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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I continue to be impressed by and appreciative of our whole school community. This week we've seen the vast majority of people doing exactly what was asked of them. Families are completing RUVNA daily and keeping students home when they are sick. Students are wearing masks correctly or fixing them when redirected. Staff are following protocols for reporting symptoms and testing as needed. I'm glad to report that at the time of writing this, we've had no cases discovered at either campus this week. That's good news!

I also want to share that the Philadelphia Department of Public Health has announced new guidance for schools. I know it's hard to keep up with all the changes. Wissahickon is working now to determine if we can fully adopt these guidelines. The guidelines allow for shorter quarantine periods which would be wonderful for keeping students and staff in the building, but schools can only adopt the guidelines if they are able to implement some new safety measures and get approval from PDPH. I will keep you updated about this!

Thank you,
Kristi

Essentials

Message From COVID Coordinator

If you have not already done so, please email a copy of your student's vaccine card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org. Please remember that **Ruvna Screenings must be completed prior to student's arrival and will be closed for responses at 9:15 AM.** There will be a Vaccine Clinic at Awbury Campus, February 4th for students, staff and community members. You have the option to have [Free COVID tests](#) sent to your door. Free masks to be available late next week at Walgreens and CVS (including CVS in Target stores)

Milk Substitution

WCS understands that some students can not consume cow's milk. Consistent with other meal modifications, we will provide a substitute for these students when a written medical statement indicates the milk substitution is necessary. Please be sure to submit these notes to the School Nurse at fcnurse@wissahickoncharter.org

ATTENTION 6TH AND 7TH GRADE FAMILIES

La Salle College High School is currently accepting applications for the The Saint Katharine Drexel

Program. The Spring Session will start on Saturday, February 19th. The program provides a unique opportunity for young men to further their education at no charge but requires a serious commitment on the part of the student and his family. More information can be found [here](#). **Registration for the Spring Semester is open until Friday, February 11.** If you or any of your parents have questions about the program, please contact: Patrick Heasley heasley@lschs.org

Wissahickon Parent Partnership News

Our guest speaker event went well this week, and we learned a lot about the effects of social media and some strategies to combat them. [Interested in the recording? You can find it here.](#)
Hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 6pm!

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.

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

Picture Retake Day, Friday, February 11, 2022

Our picture retake day has been rescheduled to Friday, February 11, 2022. If you are interested in having your child(ren) do retakes, you must return the first set of pictures uncut. If your child(ren) did not take pictures on the first picture day, please return the picture form along with payment. Forms will be available at the front office. All forms, payment and/or original pictures **MUST** be brought back on the day of retakes.

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**

Healthy Writing Challenge

Healthy NewsWorks wants to publish original student reflections poems that address health messages about healing. For more information please see the attached [flyer](#)



202 did some guided drawings of MLK Jr.!

Reminders

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

Friday, February 4, 2022: School Closed: Professional Development

Friday, February 11, 2022: Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, February 15, 2022: WPP Meeting via Zoom 6-7pm



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