Weekly Wissahickon 12-16-2022
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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I want to wish you all a wonderful winter break. I hope you will have time to do the things that are most important and joyful to you and your family. Our winter break begins on Thursday, December 22nd and students will return to school on Wednesday, January 4th.

One quick tip to keep in mind: years of experience as a parent and educator have taught me that re-establishing any lapsed bedtimes and sleep schedules near the end of the break helps to ease the transition back. Also note that we will wear masks for ten (10) full days following the winter break so please prepare to send your child(ren) in with masks daily. Thank you!

Warmly,
Kristi
It was lovely to be “together again” at our Honors Breakfasts. Thank you to all who came out & Congratulations!

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**Essentials**

**No Toys at School**
Please do not send your child with any toys to school! This includes electronics such as Nintendo Switches. These devices are not permitted at school and will be confiscated after one warning if they are seen.

**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.

**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. We also have scarves and hats available. 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 o.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.

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**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.
WCS Sports Page

BASKETBALL TEAM - Come out to support the WCS Boys Basketball team at their NEXT HOME GAME!
When - 12/19 @ 5:00
Where - WCS Awbury Campus Gym
Against - Freire Charter School
Practice Monday & Wednesday 4:30-5:30 @Awbury Gym
See Mr Ralphy (Head Coach) for more information r.sierra@wissahickoncharter.org

Team huddle during their home opener against Sankofa.

CHEER TEAM - Unfortunately CHEER Team is on hold until January.
WRESTLING TEAM - 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
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.

Follow Wissahickon Charter on Social Media
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
Monday, December 19th - Kindergarten Gingerbread Play
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