



Head of Class
February 26, 2024

Good Evening Sussex Academy Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. As we begin to plan for next year, we need to have an accurate count of students who intend on returning next school year.

This afternoon you should have received an email containing an Intent to Return survey link. We ask that you complete the survey to let us know what school your child will attend for the upcoming academic school year. If you have more than one child attending Sussex Academy, please remember to submit a form for each child. I am including the link as well, for your convenience: [Intent to Return SY24-25](#)

We hope that all of our families continue with us next year, but we currently have over 1,300 students on our waitlist. We feel that we owe it to these families to extend an offer to attend Sussex Academy if space is available. Your response also ensures proper record-keeping and enrollment projections that we are required to submit to the Delaware Department of Education and local school districts. Please understand that if we do not hear back from you by March 17, we will assume that you are not returning and we will fill your child's spot.

I also would like to remind you that the AP exam registration period ends this Friday. Students can pick up a registration packet at school, or you can download it here. [AP Exam Registration 2024](#)

I am continuing to share the link to details about important spring assessments for your reference: [SA Assessments Parent Letter.docx](#)

Use this list to connect with faculty and staff as the need arises. [Staff Directory 2023-24.xlsx](#)

Read on to learn about events and activities taking place at both campuses.

Sincerely,
Janet Owens
Interim Head of School

Special Announcements

1. Sussex Academy Summer Social '24!! (Save the date)
 - a. Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024
 - b. Time: 7:30 pm-10 pm
 - c. Location: Salted Vines Winery
 - d. More information is coming soon!
 - e. POC: Sade' Truiett: sade.truiett@saas.k12.de.us

2. 2024 Sports Boosters Senior Athlete Scholarship

The Sussex Academy Sports Boosters are excited to announce the opportunity for our senior athletes to earn scholarship money. One male and one female scholar-athlete will each be awarded \$1, 500 to be used to further their education! More information and the scholarship application can be found on our school's Facebook page.

Contact Person:
Taylor Gibbs
taylor.gibbs@saas.k12.de.us

Athletic Updates:

Congratulations to the following winter athletes on making All-Conference and All-State teams.

Indoor Track: Max Rial (1st Team), Paige Ballinger (1st Team), 4x800 Relay Team -Katya Geyer, Taegan Forester, Lily Bowe, and Brianna Sordi (2nd Team)

Swimming: Christian Wright (1st Team), Brayden Trout (1st Team), Jackson Laux (1st Team), Anna Mumford (1st Team), Victoria Evans (1st Team), Gracie Maughan (1st Team), Addison Mackay (1st Team), Gretchen Maughan (1st Team), Matthew Perchiniak (2nd Team), John Bain (2nd Team), Angel Figueroa (2nd Team), Michael Whitaker (2nd Team), Itzel Gomez (2nd Team), Caitlin Perchiniak (2nd Team), Samantha Petty (Honorable Mention)

SWIMMING- FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE: Gracie Maughan and Anna Mumford

Boys Basketball: Tate Sickler (Honorable Mention)

Girls Basketball: Rachel Carey (2nd team), Emiley Bisaha (Honorable Mention),

Congratulations to Gabe Hill and Doug Horton who will be representing the Seahawks in the upcoming DIAA State Tournament!! Doug Horton placed 3rd this weekend and has qualified as the 10th seed this upcoming weekend. Gabe Hill placed 5th this weekend and qualified as the 12th seed this upcoming weekend. We are so proud of this entire team and everything they have accomplished thus far.

Our spring sports season has officially started!!

Spring sports begin today for both middle school and high school sports, except for the following sports:

- Boys volleyball - Begins February 27th
- MS Softball - Begins March 6th

Spring Coach Contact:

HS Baseball- Doug Nowell (dougnowell11@gmail.com)

HS Softball- Gerald Jester (gwjester2001@yahoo.com)

HS Golf- Doug Grove (doug.grove@saas.k12.de.us)

HS Boys Lacrosse- Andrew Fox (andrew.fox@saas.k12.de.us)

HS Girls Lacrosse- Taylor Gibbs (taylor.gibbs@saas.k12.de.us)

HS Girls Soccer- RJ Dina (r.j.dina@saas.k12.de.us)

HS Girls Tennis- Rich Lichtenwalner (richard.lichtenwalner@saas.k12.de.us)

HS Boys Tennis- Leslie Eichten (lesleyeichten@gmail.com)

HS Track & Field- Jay Diaz (jaymdia@gmail.com)

HS Boys Volleyball - Hailee Gooch & Ellie Millaway (haileegooch@gmail.com & ellie.millaway7@gmail.com)

MS Baseball- Mike Kalil (michaelkal819@gmail.com)

MS Softball- Mike Riggleman (Riggs758seaford@yahoo.com)

MS Girls Lacrosse- Kelsey Smith (kelseyosmith19970@gmail.com)

MS Soccer- Holly Zorn (zorn.holly@gmail.com)

MS Boys Lacrosse - Riley Custodio (saasmslax@gmail.com)

Please contact Taylor Gibbs at taylor.gibbs@saas.k12.de.us with any questions.

Looking forward to another great season!

Upcoming Dates and Activities

Date	Activity	Point of Contact	Location/Additional Information
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2/15-3/28	Iron Giraffe Challenge	<p>Jessica Love</p> <p>Jessica.Love@saas.k12.de.us</p>	<p>The sixth graders are raising money for Water for South Sudan.</p> <p>If you would like to donate to their team fundraising page, please visit here: https://secure.waterforsouthsudan.org/site/TR/Events/General?pg=team&fr_id=1090&team_id=6870.</p>
2/23-3/28	Middle School Heart-A-Thon	<p>Stephanie Hartsoe</p> <p>stephanie.hartsoe@saas.k12.de.us</p>	<p>Sussex Academy Middle School families,</p> <p>We just kicked off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge! Get ready to change and save lives! Register today https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?jsessionid=00000000.0a0030127a?company_id=455959&fr_id=9738&pg=company&class=572&NONCE_TOKEN=65C2E2A39BCB981D9CBF67B4604EAF44</p>
3/6-3/7	Do More 24-Delaware Day of Giving for Sussex Academy	<p>Sade' Truiett</p> <p>sade.truiett@saas.k12.de.us</p>	<p>https://www.domore24delaware.org/fundraisers/sussex-academy</p>
3/8 + 3/9	Mary Poppins Jr. Musical	<p>Madison McCormick</p> <p>madison.mccormick@saas.k12.de.us</p>	<p>Come Friday at 7 pm or Saturday at 2 pm or 7 pm to enjoy our middle schoolers performing Mary Poppins Jr.--a student-directed Disney Musical!</p> <p>Cash/Venmo tickets sold at the door OR Venmo in advance (details coming soon)-- \$5 for students and \$10 for adults</p> <p>Want to donate to our concessions? https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444ACAC2AA7FE3-47936013-mary</p>

5/11	Music in the Parks	Madison McCormick madison.mccormick@saas.k12.de.us	Sign-up and interest forms for performing arts students will go out soon! Middle school band and choir students will be invited to compete.
5/15/2024	Sussex Academy Career Day: 8:30 am-11 am (Elementary Campus)	Juliane Hein at juliane.hein@saas.k12.de.us.	We need a variety of careers for students to learn about. Would you be willing to discuss the ins and outs of your career? Presenters would be set up as a station for small groups of students to rotate through. Props, pictures, and manipulatives are encouraged! If you are interested in being a presenter, please contact Juliane Hein at juliane.hein@saas.k12.de.us.
June 17-20, July 8-11	SAS Youth Soccer Camp with Coach Dina	Coach Dina rj.dina@saas.k12.de.us	Contact Coach Dina for more information. rj.dina@saas.k12.de.us
Summer 2024	Summer Program	Connie Hendricks connie.hendricks@saas.k12.de.us	Sussex Academy Elementary School. Save the date for Sussex Academy's Summer Enrichment Program. (Flier on our school Facebook page)