



Head of the Class

December 11, 2022

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one" - Malcom S. Forbes

Message from our Head of School

Dear Sussex Academy Community,

Welcome to the last week of school for 2022! Just a reminder to all that Sussex Academy's will be closed for Winter break from Monday, December 19, 2022 and will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023. Due to the holiday, there will be no Head of the Class email on Sunday 12/25 and an abbreviated version on 12/18. The Head of Class communication will resume as normal on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

As we approach the Winter break there are different events taking place at both campuses. Be sure to check under the news for each respective campus below.

Latex Safety Alert

Due to the airborne nature of the nonvisible latex particles and the safety of our school community, **latex balloons and gloves will no longer be permitted** in the school's buildings or events. Mylar balloons and non-latex gloves are safe alternatives.

In addition, our school community has members with life-threatening allergies to tree nuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, shellfish, raw eggs, latex, and possibly others. Below are some helpful tips for creating a safe and healthy student-centered environment.

Food allergy helpful tips for the classroom!

- Students and staff use appropriate hand-washing procedures that emphasize the use of soap and water. Hand sanitizers are not effective in removing food allergens.
- Clean and sanitize with soap and water or all-purpose cleaning agents where food is prepared or eaten in the classrooms.
- Collaborate with the nurse before special classroom occasions, i.e., parties, animals in the classroom, science days, etc., to review allergies.

Sports Boosters General Membership Meeting

Team Liaisons, Coaches, and Parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 14, 4:00pm at Sussex Academy High School **Room 102** for our monthly meeting! Any questions, please contact Boosters President, Denise Wells, denise.z.wells@wilmu.edu

Message from Secondary PTSA:

It is the time of year to say thank you to our teachers and staff! We will be celebrating them with a Cookies and Coffee Party! We are looking for parents to donate cookies, brownies, and other homemade or store purchased treats. If you are able to assist, please follow the link below to the sign-up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4eadaa2ea5fe3-cookies>

Finally, as a reminder I will be holding my final weekly zoom coffee chat for 2022 at 10am on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. You can join the conversation by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81594189461?pwd=QnlQWTdLdVJvdFhTZW5ka1pqeHhzQT09>

Sincerely,

Eric M. Anderson
Head of School

Updates from the Elementary Campus

Happy Holidays from the Elementary!

Progress reports were sent home this week.

Third-grade reports have a technical glitch we are trying to work out. They will be sent home as soon as possible.

Field Trips:

Tuesday, Dec 13 the 3rd, 4th, & 5th are going to Sussex County Courthouse to see a reenactment of the court scene in Miracle on 34th St.

3rd grade will leave at 8:45 and return at 10:05.

4th and 5th will leave at 11:15 and return at 12:35.

Wednesday, December 14 the 2nd grade is visiting Historic Lewes.

December 15 - "Ugly" holiday sweater day (\$1.00)

December 16 - Pajama Day (Free)

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

You will need to order between Thursday, December 22, and Wednesday, December 28 for the week of January 2nd.

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

For all things elementary visit:

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

Updates from the Secondary Campus

Update on Report Cards:

There were a few minor glitches in eschool as a result Report Cards will now be released on Monday 10/12/22

Honor Roll Brunch:

Students who made honor roll will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 with an honor roll brunch serving the following:

Little Ceasar's Pizza (cheese) (2 slices per child)

Danish

Granola Bar

Secondary Winter Concert:

PLEASE JOIN THE MS & HS BANDS AND CHOIRS FOR THEIR WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT THIS TUESDAY, STARTING AT 6PM.

PIZZA AND SNACKS WILL BE SOLD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!



Friday Dress Down/Holiday/ugly Sweater Day

Friday 12/16 is the last Friday of the month and a free dress down day for all. We encourage everyone to wear their holiday (ugly or ugly holiday) sweater to school.

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 for Winter Stores have been processed. Those stores will be reopened next week.

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.

Students who have not turned in the proper physical form will NOT be permitted to tryout.

Baseball parent meeting originally scheduled for 12/17, will be rescheduled for January. Thank you to the parents who reached out and said they could not make it. Look forward to a full meeting Early January.

Baseball will be hosting a catcher clinic on 12/14 at 6pm in the Middle School Gym. All grade and ability levels welcome.

Upcoming:

Boy's High School Basketball

Boys' Basketball finished last week 0-3. The young team is playing hard and getting valuable experience.

12/13 Home v. Seaford 430pm

Middle School Boy's Basketball

Middle School Boys finished the week 0-1. They played a close game against local rival Mariner Middle.

12/12 Home v. Millsboro MS 4pm

12/14 at Georgetown MS 515pm

Girl's High School Basketball

High School Girls finished the week 1-2 against some tough competition.

12/13 at Seaford 4pm

Middle School Girl's Basketball

Middle School girls finished week 0-1 after losing close game to rival.

12/12 Home v. Millsboro MS 515pm

12/14 at Georgetown MS 4pm

High School Indoor Track

Indoor Track is building on a successful Cross-Country Season and had a great yet very late running first meet.

12/14 Pat Russo Invitational at Worcester Country Rec Complex.

High School Swimming

Both Boys and Girls Teams are off to hot 2-0 starts. Experience and youth are mixing well on these teams and they look poised to compete for Henlopen Conference Titles.

12/16 v. Sussex Tech at West Sussex Boys and Girls Club 330pm

High School Wrestling

Wrestling competed at the Delmar Invitational with Doug Horton leading the charge with a 6th place finish. These wrestlers are getting better every day with new Head Coach/Former 2x State Champ, Cory Lawson working hard to get this very new program competing at a high level.

12/16 and 12/17 at Parkside HS Holiday Tournament

Winter Sports

Please Contact the following individuals with questions about the upcoming season:

Men's Basketball

Brad Leinbach

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Women's Basketball

Rayona Benson

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High School Indoor Track

Jay Diaz

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High School Swimming

Tom Martiner

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High School Wrestling

Cory Lawson

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Help Wanted:

If you or anyone you know has interest in coaching, we are looking to fill the following positions for this Spring:

Baseball - Middle School Head, High School Assistant

Men's Lacrosse - Middle School Head, High School Assistant

Women's Lacrosse - Middle School Head, High School Assistant

Softball - Middle School Head, High School Assistant

Please reach out to matthew.keen@saas.k12.de.us with interest.