



## Head of the Class

March 12, 2023

**"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." — Winston Churchill**

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

Dear Sussex Academy Community,

As part of our new strategic plan, we have been charged to reevaluate and create a transparent funding structure for how the school activity fees are being allocated. To accomplish this, I am creating a committee of faculty/staff, parents, and students who would be interested in being part of this process. If you are interested, please fill out this [google form](#). **We will hold our first meeting(via zoom) at 6pm on Tuesday March 21, 2023.**

### **Calendar Reminders for the Week:**

- Monday 3/13 is an Asynchronous day for **High School Only**
- Wednesday 3/15 SA Board of Directors Meeting at 4pm in room 102( Secondary Campus)
- Friday 3/17 is an Inservice day for teachers, no school for students.

### **Student Spotlight:**

Congratulations to our 9<sup>th</sup> grade high school math league team for placing first in their region and top ten in the state! Members of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade team include:

Noah Benz - 9<sup>th</sup> (Tied for second in the region)

Katya Geyer - 9th

Oliver Graves - 9th

Kieran Probst - 9th

Jack Thomas - 8<sup>th</sup> (Placed first in the region)

For the 10-12 team, senior Alex Boswell placed first in the region, qualifying for an at-large seat at states. Alex and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade team will compete in the state invitationals later this month.

Freshman Victor Goodhue was featured on WRDE for dedicating his Boy Scout's Eagle project to upgrading Milton little league to include a batting cage. You can watch the WRDE segment by clicking [here](#).

## **Feather Our Nest**

The Feather Our Nest Campaign is an annual campaign that is held to raise funds for schoolwide wish list items. Please consider supporting our school by sending a check to:

Sussex Academy

ATTN: Sadé Truiett, Director of Communications

21150 Airport Road

Georgetown, DE 19947

Donations can be made to purchase a specific item or applied to the purchase of a specific item.

Please contact Sadé Truiett for more information or questions.

[Sade.truiett@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:Sade.truiett@saas.k12.de.us)

## **Elementary Campus**

<b><u>Campus</u></b>	<b><u>Wish List Item(s) (Description)</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Elementary Campus	Sensory Path	\$3,000.00
Elementary Campus	John Deer Gator Utility Vehicle	\$16,000
Elementary Campus	Seesaw (4 seats)	\$2,000
Elementary Campus	18 copies of The Writing Revolution:	\$411.00

Elementary Campus	Spot Vision Screener (Welch Allyn)	\$8,000.00
Elementary Campus	Kindergarten STEM Activity	\$19.00
Elementary Campus	Kindergarten Stem Activity	\$18.00
Elementary Campus	Kindergarten Stem Activity	\$20.00
Elementary Campus	Welch Allyn Pocket scope Otoscope and Throat Illuminator in Soft Case	\$245
Elementary Campus	Welch Allyn Otoscope with Ophthalmoscope	\$1,300.00
Elementary Campus	BrainPOP Espanola	\$180.00
Elementary Campus	Rockalingua	\$300.00
Elementary Campus	BrainPOP Spanish and ELL	\$400.00

Elementary Campus	The Farm stand by Lettuce Grow hydroponic growing stand for indoor classrooms.	\$844
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**Secondary Campus**

Secondary Campus	Interactive French Language Games, Posters, and Lessons	\$240.00
Secondary Campus	G.I.R.L talk club: 20 journals 2 packs of gel pens in assorted colors Affirmation cards Cozy socks (20) Arts and Craft kit Mirrors Vision Board Party items 20 VISA gift cards in any amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Journals: \$40.00</li> <li>● Gels Pens: \$20.00</li> <li>● Affirmation Cards: \$50.00</li> <li>● Cozy Socks: \$40.00</li> <li>● Arts and Craft Kit: \$25.00</li> <li>● Mirrors: \$20.00</li> <li>● Vision Board Party Items: \$150.00</li> <li>● VISA Gift cards \$20.00x10: \$200.00</li> </ul>
Secondary Campus	Rechargeable batteries	\$50.00
Secondary Campus	Expo Markers (3 packs)	\$150.00

Secondary Campus	<p>1. Poster Printer</p> <p>2. Title wave by Follett classroom library one-year subscription (72 books)</p>	<p>Printer: \$3,000.00</p> <p>Subscription: \$1,810.00</p>
Secondary Campus	<p>Earthquake Shake Table (<a href="https://www.pitsco.com/EZ-Shake-Table">https://www.pitsco.com/EZ-Shake-Table</a>)</p>	\$250.00
Secondary Campus	<p>Audiometer for the Secondary Campus Nurse's Office</p>	\$1,800.00
Secondary Campus	<p>Air Purifier</p>	\$250.00
Secondary Campus	<p>Welch Allyn Otoscope with Ophthalmoscope</p>	\$1,300.00
All campuses	<p>Snow Blower</p>	\$3,000

Finally, as a reminder I will be holding my weekly zoom coffee chat at 10am on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. 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

**Reminder - Don't lose your child's enrollment spot - you must complete the intent to return by March 17!**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNP6Rk-9sJC\\_Cb7hJUAPzpVZHQB7UtbpCplMWH4-vKSuvDNQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNP6Rk-9sJC_Cb7hJUAPzpVZHQB7UtbpCplMWH4-vKSuvDNQ/viewform)

If you have more than one child attending Sussex Academy, please submit a form for each child.

If we do not hear back from you by March 17 (the choice deadline), we will assume that you are not returning.

### **Elementary Spirit Days**

**March 16- No Uniform Day - wear green or something for St. Patrick's Day (free)**

**March 17 - No school for students**

**March 21 - Rock Your Socks - wear mismatched socks (with your uniform) for Down Syndrome Awareness Day**

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

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

For all things elementary visit:

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

**For planning purposes testing is during the following weeks:**

<b>April 17 – April 28</b>	<b>SBAC – ELA and Math</b>	<b>3 - 5</b>
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May 8 - 9	Pearson Social Studies	4
May 8 - 9	Pearson - Science	5

Click on the link below to purchase tickets. You don't want to miss this show!

<https://kimandevansff.org/>

# Kate the Chemist

Appeared on the TODAY Show and Late Night with Steven Colbert

**Coming to Sussex Academy Elementary!**



**Kate the Chemist, Chemistry  
Professor & Science Entertainer  
March 25**

**Two Shows: 10 AM & 1 PM  
Purchase tickets NOW!**

<https://kimandevansff.ticketleap.com/kate-the-chemist/>

**Updates from the Secondary Campus**



## STUDENT SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE ON DIPLOMA**

Attention Class of 2023 Families! This week, your senior was given a form indicating how their name will appear on their diploma.

If there is any change or correction made to the student's name, **PLEASE PROVIDE A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ANYWHERE ON THE FORM** and return to school by **March 24th**. If you approve of the name as shown, the form does not need to be returned.

Please direct any questions to Mr. Cleaver at [scott.cleaver@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:scott.cleaver@saas.k12.de.us)

- **COLLEGE ESSAY PRESENTATION FOR JUNIORS**

Sussex Academy will be hosting a College Essay presentation on **Monday, March 27** starting at **9:55am** in our Cafetorium for Juniors. We will have an abbreviated AM schedule and extending advisory to accommodate. Below are the biographies on our presenter:.

**Stephanie Shea** helps high school students get into college. For over 22 years, Stephanie has been passionate about working with kids to find the *right* college for them. She has a background in writing and editing, and absolutely loves coaching students on their college essays. Stephanie strives to make her work with students transformational, not just transactional. She believes the college admissions process is an opportunity for students to learn and grow. Stephanie has an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Harvard University, where she specialized in modern American fiction. She is a member of the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling). In her free time, you can find Stephanie in the yoga studio, on the soccer field, or surfing on her longboard. She loves dogs, dope tunes, fun fashion, and Rise Up coffee. Stephanie can be reached at [sshea@agm-collegeadvisors.com](mailto:sshea@agm-collegeadvisors.com).

**Randy McKnight** has devoted his entire adult life to helping high school students. As an English teacher for over 40 years at the highly ranked H-B Woodlawn Program in Arlington, Virginia, he masterfully instructed students on the mechanics of writing, with special attention given to

crafting the college essay. For 30 of those years, he also guided students and their families through the college-application process. Randy is one of those teachers who changed thousands of kids' lives and is respected and beloved by his former students across the world. Upon retiring from classroom teaching, Randy founded *AGM College Advisors*<sup>®</sup>, where he focused on finding the right fit for his student clients. Randy received a BA from Davidson College and has a master's degree in Psychology with a focus on special learners from Catholic University. He is a member of the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) and PCACAC (Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling). As a true Southerner, Randy can tell a story like no one else. He enjoys riding his bike along the coastline in Cape Charles, VA and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Randy can be reached at [rmcknight@agm-collegeadvisors.com](mailto:rmcknight@agm-collegeadvisors.com).

- **COLLEGE NIGHT FOR THE FAMILIES OF JUNIORS**

Families of the Class of 2024! On **Thursday, March 30th**, beginning **at 6pm**, Sussex Academy will have a guest speaker presenting what to expect moving forward in exploring all things college.

**Tola Magbagbeola** currently serves as a school counselor and Department Chair of School Counseling at The Charter School of Wilmington, in Wilmington Delaware. Working with students for over 12 years, and with high school students for the last 8, Ms. Magbagbeola has been seeing students through their college application process, starting in the 9th grade. With extensive experience with Naviance, standardized testing, the Common App, and more, she is excited to share her experience with the students and families of Sussex Academy.

Tola has been twice nominated for Delaware's School Counselor of the Year, is certified in Mental Health First Aid, and regularly participates in professional development to expand her knowledge base.

- **PRACTICE ACT FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS**

**Leslie Caruso**, Firat Education College Consultant, is hosting a free full-length practice ACT at Sussex Academy on **April 22 from 9am to 12:15pm**.

If you have a college-bound high schooler, taking a practice ACT now will help you identify which test is better for him/her given that the scores can be compared against the PSAT scores.

More importantly, identification of problematic and strong content areas now rather than later in the process will help prepare for the tests with intention and higher chance of accomplishing goal scores for your college admissions goals.

To register:

[www.firateducation.com/sussexacademyACT](http://www.firateducation.com/sussexacademyACT)

**Please arrive at Sussex Academy at 8:45am** with your graphing calculator and water. You will be provided the testing packet and pencils. The test will be approximately 3 hours in length, so your student will be released at 12:15pm.

Students will receive a full testing analysis report to the email used upon registration by Monday, April 1. Please email [leslie@firateducation.com](mailto:leslie@firateducation.com) if you have any questions.

### **PROM**

March 14-16 are the final days for prom ticket sales. All juniors and seniors may purchase tickets during both lunches for \$60 each. Guest forms are available under Materials on Hawk News and are due this Wed. March 15. The final day to purchase tickets is this Thurs. March 16. Checks may be made payable to Sussex Academy.

### **HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SCHEDULING SEASON**

The high school course selection process is nearing. Teachers are beginning conversations with students to discuss course matching/recommendations for the 23-24 School Year.

Administrators, our Academic Advisor, Counselors and Counseling support staff will be holding 1:1 student sessions with the intention of having all course requests completed prior to Spring Break. Your student will have a 1:1 session to share and discuss:

- Course matching/recommendations made by teachers in students' core classes. They will be captured on a hard copy course selection form.

- Review current transcript for accuracy as well as discussing graduation requirements and mapping out a potential academic course path for all years remaining in high school.
- The course selection book to review courses and ensure prerequisites are met when selecting courses

A copy of the course selection sheet will be made and students will be expected to take their sheet home to review with parents and return signed (prior to **April 6**). Once your student has had a 1:1 session and brings their course selection sheet home, if you have specific questions about the process or selections made, you can set-up a time to discuss with the individual your student met with. However, we are asking for all of this to take place prior to April 6.

After April 6, we will be entering all requests into eSchool and tallying up requests to determine which courses will run (based on interest) and determine how many sections we need of each course so we can begin building the master schedule after Spring Break.

Please note that any course request changes after the master schedule is built are not guaranteed - we are a small school and even five students making a change for the same course can cause an imbalance in our courses by overloading a section.

We will be hosting a parent night for the course selection process. We will review graduation requirements, discuss career pathways, course levels, our trimester schedule and the like. Current high school families may find the information repetitive but, this meeting is really helpful for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. The meeting will take place **Wednesday, March 22 at 5:30pm** via zoom. Dr. MacBury will be hosting the event and will share the zoom link prior to the event in a separate email.

Ms. Alinkoff is going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade advisory on Tuesday to discuss course matching, scheduling and will host a panel discussion with upperclassmen to talk with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well.

Any questions can be directed to Dr. MacBury at [sherry.macbury@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:sherry.macbury@saas.k12.de.us)

## Updates from our Athletic Department

### **Highlights:**

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

Follow us on Twitter @SASeahawks

SA Apparel: Stores will close 3/20

<https://sussexacademytennis23.itemorder.com/>

<https://sussexacademyglax23.itemorder.com/>

<https://sussexacademyfootball23.itemorder.com/>

<https://sussexacademysoftball23.itemorder.com/>

<https://sussexacadbaseball23.itemorder.com/>

### **Information:**

Sussex Academy Soccer will be hosting 2 weeks' worth of camps this summer. Week of June 19<sup>th</sup> and Week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Camps are for anyone entering Grades 1-7 and will run 9am - 2pm. If interested, please contact RJ Dina at [r.j.dina@saas.k12.de.us](mailto:r.j.dina@saas.k12.de.us)

### **Upcoming:**

Boys Lacrosse

3/16 Scrimmage v. Middletown at SA 4pm

Girls Lacrosse

3/18 Scrimmage Playday at SA 10am

Girls Soccer

3/15 Scrimmage v. MOT Charter 4pm

Softball

3/18 Scrimmage Playday at SA 10am

Please reach out to the following Head Coaches with questions:

Baseball - Doug Nowell

dougnowell11@gmail.com

Golf - Doug Grove

doug.grove@saas.k12.de.us

Boys Lacrosse - Andrew Fox

andrew.fox@saas.k12.de.us

Girls Lacrosse - Taylor Gibbs

taylor.gibbs@saas.k12.de.us

Girls Soccer - RJ Dina

r.j.dina@saas.k12.de.us

Boys Tennis - Pat Breen

breenpat@yahoo.com

Girls Tennis - Rich Lichtenwalner

richard.lichtenwalner@saas.k12.de.us

Track and Field - Jay Diaz

jaymdia@gmail.com

Boys Volleyball - Vince Failla

vfailla33@yahoo.com