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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

Thank you for your flexibility as we paused in person learning this week. I hope you have been able to easily make the transition to remote learning with your child(ren). Thank you too for continuing to fill out RUVNA so we can track the health of our community.

Be well,
Kristi

Essentials

Friday, 1/14 is an ASYNCH (no Zoom classes) day!

Students will be assigned work through Seesaw or Google Classroom, but will not be required to attend any Zoom classes. Their completed work will be counted towards attendance.

Smoke Detector

Our hearts go out to the families impacted by the tragic fire that happened in the Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia earlier this week. We wanted to make our community aware that the Philadelphia Fire Department will install fire alarms in your home for free. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Important Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

We wanted to provide you with a quick update on next year's calendar. While the school's Board will not approve our calendar until its next meeting in February, we wanted to provide you with some key dates as you make plans for the summer. Note that we will be continuing with kick-off conferences ahead of the first day of school in all grades.

- Conferences begin **August 29, 2022**
- The first day of school is **September 1, 2022**
- The last day of school for students is **June 14, 2023**

Safety on SEPTA

It has come to our attention that some of our students do not feel as comfortable traveling throughout the city on Septa. Some of the violence in the city has created fear, and we realize this has some impact on how some of our older students may feel traveling back and forth from home to school. Although we cannot remedy the violence in the city, we would like to do something small to equip 7th & 8th graders with the tools to be more aware of their surroundings, learn some self-defense

techniques and some de-escalation tactics. During PE class, they will be learning from a master self-defense instructor, [Master Whitaker](#).

Parent Flat Rate Program

Please direct any issues with your monthly payments to the Philadelphia School District Office of Transportation at 215-400-4350. WCS is not provided with any information regarding payments to parents. Also, this is a reminder that parents must complete a parent payment **each month they are enrolled in the program**. The form can be found [HERE](#).

On Radar

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Updates

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a family workshop on **Tuesday, January 18th from 6-7pm** called **Combating the Effects of Social Media on Kids**. Flyer is [attached](#) and we hope to see you there!

Reminders

2022-2023 WCS Application

The 2022-2023 application cycle opened on September 24. As a reminder, families must apply to Wissahickon through the Apply Philly Charter System at [applyphillycharter.org](#) or by calling 1 (800) 891-3999. Applications must be received by January 24, 2022 in order to be included in our lottery. As a reminder, WCS has sibling preference for applicants. A sibling is defined as a biological or legally adopted brother or sister who lives in the same household as the current WCS student. In the event the parent or legal guardian of a current student becomes the legal guardian of another child, sibling preference shall convey to that child. Applicants must also be Philadelphia residents in order to qualify for preference.

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Important Dates

Monday, January 17, 2022: Martin Luther King Day: School Closed

Tuesday, January 18, 2022: In-Person Learning Resumes



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