



Head of the Class

September 18, 2022

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." - Wayne Dyer

Message from our Head of School

Dear Sussex Academy Community,

I want to take the time to thank everyone who came out to last week's back to school night events. It felt so good to be able to welcome everyone back to our first in-person, maskless back to school event since 2019. As we are entering our third week of school, I just wanted to share a few housekeeping reminders:

Activity Fees

Please do not forget that student Activity Fees are due by 9/30/22. **ES \$185 MS \$205 HS \$225** Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card (\$5 additional processing fee). Please send payment to Andrea Rogers (located in the main office at the Secondary Campus). As a charter school, we receive significantly less funding than our traditional public-school counterparts and the activity fee allows for us to continue to offer and sustain many of our extracurricular activities. In alignment with the work done by our Strategic Plan Activities Subcommittee, we will be communicating with more transparency on how activity funds are being allocated. Please look for that information later this year.

Photo Release Form and Student Handbook Review and Acknowledgement

Please use this link to complete and submit the photo release form for your student at your earliest convenience: <https://forms.gle/UsDW2HmRXvM7jmap6>

Here is the link to our Student Handbook and Code of Conduct:

<https://www.sussexacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Handbook-CoC.pdf>

Please use this link to complete and submit the handbook acknowledgement form for your student at your earliest convenience: <https://forms.gle/pF1gjyx9xrmffxPo8> If you have trouble accessing this form or want to request printed forms, please contact Julia Byrem at julia.byrem@saas.k12.de.us

Ordering School Breakfast or Lunch

Don't forget to order breakfasts and lunches by Wednesday 11:59 pm of each week! If a student does not pre-order lunch there is no guarantee they will be able to purchase the lunch menu item of choice. We offer alternate lunch options on days when the number of students buying lunch exceeds the number of lunches pre-ordered. Also, please be sure to monitor student accounts, a student will not be permitted to purchase a la carte snack items (secondary campus only) if their student lunch count has a negative balance.

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

Finally, as a reminder I will be holding my weekly zoom coffee chat at 10am on Tuesday, September 20, 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

Save the date - October 22 - 10 AM - 1 PM - Science Saturday at Sussex Elementary

The PTA is collecting books to be sold (Dollar Book Sale)

Gently used uniforms can be turned into the office throughout the year

Sussex Academy Elementary PTA

Wednesday, September 21st 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

Picture Day is Monday, September 26 (order forms being sent home this week or order online)

Grandparents' Day is being rescheduled - TBD

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

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.

For all things elementary visit:

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

Updates from the Secondary Campus

Technology Student Association (TSA):

The Technology Student Association will be holding its first meeting on Tuesday 9/27 at 3:00-3:45 for both High School and Middle School students. TSA is an after school club that competes against other Delaware schools in events such as video production, digital music, photography, bridge building, architecture, cybersecurity, coding, web design, robotics, debate, public speaking, essay writing, fashion design, dragster, video game design, and more. In addition to the competition, we have leadership and volunteer opportunities. Middle School students will meet in Room 313 and High School students will meet in Room 314. If you are interested in joining and unable to make the meeting, please send a Schoology message to Dr. Gray (Middle School students) or Mr. Elmer (High School students).

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

MS choir's first rehearsal begins on Monday, 9/19/22, from 3:45 - 4:45. - MS concert band's first rehearsal starts on Tuesday, 9/20/22, from 3:15 - 4:15. (Bring your instruments) - Rock band auditions are taking place Friday morning, 9/23/22, starting at 7am. See you all there!

Student Services News

Follow the link [here](#) to information regarding the following upcoming events:

- Parent College Information Night
- Parent Financial Aid/How to Pay for College Information Night
- Upcoming College Admission Rep Visits to Sussex Academy

Communication Protocols

In our continued efforts to build connections with families, Sussex Academy has instituted a chain of command/communication protocol for families when there are concerns or questions surrounding particular topics. Our staff are committed and expected to contact families via email and/or phone when there are questions, concerns or seeking to understand something they have experienced in their classroom with your child.

If you have a question, concern or seeking to understand something transpiring in your child's classroom, we ask you to contact the teacher of record **FIRST** to discuss prior to reaching out to an administrator. Going to an administrator first in these types of situations does not build community or trust. We ask all families to be respectful and not accusatory or presumptuous of intent as our staff is expected to do the same when reaching out to you. We are confident that when people come together and come from a good place of seeking to understand, we come away from the conversation in a good place and are able to move forward productively.

If, for some reason, you do not find resolution on your concern, for Academic-Related concerns, you should reach out to Dr. MacBury (sherry.macbury@saas.k12.de.us) or Mrs. Owens (janet.owens@saas.k12.de.us). For discipline related concerns that are not resolved, you should reach out to Mr. Keen (matthew.keen@saas.k12.de.us). Thank you for your commitment to following this protocol.

Updates from our Athletic Department

Highlights:

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

Follow us on Twitter @SASeahawks

SA Apparel: First round of orders should be delivered this week. Second round of orders have been processed. We will open Fall Team stores one more time before moving on to the Winter Season.

Information:

[DIAA 2022-2023 PPE Form](#)

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

Baseball Parent Meeting - All interested parents of prospective baseball players, please come out and meet our coach on Thursday 9/29 at 545PM. We will meet in the bleachers on the 2nd turf field. This will be for parents of anyone grades 6-12.

Men's Basketball is hosting open gym at The Factory in Lewes every Sunday at 4:00PM. 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
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

Upcoming:

Cross Country - Jay Diaz

In first home meet of the year, our boys finished the day 3-1 and our girls finished the day 4-0. Great way to start the season. This Wednesday, 9/21, our team will host another quad meet at Sandhill Fields.

Field Hockey - Leah Hunsinger

Field Hockey has opened the season 2-1. They have a big test coming this Saturday, 9/24, when the travel to Newark Charter.

Men's Soccer - RJ Dina

Soccer has opened the season 2-1. Next game is this Thursday, 9/22, when they host Milford.

Women's Volleyball - Hailee Gooch

Volleyball has opened the season 3-1. Next contest is this Tuesday, 9/20, when our ladies travel to Cape Henlopen.

Shout Out:

Middle School Teams are off to a great start. The interest in these teams was outstanding as we had over 50 students tryout for Soccer, over 40 students tryout for Volleyball, over 30 students tryout for Field Hockey, and over 20 students tryout for Cross Country. These numbers were accomplished with a number of 8th graders already participating in high school athletics.

The future is bright and we wish all of our Middle School athletes luck as their seasons kick off this week.