



## Head of the Class

September 11, 2022

**“September 11 is one of our worst days but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and reminded us of what we stood for and stand for.” — Former US Senator, Lamar Alexander**

### **Message from our Head of School**

Dear Sussex Academy Community,

Today marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the worst terrorist attack to occur on American soil, where nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives in a senseless act of hate induced violence. Although we are now at a point where no students attending Sussex Academy were born prior to the attacks on September 11, 2001, I am sure our parents and our faculty will never forget where they were when the news broke, the great sense of fear and sorrow felt by the nation, and most importantly how our communities, across the country, came together. For many of us September 11, 2001, is a distant memory, except for those who survived; the first responders who gave their lives; and those who lost a loved one; I hope you will join me in keeping them especially close today in your thoughts and/or prayers.

As a reminder, we will be holding our back to school nights this week. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with our families in person. Specific details are included in the updates for each respective campus, however the dates and times for each back to school night are below:

Elementary School (K-5)- Thursday 9/15 from 6pm-7pm

Middle School (6-8) - Tuesday 9/13 from 5:30pm- 7pm  
High School (9-12) - Wednesday 9/14 from 5:30pm - 7pm

I wanted to take a moment to update our community on our bus situation. Currently, like much of the rest of the state and country we are experiencing a shortage of bus drivers, not busses. We understand that all busses are crowded and we are actively working with our contractor and their drivers to come up with policies and procedures to get our students to and from school in the most safe and comfortable way possible. Knowing that there is a shortage of drivers, If you or anyone you know is interested in driving a school bus, please let us know and we can get you in touch with our contractor right away. Please note below an important update to Bus 6 and Bus 10 morning pick up times:

### **Bus 6 and Bus 10**

These two busses will have all of their morning pick up times moved up by 10 minutes starting Monday 9/12.

[For everyone's convenience, attached to this communication is the most up-to-date bus schedule for all bus routes.](#)

Finally, I am excited to announce an exceptional cultural and educational opportunity available to our high school students. In alignment with our mission to prepare students for the global mindedness needed for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we have established a two-week exchange partnership with the Lycée François Premier in Fontainebleau, a highly regarded International School in France. We will be holding an in-person interest meeting following the high school back to school night at 7pm in room 102 ( the classroom adjacent to student services suite). For more information on the exchange, please visit the following link or email Mr. Anderson with any questions:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15nUX1SoLNsE6FGashFvI-f1XB00t9D-E\\_pBmngyNevw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15nUX1SoLNsE6FGashFvI-f1XB00t9D-E_pBmngyNevw/edit?usp=sharing)

I hope to see many of you this week at our Back to School Night events, and as a reminder I will be holding my weekly zoom coffee chat at 10am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. You can join the conversation by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81594189461?pwd=QnlQWTdLdVJvdFhTZW5ka1pgeHhzQT09>

Sincerely,

Eric M. Anderson  
Head of School

## **Updates from the Elementary Campus**

**Back to School Night** (*Parents ONLY*) **Thursday, September 15 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Picture Day is Monday, September 26** (we will send information home)

**Grandparents' Day** is being rescheduled - TBD

**October Inservice Day** changed **from** October 7 **to** October 14th (no school for students)

**PLEASE** label your child's belongings - all uniform clothing looks the same. We have a few items in our lost and found already.

**REMINDER**, please keep your child home if exhibiting any signs of illness. Children may not return to school until they are fever-free, vomiting-free, and/or diarrhea-free for 24 hours.

**Hershey's** ice cream treats are for sale every Friday. \$1.00

No nuts & dairy-free options.

For all things elementary visit:

<https://sites.google.com/sussexacademy.org/sussex-academy-elementary/home>

**Don't forget to order breakfasts and lunches by Wednesday PM of each week!**

<http://www.orderhotlunch.com/DE/Georgetown/SussexAcademy/>

**Sussex Academy Elementary PTA**

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 PM**

**In-Person: Ms. Reed's Classroom #6**

**ZOOM: <https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/98116936289>**

**Any questions? Email the PTA at [sussexacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:sussexacademypta@gmail.com)**

**Needs (from Mr. Ott's 4th & 5th-grade science teacher):**

\*Plastic Ice Cream Tub w/lids (classroom compost buckets) 1 per classroom (12) and per kitchen (2).

\*Used Men's, Women's, and kids' white cotton button-up dress shirts. They can be short or long sleeves and can be ones with yellowed collars, etc. (Donated shirts will be washed, tie-dyed, and turned into student lab coats.)

As Fall approaches, please consider donating your seasonal hanging pots, tropical, annuals, or any old house plants, etc. to our school greenhouse and gardening program. Have extra potting soil lying around? It's also always needed.

School Garden Bed Adoption Program- In an effort to beautify our school gardens with native perennials, families are needed that want to adopt and maintain one of our many school garden beds. Have a spot you want to beautify with native trees, shrubs flowers, etc. or want to adopt one of our existing beds, please send an email to Mr. Ott. New to gardening or not sure what to plant? Don't worry Mr. Ott or Ms. Hendricks will be glad to help lead you in the right direction.

[Don.ott@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:Don.ott@saas.k12.de.us)

## **Updates from the Secondary Campus**

### **Back to School - Open House Information from the Secondary Campus**

The first four days of school flew by last week! Now it's time to welcome our families to our Open House events next week. Our Middle School will hold their Open House on Tuesday, September 14, starting at 5:30pm and our High School will host theirs on Wednesday, September 14, beginning at 5:30pm.

The event schedule is below for each grade level:

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

**Sixth and 7<sup>th</sup> grade schedule:**

Presentation in Cafe: 5:30 - 6:00  
Homeroom/Period 1: 6:00-6:09  
Next class down the hall: 6:10-6:19  
Next class down the hall: 6:20-6:29  
Next class down the hall: 6:30-6:39  
Next class down the hall: 6:40-6:49  
Final questions or meet the Exploratory teachers in the Multi-purpose Room: 6:50-7:00

### **8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule:**

Presentation in Cafe: 5:30 - 6:00  
8<sup>th</sup> grade families remain in cafe to meet the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team 6:05 - 6:45  
6:50 - 7:00 - Time to meet exploratory teachers in the Multi-purpose Room

### **Wednesday, September 14**

#### **High School Schedule (grades 9-12)**

*Parents will be handed their student's schedule by their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher. This means you should look in HAC or ask your student who their first period teacher is.*

Presentation in cafe: 5:30 - 6:00  
Period 1: 6:00-6:10 (longer to pass out schedules)  
Period 2: 6:15-6:20  
Period 3: 6:25-6:30  
Period 4: 6:35-6:40  
Period 5: 6:45-6:50  
Meet support staff in student services/ask questions of administrators in Cafe: 6:50 - 7pm

*If your student has a study hall or Early Release, feel free to come to our Student Services Center to meet our counselors.*

#### **National Honor Society School Store**

The High School National Honor Society school store is now offering the first of three SY22-23 online SA apparel stores. The ordering is live now and will close on Friday, September 23rd. Items are made to order and take around 5 weeks to come in. The store has apparel in both youth and adult sizes. Thank you for your support! Here is the link: [https://stores.inksoft.com/sussex\\_academy\\_spirit\\_wear\\_f22/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/sussex_academy_spirit_wear_f22/shop/home)

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule for the upcoming week**

Team Fusion (8<sup>th</sup> grade) had a great first week together and we are looking forward to the upcoming week. On Monday, we will start our A/B rotation block schedule. Our schedule for the week will be: A days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Be prepared for class periods 1, 2, 3 and Exploratory B days: Tuesday, Thursday - Be prepared for class periods 4, 5, 6 and Exploratory.

Attention all students, grades 6-12

There will be an Informational Meeting for all students interested in joining our growing music program offered at Sussex Academy.

- MS & HS Band
- MS & HS Choir
- Pep Band
- Jazz/Rock Band

DATE: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

TIME: 3:15 - 4pm

PLACE: Sussex Academy Music Room (Rm 103)

**SAT/PSAT Message**

JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Sussex Academy was recently approved as a test center for the **Fall administration of the SAT on Saturday October 1st**. Interested students in grades 11 and 12 need to register themselves directly through College Board - [use this link](#). You will need to create a College Board account if you do not already have one. Sussex Academy's test center code is **08177** or you can search by the school zip code 19947.

The cost of registration is \$90 however some students may qualify for a fee waiver. Check out SAT [Fee Waiver Eligibility](#) link to learn more. The deadline for registration is **September 20th**.

Please note that all juniors will take the SAT free of charge in March during the State of Delaware's SAT School Day administration. All juniors will be automatically registered for this March session.

In addition, Sussex Academy will be offering a **Fall administration of the PSAT/NMSQT for juniors on Tuesday, October 25**. Interested students [need to](#)

[complete this registration form](#). The deadline for registering for this session is **September 13th**. The cost of the PSAT/NMSQT is \$18 per student. Contact Mrs. McLaughlin about Fee Waiver eligibility. Again, this test is only open to current juniors.

Check out College Board's SAT website at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/> or contact Mrs. McLaughlin at [maureen.mclaughlin@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:maureen.mclaughlin@saas.k12.de.us) (or Schoology message) with any questions.

## **SENIORS Portraits for Class of 2023**

1. Senior Portraits: **Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits will be in the Building on September 21<sup>st</sup>** for any senior WHO has not had their senior pictures done. They will be taking both formals and c&g pictures and the student will be provided with both c&g and formal wear. They must schedule their own appointment by following this link [www.prestigeportraits.com](http://www.prestigeportraits.com) Enter Georgetown, Delaware, select Sussex Academy, add your name and schedule your photo session. These appointments must be scheduled no later than September 19, 2022 to ensure a spot in our building 9/21.
2. Senior Portraits: Should the student wish to re-do their original senior pics OR schedule an appointment in the Lifetouch/Prestige Salisbury studio, **they must complete no later than October 15, 2022**. To schedule an appointment in the Salisbury Studio, follow this link: [www.prestigeportraits.com/studio](http://www.prestigeportraits.com/studio) OR call 410-735-9198.
3. Senior Yearbook Ads: A great way for families to celebrate you and your accomplishments is to purchase a Senior Ad for this year's yearbook. Please follow the link for pricing and information. All Senior Ads should be completed by November 30, 2022.  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UruRA2WYt1iGjMHKSb\\_3SEqxt3dihKsVe8cl0\\_TUmVQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UruRA2WYt1iGjMHKSb_3SEqxt3dihKsVe8cl0_TUmVQ/edit?usp=sharing)
4. Baby Pics: We still need your baby pictures for the yearbook Senior Section. Please find a baby picture and post to the google form:  
<https://forms.gle/7RLoUdU9QRccK8qk7>

If you have any questions, please see Ms. Mews in room 312 or email [sharon.mews@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:sharon.mews@saas.k12.de.us).

## **Upcoming College Visits**

**Who?**

-Juniors and Seniors are welcome to attend!

### **What?**

-College Representatives, sometimes called College Recruiters, will be visiting Sussex Academy!

### **When?**

-The reps will be here from September to mid November, just before Thanksgiving break

### **Where?**

-Room 102, to the right of the Student Services Suite  
-Visits are scheduled for 30 minutes

### **Why?**

-To help students find the best school for them!  
-Reps will break down all the information a prospective student would want to know about that particular college or university, including:  
-Degree Programs, campus life, athletics, scholarships, tuition costs, and much more!

### **How? —It's Easy! Follow these few simple steps!**

-Student's Naviance username is their S.A. email address (it cannot be changed)  
-In the case a student's password was not saved from last year, they should use the 'Forgot Your Password?' link found near login screen  
-The next page will prompt you to create a new password  
-Students are encouraged to 'Save' their new password  
-View upcoming visits via Naviance Home Screen (click 'Colleges' at the top of screen-then click 'College Visits')  
-Click Register to attend a schools scheduled visit date and time



- Students are able to attend as many visits as they would like
- The colleges are also chronologically displayed in the “What’s New” section, located on the mid-right portion of the Naviance Home screen; click ‘more info’ to register

### **FYIs**

- Registration will close 2 days prior to the scheduled visit
- Students MUST REGISTER to attend
- Walk-ins are NOT PERMITTED

### **Questions?**

- Contact Mr. Cleaver via schoology message

## **Updates from our Athletic Department**

### **Highlights:**

Find all information athletics at: <https://www.sussexacademysports.com/>

Follow us on Twitter @SASeahawks

Next orders from our stores will be processed on 9/14. This means you have between now and then to take advantage of the awesome discounts and gear that Under Armor provides us. Support our teams and look good at the same time.

SA Athletics Store

<https://sussexacademyathleticsfall22.itemorder.com/>

SA Volleyball Store

<https://sussexacademyvolleyballfall22.itemorder.com/>

SA Soccer Store

<https://sussexacademysoccerfall22.itemorder.com/>

SA Field Hockey Store

<https://sussexacademyfieldhockeyfall22.itemorder.com/>

SA Cross Country Store

<https://sussexacademycrosscountryfall22.itemorder.com/>

### **Information:**

#### [DIAA 2022-2023 PPE Form](#)

All student athletes need to have an approved DIAA physical form on file dated after 4/1/22. Fall Middle School Athletes should have already submitted their form but if not please do so ASAP.

Fall Sports will begin tryouts on 9/7/22. We will offer women's volleyball, men's soccer, women's field hockey, and co ed cross country. All students grades 6-8 are welcomed to tryout.

Men's Basketball is hosting open gym at The Factory in Lewes every Monday and Wednesday from 530pm - 730pm. Any SA student who is thinking about being a part of our basketball program this winter is welcome. If you have any questions reach out to: [Sussexacademybasketball@gmail.com](mailto:Sussexacademybasketball@gmail.com)  
[recordo.nock@delaware.gov](mailto:recordo.nock@delaware.gov)

Women's Basketball will begin hosting open gym at Sussex Academy every Tuesday beginning 9/20 from 530pm - 730pm. This will take place in our auxiliary gym located in the Middle School. If you have any questions please reach out to: [rbenson1021@aol.com](mailto:rbenson1021@aol.com)

### **Upcoming:**

Cross Country - Jay Diaz

The team will opened their season unofficially by participating in a 5k at Del Tech called Run White and Blue to support First responders in the area. They officially kicked off the season on 9/10 at Killens Pond State Park by participating in the Lake Forest Invitational. On 9/14, the team will host a 5 team meet at their home course at Sandhill Fields.

Field Hockey - Leah Hunsinger

Field Hockey opened the season against Polytech and lost 2-1. JV played Polytech and tied 1-1. Our ladies have two games this week on 9/13 and 9/15 against two Henlopen Conference Rivals.

Men's Soccer - RJ Dina

Soccer opened up the season with a 5-0 loss to Cape Henlopen. JV lost 2-0. Soccer will be at home 9/13 and on the road 9/15. Both games will be played against Henlopen Conference Rivals.

Women's Volleyball - Hailee Gooch

Volleyball got off to a great start beating Sussex Central in 5 games. This showed a lot of growth for the team after losing Game 1 but still battling back to win the match. They continue their season this week by hosting matches on 9/13 and 9/15.

**Sports Boosters Information:**

[See attached Flyer for Booster Info !!](#)