



## Head of the Class

September 4, 2022

*"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect it's successful outcome." - William James*

### Message from our Head of School

Happy Labor Day!

We are looking forward to the return of our students this week. I hope everyone's Labor Day weekend brought a positive close to the summer recess. This week's communication will be strongly focused on all the information our families need to ensure an informed and positive start to the 2022-2023 school year. Elementary and middle school supply lists have been communicated, however I want to shed some light as to why we do not issue supply lists for high school. In high school every student has a unique combination of courses and teachers, and supplies are dictated by each individual classroom teacher. As a result, it is a general practice that students in high school will meet with their teachers on the first days of school, and each teacher will communicate through their course syllabi what materials are required for their respective courses.

In preparation for welcoming our students back this week, I want to remind families that **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 is the first day for students in grades K-6, & 9. All students K-12 will report to school on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.** Additionally, I have some important information to share regarding Bus # 10:

### **BUS #10 ANNOUNCEMENT**

Because of construction in the Longneck area, drop-off times will change for the two stops.

Peddlers Village drop off time will be 3:45pm

Harris Teeter-Longneck drop off will be 3:55pm

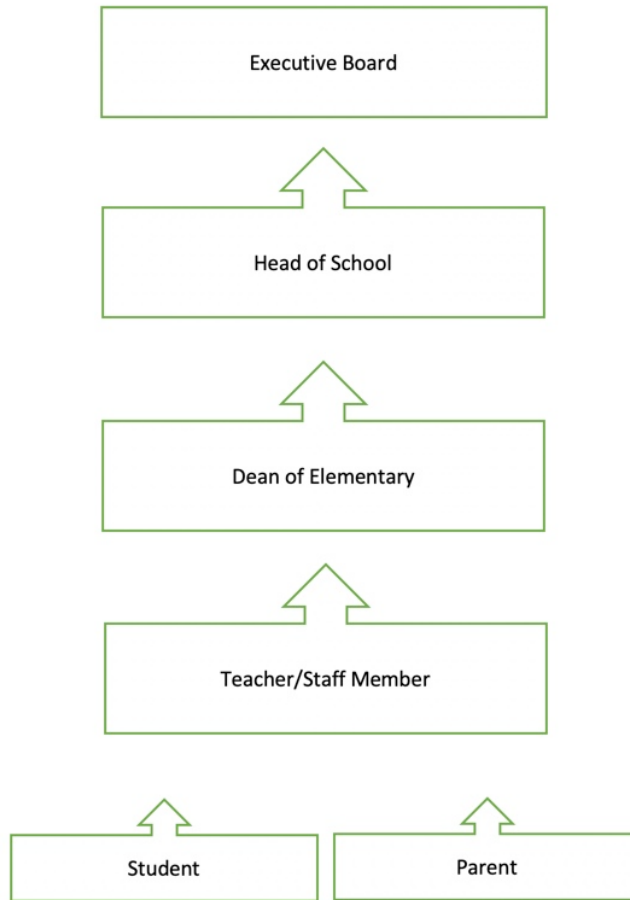
Pick up times will not change.

If you have any questions in regards to this change please contact [matthew.keen@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:matthew.keen@saas.k12.de.us).

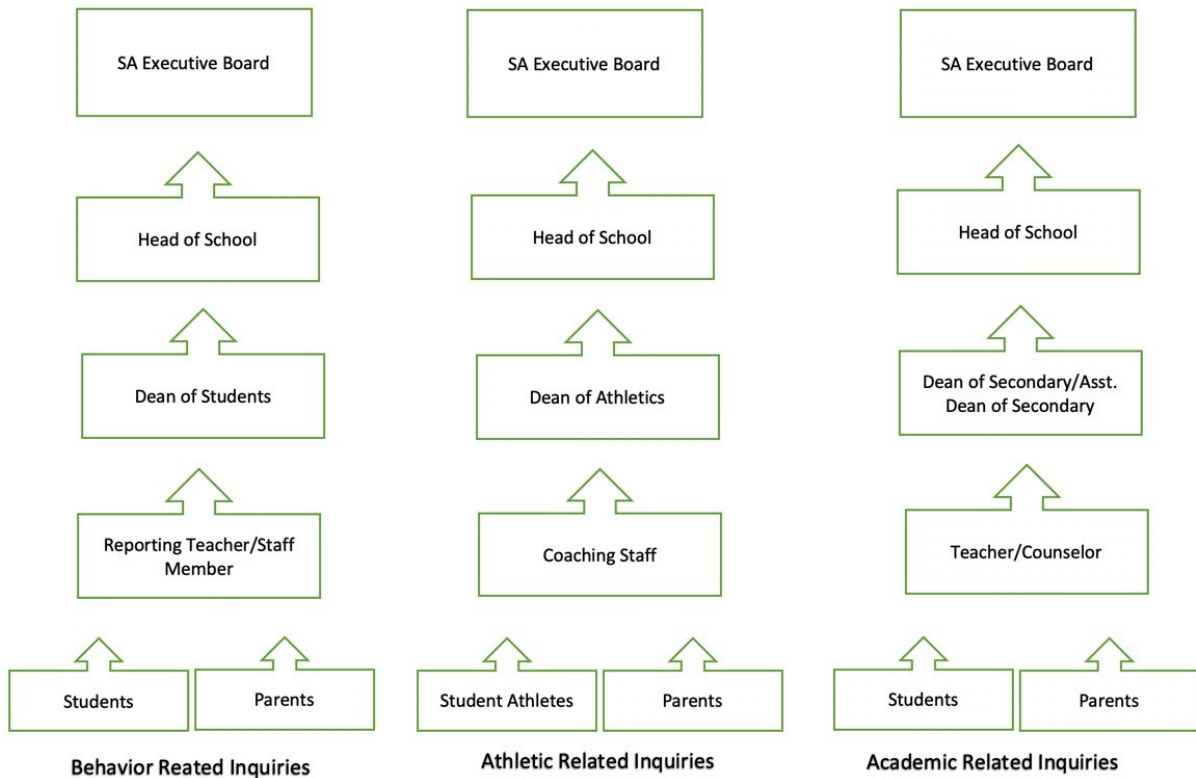
Finally, I want to remind all families that I will be holding my first Zoom Coffee chat this Tuesday at 10am. These meetings are being held as a forum to provide an opportunity to delve deeper on any of the topics that are contained in these weekly *Head of the Class* communications. You can access the forum by using this [link](#).

If you have a personal concern that needs to be addressed, those concerns should be addressed by scheduling time to speak with the appropriate faculty member. I have included graphics for the Sussex Academy chain of communication below:

## Sussex Academy Elementary Chain of Communication



### Sussex Academy Secondary Campus Chain of Communication



Essentially, concerns should only rise up the chain of communication if the concern is not handled to satisfaction by going first through the appropriate channels. We believe that concerns can be successfully resolved when they are first addressed to the faculty member closest to the situation.

The first days of school are always so exciting and full of great vibes, and we plan for those great vibes to permeate the vibe for the entire school year! I look forward to seeing our K-6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday 9/6, and all students K-12 on 9/7.

Enthusiastically,

Eric M. Anderson  
Head of School

### [Updates from the Elementary Campus](#)

**Tuesday, September 6** - First Day of school for ALL K - 5th graders. Start 8:10 AM - Dismiss 3:15 PM

**Thursday, September 15** from 6:00 - 7:00 PM Back to School Night (for parents only).

### **Sussex Academy Elementary PTA**

**Wednesday, September 21** 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)

### **Morning & After School:**

<https://sites.google.com/sussexacademy.org/sussex-academy-elementary/home/extended-care-drop-off-pick-up-bus-schedule>

**Cars** drive up to the curb nearest the school. Please do not block where the busses will take the gavel drive. **At pick up** - make sure you have your child's first and last name visible in the passenger side window in LARGE **bold** print.

**Before Care begins at 7:30 AM (not before) in the gym building lobby.** Do not drop your child off prior to the doors opening.

**After care** is in the performing arts room (students may also be found outside or in the gym on rainy days). **Pick up no later than 5:30 PM.**

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

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

\*Used Men's, Women's, Kids white cotton button-up dress shirts. They can be short or long sleeve 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 green house 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)

**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/>

## Updates from the Secondary Campus

### **Day 1 Reminders:**

Day 1 for Students in Grades 6 and 9 is **Tuesday!** Just a few reminders:

- Students may enter the building starting at 7:50am. The school day starts at 8am.
- Students in Grade 6 will report directly to the Gym for a grade level assembly.
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- Students in Grade 9 will report to the Cafeteria where they will find their name on a posted list for their group location for most of the day
- Students should be in dress code
- A pizza lunch is being provided. Students should bring their own water bottles (we have refill stations throughout the school)

Day 1 for Students in Grade 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 is **Wednesday**

- Students may enter the building at 7:50am. The school day starts at 8am
- Students should be in dress code
- We will be running a typical student day

Attached is the bell schedule of classes for the Secondary Campus by grade-level for your review.

### **Chromebooks**

- Students in Grades **6, 9, 10, 11 (new students only) and 12<sup>th</sup>** will be receiving new Chromebooks
- They will be distributed during Advisory period

- We are asking students to NOT put stickers on their Chromebooks, you may put them on your cover but not directly on the Chromebook. Thank you!

### **SAT at Sussex Academy**

Sussex Academy is going to be a host site for the Saturday, October 1 SAT. Be on the lookout for sign-up procedures this week from Mrs. McLaughlin.

### **Open House at the Secondary Campus - Mark Your Calendars!**

Tuesday, September 13: Middle School Open House 5:30 - 7pm

Wednesday, September 14: High School Open House 5:30 - 7pm

*\*Each Open House will have a presentation starting at 5:30pm. Parents will then follow a schedule to meet teachers starting at 6pm.*

### **Advisory at the Secondary Campus**

After stakeholder feedback from surveys, strategic planning committees and student focus group discussions, SA formed a sub-committee to discuss building an Advisory period into each school day for at least 30-minutes. Advisory period allows opportunities for students to engage in extra support from their teacher(s), participate in clubs and activities and receive social-emotional support. We are committed to building a cohesive, kind and connected community of learners at SA and we will continue to reflect on stakeholder feedback on how advisories are impacting all students and their experiences to adjust as needed.

### **SAHS THEATRE FALL 2022 PRODUCTION:**

#### ***NOISES OFF!***

The SAHS Theatre Season is kicking off this week with set construction for the fall play *Noises Off*. Audition videos will also be due the first day of school (9/7), so please see below to learn how to get involved!

### **Audition Materials/Applications for Performers & Behind the Scenes**

In this [folder of Audition Materials](#), there is General Information about the show (including plot/character information and audition procedures), a Tentative Rehearsal Schedule, the Actor Agreement, Audition Monologues, and Callback Sides. Any student who wants a job Behind the Scenes should complete the [Behind the Scenes application](#). *Anyone* can help with the set construction - there is no need to apply to help with that (see below for more information about set construction).

## **Dates you need to know**

### **INTEREST MEETING:**

Wed., Sept. 7th (3:15-5:15) in Rm. 311

### **ONLINE APPLICATIONS/VIDEO AUDITIONS:**

Due by 11:59pm on Wednesday, Sept. 7th

### **CALLBACKS:**

Fri., Sept. 9th (3:15-5:15) in Room 311

### **FIRST REHEARSAL:**

Monday, Sept. 12th (3:15-5:15) in Room 311

### **TECH REHEARSALS:**

Sun., 10/23 (12:30-6:30) &

Mon. 10/24 - Thurs., 10/27

### **SHOWS:**

Oct. 28 @7pm & Oct. 29 @ 2pm & 7pm

See [Tentative Schedule](#) for more info

## **Other important things to know:**

Auditions are open to any high school student, grades 9-12.

Any high school student – regardless of gender or race – can audition for any role in the show regardless of the role’s scripted gender or race.

There are only 9 roles in the show – 5 male and 4 female. A British accent is **STRONGLY** preferred for all actors. There will be understudies cast for all 9 roles who will also work backstage.

Please contact [erin.bobby@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:erin.bobby@saas.k12.de.us) with any questions.

## **SENIOR 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 or contact Ms. Mews in room 312 or by email [sharon.mews@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:sharon.mews@saas.k12.de.us).

## 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.

Middle School Fall Sports will begin tryouts on 9/7/22. Middle School sports offered in the fall are: 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 open the season on 9/10 at the Lake Forest Invitational. Coach Diaz has brought a lot of excitement to the program as our number of runners continues to increase on a yearly basis. The team has been training hard and looks to build on the success that they had last season.

Field Hockey - Leah Hunsinger

The team just participated and did very well in a Playday with 5 of the top 10 teams in Delaware including last years Division 1 and 2 State Champions. Going 2-1-1 in this playday gives the team tremendous confidence going into their opening game against Polytech on 9/8. The team returns a number of strong contributors from their state semifinalist team last year.

Men's Soccer - RJ Dina

Soccer opens the season at Cape Henlopen on 9/10. Our team is young but very talented. Coach Dina definitely has this program headed in the right direction and it will not be long before they are a force in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Women's Volleyball - Hailee Gooch

Volleyball is off to a great start. They hosted a play day of 9 of the top teams in the state and everyone came away very impressed with the level of organization of the event. Our roster is a veteran group that has been through the rigors of the very competitive Henlopen Conference. This experience should serve them well and we are excited for the upcoming season.

### **Sports Boosters Information:**

September 6, 4:30pm-6:30pm – STOCK THE NEST!

Please help us to restock the concession stand in preparation for fall sport activity!

Bring your donations to the Nest at the Secondary Campus, in support of fundraising, as follows:

12th Graders – Individual Bottled Water or Individual Gatorade (red, orange, yellow, blue)

11th Graders – Candy bars/ Swedish Fish/ Sour Patch Kids/ variety

10th Graders – Candy bars/ Swedish Fish/ Sour Patch Kids/ variety

9th Graders – Single bags chips/ pretzels/ Doritos/ variety

Middle Schoolers – Individual Iced Teas/ Canned Sodas

3 to 5 Elementary School – Candy bars/ Swedish Fish/ Sour Patch Kids/ variety

K to 2 Elementary School – Individual Hot Chocolate Servings/ Coffee Keurig Pods

Monetary donations appreciated, too! Cash on-site or Venmo: @SASportsBoosters (memo: The Nest)

Parent Volunteers Appreciated!

We continue to seek parent volunteers for the Office of Team Liaison Coordinator and various booster committees. Please consider joining the Sports Boosters and help

support our amazing athletes and coaches! Please reach out to Denise Wells, Sports Boosters President, with any questions! Denise.z.wells@wilmu.edu

#### Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

September 14 – General Membership Meeting, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Sussex Academy Lobby outside of Gymnasium

(in-person/ before Secondary Campus Back to School Night)

October 12 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

November 9 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

December 14 – General Membership Meeting (in-person)

January 11 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

February 8 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

March 8 – General Membership Meeting (in-person)

April 5 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

May 10 – General Membership Meeting (zoom)

June 7 – General Membership Meeting (in-person)

#### Sports Boosters Officers

Sports Boosters welcomes the following officers to the upcoming school year:

- Denise Wells, President
- Nicole Lehman, Vice President
- Jennifer Jarrell, Secretary
- Dawn Taylor, Treasurer