire Department. \*\***

**P.S. Annual Toy Drive:** The department has also partnered with Offshore Marine in its 'Stuff the Boat' event in support of Project Self-Sufficiency's annual Holiday Toy Drive. We are a drop spot for new, unwrapped toy donations. Donations of gift wrap, ribbons, gift bags and boxes, and stocking stuffers are also welcome. The window is short again this year (toy appointments begin 11/29) so our collection will be delivered to Offshore Marine on December 4, 2021.



# Community Events



## Utility Payment Assistance Programs



**PAST DUE BALANCES MAY PUT YOU AT RISK FOR SHUT OFF AFTER 12/31/21**

**APPLY FOR NEW JERSEY'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TODAY!**

**Universal Service Fund (USF)** provides monthly credits of up to \$180 per month for household natural gas and electric bills. USF credits are based on the percentage of household income spent on energy. USF also offers *forgiveness of overdue utility balances* through the **USF-Fresh Start Program**. Through Fresh Start, for each month a USF customer pays their current monthly charges in full, 1/12 of the balance owed at time of enrollment is forgiven. See next page for income limits. Apply for USF with the HEAP application (see below).

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** provides grants for household heating costs, medically-necessary cooling, and heating expenses included in rent. Self-screen for eligibility and apply online at [www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid), or call the USF/HEAP hotline at **800-510-3102** to have an application mailed to you, find a local application agency, or request a home visit due to medical reasons.

**Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE)** provides grants for natural gas and electric bills for low- and moderate-income households. If you are income eligible for USF, you must apply for USF before seeking supplemental assistance from PAGE. You can apply online at [www.njpoweron.org](http://www.njpoweron.org) or call **732-982-8710** to have an application mailed to you or for help finding a local application agency.

**Lifeline Utility Assistance Program** helps income-eligible senior citizens and the disabled with their electric and natural gas costs. Income limits are less than \$28,769 if single and less than \$35,270 if married. Income limits will be raised by \$10,000 on January 1, 2022. Apply for Lifeline with the NJSave application at [www.aging.nj.gov](http://www.aging.nj.gov) or call **800-792-9745**.

**New Jersey SHARES** offers assistance for the following types of utility bills: water, telephone, broadband (internet), and energy bills. Apply online at [www.njshares.org](http://www.njshares.org) or call **866-657-4273** to have an application mailed to you or for help finding local partner agencies and more information.

**If you have an overdue balance and cannot reach a fair payment arrangement with your utility company, please call NJBPU at 800-624-0241 and apply for assistance programs above.**

# SANTA CLAUS

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

BAG  
BLACK BELT  
BLACK BOOTS  
CANDY  
CHIMNEY  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
COAL  
ELVES  
FATHER CHRISTMAS



GIFTS	RED COAT
HO HO HO	RED HAT
JOLLY	REINDEER
KRIS KRINGLE	SAINT NICHOLAS
LIST	SAINT NICK
LETTERS	SANTA CLAUS
MRS. CLAUS	SLEIGH
NAUGHTY	SPECTACLES
NICE	TOYS
NORTH POLE	WHITE BEARD
PORTLY	WORKSHOP

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