

Sussex County Public Schools

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## Tiger Football

On December 10, 2016 our Sussex Central Tiger Football Team played Riverheads Gladiator Football Team for the VHSL 1A State Championship in Salem, Virginia. Although Riverheads was victorious this time, Sussex Central's football team has made us all proud. Our SCHS Varsity Boys Football Team finished their 2016 regular season with a perfect 10-0 record. The team finished the year as the 1A State Runner-Up with an outstanding 13-1 record.

We want to congratulate and recognize all of the players, coaching staff, trainers, and principals for a job well done. We want to thank the seniors for their commitment and sacrifice to be successful. Thank you to the SCHS Marching Band and the SCHS Cheerleading Squad, Sponsors, and the FANS for your support! Our entire community is proud of each and every one of you! ■



Top Row L to R: Marvin Robinson, Malik Delk, Head Coach Curtis Jefferson, Trevion Ellis, and Tyrese Rose  
Bottom Row L to R: Treyvon Hall and Mack Proise



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community,

As I pen this message, I am overwhelmed by how quickly time has flown and by the magnitude of success that our schools have realized so far this year. I am grateful for the daily student interactions, conversations with parents, meetings with administrators and teachers, and collaboration with our School Board and community as a whole. I am appreciative of those educational partners and alumni who are committed to furthering the mission of Sussex County Public Schools. I can say with confidence that every success that we have experienced has been done TOGETHER. Every opportunity to learn lessons has been embraced with a mindset of growth and progressive movement.



**Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr.**  
*Superintendent*

At the beginning of the school term, we spoke extensively about the instincts of a true leader. During convocation, everyone in attendance was challenged to reach their highest potential. We were challenged to keep the main thing as our point of focus....advancement of our students and our county. I take this time to commend everyone for their dedication and commitment to this great work.

"Others can inspire you, but ultimately the only thing that empowers you is what lies within you and learning how to better utilize what you've been given."

T.D. Jakes, *Instinct: The Power to Unleash Your Inborn Drive*

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur L. Jarrett, Jr.  
Division Superintendent

### Mission Statement

*Educating Tomorrow's Leaders*

We believe that all students can learn. The mission of Sussex County Public Schools is to provide a safe and secure learning environment where all students develop into knowledgeable and productive citizens. Sussex County Public Schools will provide the necessary instructional resources, learning opportunities and leadership for students to reach their highest educational potential to be our leaders of tomorrow.

### Division's 2016-2017 Guiding Principles

- Intentionally Increasing Student Achievement
- Teacher Support
- Principal Instructional Leadership Support
- Community Outreach/Partnerships



# Convocation: Superintendent's Message

Division Superintendent Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr. delivered an impactful message during Sussex County Public Schools' Convocation on August 21, 2016. His lofty vision for our school division involves all stakeholders being active participants in helping to intentionally increase student performance. Dr. Jarrett's message energized board members, faculty, staff, retirees, community members, and guests. During the convocation, personnel were recognized for their years of service and schools' Full Accreditation status were announced and celebrated. Dr. Jarrett wants everyone who continues to support Sussex County Public Schools to know that we all greatly appreciate you all! He also wants the division personnel to know that because of your dedication to the profession, our top tier students are making record gains. SCPS thanks you for all you do!



Members of our School Board and Board of Supervisors are excited to start another year!

## Core Beliefs:

- Our diversity is a source of strength.
- Our schools must be safe.
- All students are capable of meeting high expectations.
- We are accountable for our students' success.
- Every individual in our division contributes to our students' success.
- We have a responsibility to work collaboratively with our families and community members.
- Respect, trust, and honest communication are the foundation of successful and productive relationships.
- A strong school system is essential to the vitality of our community. ■

## Special Notice

*Please be sure to inform your child's school of any address or phone number changes. We use 911 or physical addresses to map out bus routes. To keep parents and guardians informed, we use their postal addresses for newsletters and other mailings. Telephone numbers are used for Instant Alert messages to inform parents of emergencies, school closings and upcoming programs and activities.*

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# New Teacher Academy

On August 15, 2016, the school board approved new additions to the Tiger family. They participated in our New Teacher Academy, a week long event that provides an opportunity to get acclimated to our school division, personnel, and best practices of our division. Professional development topics included professional success tools, instructional focus, and technology implementation training. The New Teacher Academy was a collaborative effort and truly helped to welcome our new team members to Sussex County Public Schools. A huge thanks goes out to everyone for helping to make this year's event a huge success! ■



Top Row L to R: Richard Peterson, Leonard Deloatch, Anthony Elliott, Julius Hamlin, Cassandra Bell, Melissa Johnson, Sheryl Taylor, Brandon Johns  
Bottom Row L to R: Sonya Davis, Kierney Johnson, Virginia Northington, Sarah Nicol, Kalequa Sloan, Tracy Calhoun



## Sussex County Community Day

On August 25, 2016, Sussex County Law Enforcement and the VA State Police hosted the 2nd "United We Stand, Divided We Fall Community Day" event at the Wakefield Ballpark. The goal of the event was to strengthen positive relationships between the community and law enforcement agencies.

The day provided the community with a day of fun that included a bounce house, school supplies, gifts, prizes and games. Hot dogs, hamburgers and other delicious treats were enjoyed by all. Sussex County Chief Deputy Earnest Giles indicated that the law enforcement agencies are planning to host similar events in each of the four towns in Sussex. ■



Pictured from left to right: Superintendent Dr. Jarratt, Danyael Colendrino, Jaden Nowell, Imani Julbe, Trevion Rose, Talea Patterson, Chelsey Jessup, Shaela Motton, Brandon Edmonds and School Board Chairperson Mr. Eddie Morris. Not pictured: Kristian Barfield, Kyla Fields, Nicholas Wolford, Jeremy Rowley, Janyus Hill and Joshua Cosby

## High Academic Achievers

Each year all across the state of Virginia, students take Standards of Learning Assessments. Although many students perform well on the assessments, very few earn the coveted perfect score of 600! This year, Sussex County Public Schools honored fourteen scholars who earned a PERFECT SCORE of 600 on various SOL assessments. These students were recognized for their achievements at the December 2016 school board meeting. Please congratulate these scholars as you see them in our schools. ■



# Sussex Central High School: College Day

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016 Sussex Central High School hosted their annual Fall College Fair. Students were given the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with representatives from colleges, universities, training schools, and branches of armed forces from around the nation. Organizer and SCHS Professional School Counselor Jackie Elliott said "Our students are

prepared to take advantage of many post-secondary options that are available to them." College recruiters complimented the students at SCHS on their professional dress, high level questioning, pleasant demeanor, and genuine interests in their future post high school educational opportunities. Great job to the entire team at SCHS! GO TIGERS! ■



## PINK Promise Initiative

The Student Council Association (SCA) at Sussex Central High School sponsored its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Week on October 17 – October 21, 2016. Brochures were available during each lunch period to all interested patrons. Also, the students encouraged the faculty/staff and student body to purchase pennants for \$1.00 each and to wear pink shirts on Friday, Oct. 21. All of the proceeds were donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. ■

## SCES Wears PINK for a Purpose!



In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the staff of SCES demonstrated solidarity by wearing these custom designed PINK T-shirts to show that we stand in support of the fight against Breast Cancer. ■



# The Donations Just Keep On Coming!

The students of Sussex Central Elementary School are ready and well prepared to embark on another successful school year thanks to all of the donations that they received during the month of September. The administrative staff beamed with excitement as they received donation after donation of various supplies from community partners during the first month of school. A plethora of school supplies were happily given to elementary students who may not have gotten everything that was listed on their supply list. Items were also donated to teachers who oftentimes spend their own money purchasing things to support classroom instruction. The managers from Popeye's Chicken, Denny's Restaurant and Davis Oil Company donated Honor Certificates, Student of the Month Awards, free meal coupons and hand sanitizer. Book bags and other school supplies were donated from Pastor Steven Snodgrass of Waverly United Methodist Church, Captain Quinton Riddick and Mrs. Adrienne Mathews of Sussex State Prisons, Daughters of the American Revolution and Switching Lanes Motorcycle Club. Dr. Davis and Mr. Taylor were available to take a photo and personally thank them all for their generous donations. Thank You All! ■



## Veterans Day Salute

Sussex County Public Schools honored and recognized all of our veterans who have served in our nation's armed forces. Veterans Day programs at each building to include the JROTC induction ceremony were held during November. Principals, teachers, and students paid homage to our veterans. Many of our very own, including alumni, employees, and community members were recognized. Students at SCMS read their personal VFW contest submissions entitled "What it Means to Be an American." Annually SCES students were addressed by VFW's Ms. Dorothy Graves and guests. ■





# Grandparents Week

Welcome Grandparents!!

Some of the students at Sussex

Central Elementary School call them Grandma and Grandpa, others call them Mema and Papa, and to some they are affectionately known as Nana and Granddaddy.

No matter what term of endearment you use to recognize them, they are easily known as the most favorite people on the family tree. They are our grandparents and we love them dearly. For that reason alone, during the week of October 17 -21, 2016, approximately two hundred grandparents gathered at Sussex Central Elementary School to eat lunch with their grandchild or grandchildren in Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten

through Fifth Grade.

Grandparents and students seemed to really enjoy each other's company as they smiled, laughed and chatted while eating a delicious lunch prepared by our cafeteria staff. Principal Dr. Davis, Assistant Principal Mr. Taylor and School Board Office staff members were all on site to meet and greet grandparents of our amazing students. After lunch, all grandparents were given a Grandparents Day Bookmark and a big hug and kiss from their little one prior to leaving the building. This event was an excellent means of promoting parental and community involvement and will definitely become an annual event at Sussex Central Elementary School. ■



## Volunteering- "Habitat for Humanity"



Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." On September 28, 2016, that is exactly

what the Service Learning Class of the high school did when volunteering at the Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store in Petersburg, VA. Students traveled to Petersburg,



VA afterschool to volunteer at the thrift store. This particular thrift store is opened to the public and houses mainly appliances and hardware for the reconstruction of houses. Items ranged from lug nuts to large electrical fixtures for houses.

Upon arriving, we were greeted with smiling and appreciative faces. A tour of the three-leveled facility was given while an employee explained to us exactly what took place in each area. Because we were a class of twelve, we were able to be split up into groups and assist in each area.

Spending over an hour there, we cleaned and organized shelves, separated donated items, and the guys of the class organized the "Door Chambers." Everyone fully participated in assisting the facilities and when asked if they would come again, everyone replied with a "Yes!" ■



# Safety Patrol to the Rescue

In addition to the School Resource Officers that patrol the buildings and grounds of our campus, Sussex Central Elementary School has acquired the assistance of some responsible fourth and fifth grade Safety Patrols to maintain order, respect and citizenship in the halls, bathrooms, cafeteria and other common areas throughout the building. In the cafeteria, they assist with seating students, passing out utensils, and keeping the tables clean during breakfast and lunch. In the hallways, they assist with noise control, loitering, and assuring that students walk on the right side of the hallways. Physical Education teacher, Coach Deloatch and Fifth Grade teacher, Ms. Doby are



the sponsors of this elite team. So the next time you enter SCES, pay attention to those students adorned in neon green safety patrol belts and thank them for their outstanding service. They are truly a great asset to the staff and students of Sussex Central Elementary. ■



## Here Comes Santa

As we rapidly approach the holiday season, students of Sussex Central Elementary School received a surprise visit from one of their favorite people – Santa! He arrived with his team and greeted every student in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Second. Smiling students anxiously awaited in line for their turn to whisper their Christmas wish list in Santa's ear as he listened ever so attentively. As students exited the cafeteria, they also received a large bag filled with an assortment of yummy snacks courtesy of the school's PTSA. While Santa visited with the lower elementary students, our Assistant Principal, Mr. Taylor, visited the upper elementary students and passed out "goodie bags" to everyone.

A special thank you goes to our school's SCA sponsors Ms. Granderson and Ms. Miller for Santa's visit and refreshments and to PTSA for providing every student with treat bags and every staff member with sparkling cider. We would like to also extend gratitude to high school teacher, Mrs. Gibson, and her service learning students for assisting with this event and making it a joyous one for all. ■



## A Winter Wonderland

Each year Mrs. Ora Briggs, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, adorns the foyer of Sussex Central Elementary School with a beautiful holiday display. The parents, staff and students are often seen slowly strolling pass the Winter Wonderland beholding every piece that forms the admirable display. Scenes such as holiday Mickey and his crew, the illuminated snowmen and animal friends, a den with a cozy lit fireplace and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, make up the Holiday Wonderland. We look forward to seeing the display which usually changes a little each year. We truly thank Mrs. Briggs for her hard work and dedication to this project and can't wait to see what she will add to the display next year. ■

