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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I'm writing today to celebrate our recent successful Giving Tuesday campaign! This past Tuesday, we asked families, staff, friends, Board members, donors, everyone! to step up to make a donation to support the programs that Wissahickon students love the most. Two families offered an additional \$2000 if we were able to secure \$5000 in donations. We are so excited to share that we raised \$12,735 in gifts and have secured the matching gift, making our total to date \$14,735. It's not too late if you want to chip in! Every dollar helps us to secure Wissahickon's special model. Go to Network for Good: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/wcsgivingtuesday22> if you'd like to give!

I also wanted to give two reminders today!

- First, remember that next week we will have Report Card Conferences with 12:45 dismissals from December 7-9. Please be sure to sign up for your conference and attend. Communication between teachers and families is the very best way to get great outcomes for students. Thank you!
- Second, a reminder that we will continue to wear masks through the end of next week. This is the plan we set out at the start of the year to keep our community safe after long breaks when students and staff have likely been exposed to many people. **Please remember to send your child in with a mask every day.**

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials

T1 Report Card Conferences

Report Card conferences will be held from Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - Friday, December 9, 2022 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Please select a date/time convenient for you. The conference schedule can be found [HERE](#). If your child has more than one core teacher (5th-8th grades) and you would like to talk with a teacher other than the homeroom teacher, please get in touch via ClassTag. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we do not have slots available to meet with more than your child's homeroom teacher in a formal way. **Please note the conference scheduling system will close by the end of the day on Sunday, December 4, 2022. Please make sure you have scheduled a conference for your student by this time. If you scheduled with the wrong teacher, the conference will be deleted and a new one will be scheduled for you.**

WPP Family Meet-up Next Week!

As per request, next week we will have a family meet-up. This is an informal meet-up to just talk, laugh, and relax. All families and caregivers are welcome!

This event will be located at:

Founded Coffee & Pizza <http://www.foundedpizza.com/>

3300 Henry Ave.

Philadelphia, Pa 19129

Starting at 10am on December 9th

We hope to see many of you there! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email wpp@wissahickoncharter.org.

WINTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Exciting news! The time has come to hold our much-anticipated WINTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER. This year, we have a special raffle item up for grabs- two Club Box tickets to a Philadelphia 76ers game!

Raffle tickets may be purchased online and are priced at \$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Raffle sales will end at 10:00 PM on December 18, 2022. The winning ticket will be selected on Monday, December 19 and the winner will be contacted by phone. To create an account to purchase tickets, please visit:

<https://sixerswcs.givesmart.com>

Please contact Kristy Hruska, Development Associate, at k.hruska@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions regarding the raffle.

WCS Sports teams are up and running

Keep your eye out for upcoming games and matches.

Boy's basketball -Practice Monday & Wednesday 4:30-5:30 @Awbury Gym

See Mr Ralphy (Head Coach) for more information r.sierra@wissahickoncharter.org

Wrestling - We are still looking for more students to participate on the wrestling team this season. Please visit links below to get more information/sign up. Feel free to reach out to Mr Jim with any questions.

Practice Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-5:30 @Awbury Gym

[BEAT THE STREETS PHILLY](#) information and [SIGN UP FORM](#)

See Mr Jim for more information jim@wissahickoncharter.org

Cheer Team - Practice Thursday 4:30-5:30 @Awbury Gym

See Ms Sade (Head Coach) for more information s.scott@wissahickoncharter.org

PHYSICAL / SPORTS PHYSICAL*

*** If any student participating on the BASKETBALL team, CHEER team, or WRESTLING team MUST have a current / up to date PHYSICAL AND SPORTS PHYSICAL on file with the nurse. Physical / Sports physical forms can be found on our website under [family resources](#). Please contact your school nurse to confirm

Student Spotlight!

[Check out this write-up about current 8th grader Noel Campbell in RNR Sports Media](#), a group that does scouting for the college recruitment process!! WCS is so proud of you, Noel!

Cold Weather

As an environmental school, we go outside in almost all weather. **We take students outside for recess as long as the 'feels like' temperature is 25 degrees or above-** this is in line with the National Nurses Association guidelines. Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play.

Student In Need of a Winter Coat

The Counseling Office received a donation of brand new, never worn winter coats. If your child is in need of a winter coat, please contact the counseling office. We are limited in size, but we will do our best to accommodate the student. See the contact emails below, or you may call the school directly to speak with the counselors at 267-338-1020

Student Last Names A-L contact Ms. Aitiya at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org

Student Last Names M-Z contact Ms. Meskun at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org

Flat Rate Program

The enrollment period for the flat rate program has ended. If you would like to enroll, please contact Ms. O at a.oliphant@wissahickoncharter.org. To receive your payment, the [parent payment form](#) should be completed on the last day of the month. This form can also be found on the Philadelphia School District website. Please call 215-400-4350 with any questions regarding your monthly payment.

Dear Families,

The in-person Book Fair is back!!!

Your child will be visiting the Scholastic Book Fair during their scheduled Library class or by permission of their teacher between December 5-9, 2022. Families can shop during after school hours, we are open, Monday and Tuesday until 4:00, Wednesday and Thursday until 5:00 and Friday until 1:00.

1. You can send in cash with your child on the day they have Library. Please send a minimum of \$7. (This covers a book plus sales tax.) Please put all cash in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name.
2. Scholastic offers an E-wallet option. This is a cashless option for your child. You apply money to E-wallet easily. You must apply money to E-wallet BEFORE your child can choose & buy a book. To learn more about how to add money, [click here](#).

*****Important note about E-wallet:** Change cannot be given if you choose this option. Any money you put into E-wallet stays in E-wallet, and can be used at this or any future Scholastic Book Fair.***

3. You can order books directly online from December 2-December 9 at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/wcsfh>

Please reach out to me at kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful children,

Ms. Kourtney

On Radar

After School Program Openings

There are still spots available in the after school program for students in 2nd-5th grade! After school runs daily from dismissal until 6pm. Fill out a registration form [here](#) and please feel free to reach out to Andrea Hegedus, the Recess & ASP Coordinator, at a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions.

School Lunch

All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you.

Please see the link to check out our [menu](#).



Spirit Week

Monday = PJ Day - come to school in your PJs!

Tuesday = Sport Jersey Day - show your team pride!

Wednesday = Celebrity Day - dress like your fave celeb (school appropriate only)

Thursday = 80s Day - dress like you're from the 80s

Friday = Formal Friday - get all fancy and come to school dressed to the 9s!

Pretzel Sales

Students will be able to purchase Pretzels during homeroom Monday - Thursday.

They will receive their pretzel on Friday! PRETZELS ARE \$1 EACH.

Reminders

Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2022-23 SY

If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter. The application is open from Friday, September 23rd and will close on Monday, January 23, 2023. Click [here](#) to apply.

School Calendar

As a reminder, our school calendar for the 22/23 school year is [here](#). Please plan accordingly.

WCS Swag

You can now order WCS swag from our New Fernhill School Store using this [link](#) from our website under parent payments. Each order you make \$10 is donated back to the school for school community events.

Has your address, phone number or email address changed?

Please inform the Front Office of ALL changes to your student's demographics.

Reminder: In order to change your address, you must submit (2) proofs of residency in addition to the change of address form.

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Follow WCS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important school updates and to see student learning and fun in action! And don't be shy- we love it when you like, comment, and share our posts! You can also follow WPP (Wissahickon Parent Partnership) on [Instagram](#).

[Important Dates](#)

Wednesday, December 7th: 12:45 Dismissal for Report Card Conferences
Thursday, December 8th: 12:45 Dismissal for Report Card Conferences
Friday, December 9th: 12:45 Dismissal for Report Card Conferences
Thursday, December 22nd - Monday, January 3rd- School Closed for Winter Break
Tuesday January 3rd: School Closed for Professional Development
Wednesday January 4th, Students return from Winter Break



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