



WISSAHICKON CHARTER SCHOOL

## AWBURY CAMPUS WEEKLY WISSAHICKON

### FROM THE DEANS

WCS Families: Thank you for adhering to and working hard to abide by the dress code. So far there seem to be \*(3)\* areas where our students aren't following the dress code. Those areas are:

- 1) **Leggings and tights** -Leggings and tights can only be worn if they are under dresses, shorts, or skirts. They can't be worn independently.
- 2) **Ripped jeans** -They are not allowed.
- 3) **Tank tops or sleeveless shirts** -Are not allowed.

We will enforce the dress code with fidelity moving forward and ask for your cooperation in making sure your child(ren) follow the dress code.

If you have any questions please contact me directly and thank you in advance.

Dean Jamal

### FROM THE DIRECTORS

#### **#Slimeisbad**

Parents, please don't let students bring in putty or slime. It is very distracting and messy. If we see it, we will take it.

Parents, it is imperative that when arriving onto campus in the morning that parents

**remain in their cars**, children should be ready to go with all of their belongings and let out onto the sidewalk, not in the street. You do not have to drop off at the door, anywhere along the sidewalk is fine.

**Parents should not leave their cars to let children out and/or park on campus.**

The gate is open everyday at 8:00am.

If you have a meeting or need to come in the building, please park on Washington Lane and walk onto the campus. Parking in the back is for faculty only.

**Finally, no left turns are permitted on campus. This is a huge safety issue with many of our walking students and their families.**

**We ask that you please adhere to this policy to keep all of our little ones safe and to ensure the morning arrival goes smoothly and efficiently.**

Ms. O'Shea and Ms. Gina

### FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

#### **Important Shift in Volunteer/Parent Clearance Requirements**

To all parents/guardians, The Pennsylvania Department of Education's provided additional clarification about volunteer

clearances. Parents who volunteer occasionally to chaperone a field trip are **not** required to have clearances as long as they will not be solely responsible for a child/group of children's well-being. Parents/guardians who chaperone trips on a regular basis throughout the year and any parent/volunteer for outdoor trips must still have their clearances. In addition, any person (parent or otherwise) who volunteer at the school on a regular basis must still have their clearances.

**The information can be found on our website at <http://wissahickoncharter.org/volunteer-clearances>.**

Dear Awbury Families: Late fees are now being enforced for late pick up. The charge will be \$1 per minute starting at 3:45 pm on regular dismissal and 1:00 pm on early dismissal.

Also, please disregard any letters sent to you from the School District. Refer to the letter that was sent home with your student. These are your bus stops and times. Also, as the year begins, we understand that waiting for your child's bus is a bit hectic and frustrating. We are asking that you please be patient as the process gets to a steady and more accurate pace. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Ms. Shonda and Ms. Tonya

### **8th Grade!**

Graduation will be held at the Kurtz Performing Arts Center on Penn's Charter Campus- 3000 School House Lane- at 7:00p.m.

Graduates are to arrive at 6:00p.m.

Families will be allowed to enter at 6:30p.m.

Parking is FREE and on campus

Children 2 years and above will need a ticket

Each Family will receive 7 tickets total

### **Graduation Eligibility**

- Dues must be paid in full
- Completion of senior project
- Passing all classes with C's or better + passing Y1 Average (**Y1 average consist of all three trimesters**)
- Minor behavior infractions
- If you have questions regarding your child's academic behavior progress, please see Ms. Gina
- Please note that if a student becomes ineligible for graduation or activities, dues will **NOT** be refunded

### **DUES**

- \$295.00 due February 1, 2018
- Checks, money order and/or cash are accepted. Send payments to Ms. Shonda

### **SAVE THE DATES**

February 1st - Class dues are DUE

May 4th - Formal Dance - Dance Institute of Philadelphia -

**5900 Greene Street - Philadelphia, PA 19144**

May, 25th - Class Trip - Location TBA

June 11th - Graduation

For more information regarding 8th grade activities, please contact Ms. Gina **267-774-4370 ext. 2259** or via email [g.minor@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:g.minor@wissahickoncharter.org)

Ms. Gina

## FROM THE DIRECTORS

### Honor Roll Celebrations

The Lower School will be hosting it's honor roll breakfast on Wednesday, December 13th from 9:00-10:00.

The Middle School will host it's honor roll breakfast on Friday, December 15th from 9:00-10:00.

Parents will be getting invitations with report cards. Parents should plan to park off campus.

Ms. Kate and Ms. Gina

## FROM THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Cheerleading is selling handmade crayon art WCS canvases (link is below) in order to raise money for uniforms.

Anyone who would like to show their school spirit and purchase a canvas, they will be \$12/canvas and will be created by one of our 8th graders. All orders are due by December 20th.

WCS Cheer appreciates your help and support in this endeavor!

[https://docs.google.com/a/wissahickoncharter.org/document/d/1Sjm4lp83mLctRc-gS4FHylL1reSQwjimEHdjTzVf0SU/edit?usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/a/wissahickoncharter.org/document/d/1Sjm4lp83mLctRc-gS4FHylL1reSQwjimEHdjTzVf0SU/edit?usp=drive_web)

Ms. Jess and Ms. Karima

## FROM THE CHOIR

Our Choir is having their first performance. Click [here](#) for more information!

**About the concert:** New Covenant's Voices of Praise, Teen Voices of the City Ensemble (T-VOCE) and the Singing City Children's Choir (SCCC) come together to ring in the holiday season with a one-hour program of songs and inspirational readings celebrating unity, joy, peace and the spirit of the season.

Choir families, please make sure you have completed their permission slips and turn it into the front office.

Ms.Kate

## FROM WPP

-Yankee Candle online orders can still be placed until January 8th. Thank you for your support!

-T-Shirts and Sweatshirt will be delivered next week. Thank you for your support!

-Due to the Winter break, our next WPP meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

WPP

## FROM DEVELOPMENT

We are so grateful to you for all the ways you support your students and the Wissahickon community. As you visit the school next week to learn about your student's progress, consider making a gift to the Wissahickon Charter School Annual Fund.

We are especially excited to announce that **the Board has agreed to match gifts to the Annual Fund made during report card conferences at 100% up to \$2,000!** That means you can double the impact of your gift when you give to the

Annual Fund during report card conferences!

You can make your gift in person with cash, check, or credit card. Alternatively, you can make a gift right now with your credit card [here](#).

With gratitude,  
The Development Team

P.S. As you shop for the holidays, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Wissahickon Charter School as your preferred organization. Each time you shop with AmazonSmile, WCS will receive 0.5% of most purchases!

P.P.S. Thank you for helping your student to sell raffle tickets for the Electric Fireplace & Media Mantel. Please submit all ticket stubs and money by Friday, December 15th.

Ms. Allie

## FROM THE LIBRARY

**The Book Fair is Here!**



The first Scholastic Book Fair of the year is HERE! Featuring hundreds of popular books at all reading levels, proceeds benefit our growing library. The fair is open daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm during December 4-8. YES, we are open during report card conferences! We also have extended hours till 5:00pm on Tuesday 12/5 and Wednesday 12/6.

Your child will be visiting the book fair with their class on their library day. You can send money with your child on that day, should you choose to have them shop during school hours. If your family is experiencing hardship, please let your child's teacher know. We can help.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact library media specialist Kate Bowman-Johnston at [k.bojo@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:k.bojo@wissahickoncharter.org) or [267-774-4370](tel:267-774-4370) x2511.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- December 4th-8th, is the Scholastic Book Fair
- December 6th-8th, 12:45 dismissal and Report Card Conferences
- December 15th, Professional Development 12:45 dismissal

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All students are considered late as of 8:21am everyday.
- Our early dismissal cut-off times are 2:30pm on regular dismissal days and 11:45am on half days.
- In the event your child(ren) are picked up after 3:45pm and 1:00pm on half days, you will be charged \$1 per minute.

### Theme Dress Days:

Friday 2/2: Pajama Day-- Be cozy and wear your appropriate pajamas in for the day!

Friday 2/23: Career Day-- Show Wissahickon what you want to be when you grow up! Come dressed up to match a career!

Friday 5/18: Favorite Team Day-- Pull out your jerseys and the gear of your favorite team!

## GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK #12

For businesses: Reuse and refill empty inkjet and toner cartridges.

\*Thank you to Fernhill's 8th grader Francis Bradshaw for our Green tips

\*Have any Green Tips you want to share?

Send them to [t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org)

# December Breakfast Menu

No Pork Products Served  
Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 <b>Whole Grain Pancakes</b> Fresh Fruit Milk
h Toast Sticks Fresh Fruit Milk	5 <b>Breakfast Sandwich</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	6 <b>Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Yogurt</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	7 <b>To Go Breakfast Granola Yogurt Parfait</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	8 <b>Blueberry Bagel</b> Fresh Fruit Milk
orn Chicken & Waffles Fresh Fruit Milk	12 <b>Egg &amp; Cheese Breakfast Biscuit</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	13 <b>Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Yogurt</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	14 <b>Cinnamon Rolls</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	15 <b>Honey Wheat Bagel w/ Cream Cheese</b> Fresh Fruit Milk
hole Grain Pancakes Fresh Fruit Milk	19 <b>South of the Border Burrito Breakfast Bowl</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	20 <b>Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Yogurt</b> Fresh Fruit Milk	21	22
	26	27	28	29

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# December Lunch Menu

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Friday

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				<b>1 Black Bean &amp; Sweet Potato Burrito</b> Collard Greens, VDG Baked Apples with Cinnamon 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Salsa, Tomato
<b>g and Cheese Sandwich</b> shoy Potatoes ed Broccoli, VDG Bananas % White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>5 Turkey Pizza Burgers (Rockland)</b> Cheesy Chickpeas, VBP Whole apples 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>6 Buttermilk Drumsticks</b> WG Wheat Dinner Roll- Rockland Bakery MSA Mashed Sweet Potatoes Romaine Whole Pears 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Greek Vinaigrette	<b>7 Greek Turkey Burger</b> Roasted Green Beans Mixed Berries 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>8 ICSW Rice Pilaf, WG</b> Roasted Cauliflower Oranges, F 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk
<b>ed Cheese MSA</b> 1 Baked Zucchini es, Roasted, VS % White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>12 Turkey Bolognese (Rev)</b> WG Wheat Dinner Roll- Rockland Bakery MSA Squash, Roasted Zucchini with Thyme, VO Mixed Berries 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>13 Chipotle Lime Chicken</b> Yellow Rice with Black Beans Southwest Corn Baked Apples with Cinnamon 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>14 Yogurt Spiced Chicken Drumsticks</b> Rice and Spiced Lentils Roasted Sweet Potatoes Whole Pears 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>15 Falafel</b> Whole Wheat Pita - Fath Sam's 2016 Salad, Shaved Carrot & Romaine, VDG, VRO Whole apples 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Greek Vinaigrette Tzatziki Sauce, C
<b>ese Quesdallia</b> ean and Corn Salsa le Salad, VDG Bananas % White Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>19 MSA BBQ Pulled Turkey</b> Carrot Crudite Cilantro Slaw Mixed Berries 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Buttermilk Ranch Dressing	<b>20 Hawaiian Luau BBQ</b> <b>Pulled Chicken over</b> <b>Coconut Rice with Sweet</b> <b>Potatoes and a Banana</b> <b>Coconut muffin</b> Roasted Sweet Potatoes Fat Free Chocolate Milk 1% White Milk Fat Free Strawberry Milk Nonfat Milk	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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# CEP Letter to Households

Please read... all Wissahickon Charter School students are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch for the 2017-2018 school year!

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Wissahickon Charter School has implemented a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2017-2018 school year.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School (Fernhill and Awbury) are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2017-2018 school year starting November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Please encourage your child to take advantage of the breakfast and lunch that is available to them. No further action is required of you.

Sincerely,  
Kellie Coleman





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