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Dear Families,

What a week! Thank you to everyone who came out for Materials Pick Up and to all of the students. It was exciting to see you again and to see your enthusiasm for being back together. Thanks also to everyone for their patience as we deal with the inevitable technical glitches that come with a fully remote model.

Here's some important information for this week:

- If you did not go to school for the Materials Pick Up, make a plan now to drop by next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9:00am-3:00pm. The front office can hand out the materials that were given out this week.

- We are hopeful that we will have all new technology for everyone in about a month but this situation is very much outside of our control. **In the meantime, if you do NOT have any kind of device other than a phone on which to access our program, you must reach out to us immediately so we can troubleshoot with you. Please contact Ishmell Bradley at helpis@wissahickoncharter.org and cc: Ms. Kate at oshea@wissahickoncharter.org on this email as well so we are all in the loop.** Again, while a phone will allow your child to get on Zoom, it is not appropriate for the kinds of platforms we are using now.
- See below for a description of our Zoom norms.
- See below for more information about Meal Distribution.

School-Wide Norms Established by the Culture Think Tank

You need to be able to Listen, See & Speak

Zoom Norms

- Video on and eyes on screen (Permission to be off camera can be messaged privately or use of a virtual screen to allow privacy)
- Muted when not speaking
- Face is fully visible in the screen
- Focused conversation (to content) in the chat box, or chat box may get turned off
- Raise hand to be called on before unmuting
- Do not draw/annotate on the screen during academic time or share without permission
- Bathroom use: turn off camera and leave your laptop or tablet. Write a note in the chat to the teacher

Work Space

- Try to find a quiet space to be or use headphones
- Materials on hand
- Appropriate school dress
- Location that supports working/writing/typing (a table or desk where you can write/type easily is best; lying down in your bed is not appropriate)

[Meals](#)

WCS will be providing Breakfast and Lunch for Curbside Pickup at our schools while we are in our fully remote learning phase. These meals will be available to all WCS students. Meal Pickup days are Mondays and Thursdays, 11AM-2PM. For families who are not able to pick up meals on our days and times, please know you can pick up meals at a School District of Philadelphia site closer to your home on Fridays 9AM-2PM. The list of participating sites can be found [here](#).

Directions for picking up meals:

1. Upon arrival at the school, the family will call the Food Service Coordinator (FSC), and provide the first and last name of all students who will receive meals on that day.
 - Awbury families will call 215-983-0604
2. A staff member will then go to the cafeteria, retrieve the set amount of pre-bagged breakfasts & lunches while the parent pulls up to the Gym doors at Awbury. The bags will be loaded into the car by the staff member. The parent will exit through the rear parking lot of the school. There will be signs present to help guide the parent through.
3. Students/Guardians/Parents may not exit their vehicles. This will deter the natural inclination for students who may wish to interact with any staff persons.

Special Note: Families will be allowed to drop off used library books. The library books should be placed in a bag, and given to the staff member once the food has been placed in the car.

Warmly,
Kristi

8th Grade Families

This is the final year and we're already preparing to help your students reach the next milestone. 8th Grade Classtag Classrooms have been created and if you haven't received an invite, you should soon. This will be where your counselor will share information related to updates on high school applications. Also, our High School Matters webpage has a few updates so please check it out [here](#)!

Specials in the Park starts September 16th

Please see [here](#) for more info. [Registration is now open](#) for our first week, as of 12pm on Friday, September 11. Please make sure you fill out a [digital permission slip](#) before registering. Your child cannot attend without a permission slip.

Specials in the Park is a free, outdoor program begins SEPTEMBER 16 and is open to Wissahickon students of all ages. Students may attend one session per week. Specials in the Park was designed with both safety and social-emotional health in mind. Students will split up into small groups during each hour-long session and rotate through Art, P.E., Discovery & Library stations. For more info, check out our [informational flyer](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

Questions? Reach out to a specialist on ClassTag or email us at specialists-aw@wissahickoncharter.org

Love,

Ms. Tamara (Art), Mr. Jim (P.E.), Ms. Liz (Discovery), and Ms. Kate (Library)

Community Resources

Childcare, Activities, and Meal Resource List

Please check out [this list](#) of support and resources for families in Philadelphia. For questions email WCS AfterSchool Program Director, Melissa Pendleton at m.pendleton@wissahickoncharter.org.

Free City Childcare

The city is providing some childcare support for families as school starts. You can learn more about this at the [City of Philadelphia website](#). This is being provided by students in K-6th grades who need child care five days a week. Space is limited and registration in advance is required.

Pandemic Learning Center

The Organization JNH GROUP ENTERPRISE LLC in partnership with the Jones Temple Church of God In Christ is now offering a Pandemic Learning Center for grades K-5 offering students a fun and safe environment to complete their school work. At the center there will be full time tutors to help ensure that all students are completing their work. JNH is offering 50 % off to all Wissahickon students. Please contact Mr. Hill @ 484-649-3198 for more information.

Mighty Writers Workshops on Zoom

All Wissahickon youth are welcome, and all programs are completely free to families! <https://mightywriters.org/workshops/?location=MW+at+Home&cage=none>



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