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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I hope this email finds you well. As promised, I am writing to share how the new guidance from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health will impact Wissahickon. PDPH now allows schools to implement shorter quarantine periods for students testing positive for Covid-19 or considered a close contact of someone testing positive. Unfortunately, the only way to be approved to implement the shorter quarantines is if the school can provide an alternative space for those students to eat when they return to school. We do not have an alternative space for meals, nor do we have the staff to monitor this student group. We will keep working, especially as cases continue to decline, student vaccination increases, and the weather improves, to see if this is something we could launch later this year. I know we'd all love to see less time out of school!

Also, new guidance states that schools should only contact trace when students are

unmasked, such as at meal time.

In the meantime, here is a list of what happens in different scenarios. I hope you will find it useful!

- **If your child has Covid (regardless of vaccination status)**, then you must report it on RUVNA and talk with the school nurse about when to return after a 10 day **isolation**.
- **If your child is unvaccinated and is a "close contact" of someone diagnosed with or awaiting test results for Covid**, then you must report it on RUVNA and talk with the school nurse about when to return based on the nature of the exposure.
- **If your child is vaccinated and is a "close contact" of someone with Covid**, then they can continue to come to school as long as they are asymptomatic but only if they wear a mask properly. All information should be reported on RUVNA. You will not be denied. Note that WCS must have a copy of your child's vaccination card to take advantage of this. You can email a photo of your child's card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org.

Please note that if your child is vaccinated, it makes it **much** less likely that they will have to quarantine and miss school for a full ten days. Also note, starting on Monday (1/27/22) WCS will begin using a new version of RUVNA to families for whom we are in receipt of their vaccine card. Wissahickon is offering a vaccine clinic on Friday, February 4th. Please read more about this opportunity in this newsletter and sign up for a time!

Warmly,
Kristi

Essentials:

Important Dates

February 4th - School Closed for Professional Development

February 11th - Picture Retake Day

High School Results

High School Results will be available Friday, January 28, 2022. All 8th grade families should log into their account to see results - you can log in here: <https://schoolselection.philasd.org/>.

You will have until Friday, February 4th, 11:59 EST to make your selection - ONE WEEK!
Reach out to Ms. Abby with any questions, a.beljean@wisshickoncharter.org

Vaccine Clinic at Awbury

On Friday, February 4th, WCS will be sponsoring a vaccine clinic with support from the City of Philadelphia Managing Director's Office to provide COVID -19 vaccinations FREE OF CHARGE.

The Pfizer COVID -19 vaccine will be available to everyone in the WCS community (including family members) ages 5 years and up and eligible for dose 1, dose 2, or a booster of COVID-19 vaccine. Children aged 5 through 17 must have a parent or guardian present to receive the vaccine.

If you are receiving your first dose at this clinic, the second dose will be given on Saturday, February 26th at the same location.

Please complete this [form](#) for each person requesting a vaccine. We will be in touch to schedule appointments based on your selection. If your student is vaccinated, please email a copy of their vaccine to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org TODAY!

Student Vaccination Cards

If you have not already done so, please email a copy of your student's vaccine card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org

Ruvna Screenings must be completed prior to student's arrival and will be closed for responses at 9:15 AM

WPP sponsored mask drive!

Please send in boxes of surgical or KN95 masks starting on Monday. Students can drop them off in designated bags in their class. Letter was sent out on Classtag yesterday.

Flat Rate Program Payment

Many of our families that have enrolled in the flat rate program have not received a confirmation email. Please complete the Parent Payment form found [HERE](#). Please note you must complete this form **each month**. The school must also complete a payment form each month. The school payment form will be submitted by the 8th of each month. The school payment forms for September and October will be submitted by November 8, 2021. Please refer to the FAQs document found [HERE](#) for more information. All question should be emailed to [Ms. Shonda](#).

On Radar

Black History Month is here!

Please click [here](#) for more information on the at home projects!! Please be mindful of the February 21st deadlines!!

Picture Day Retakes

Has been rescheduled for Friday, February 11, 2022

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**

Free Hockey Program

Snider Hockey is a FREE hockey program for youth in Philadelphia & Camden ages 5-18. Snider Hockey is a nationally acclaimed non-profit that uses the sport of hockey to educate and empower youth to prosper in the game of life.

Snider Hockey is currently accepting new students for our Learn to Skate program at Simons Recreation Center ([7200 Woolston Avenue, Philadelphia Pa 19138](#)).

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| HOCKEY FREE Ice Hockey for boys and girls ages 5-18. NO experience required. Programs start for beginners at Learn to Skate and continue up to Travel Hockey. All equipment, coaching, and ice time are completely FREE! | EDUCATION Year-round educational support at no cost. Students can become eligible for various scholarship opportunities. Report cards are collected to ensure every student is on-track. 88% of Snider Hockey seniors continue on to postsecondary programs. |
| LIFE SKILLS Healthy living and life skills programs enrich learning opportunities outside the classroom. Team building activities engage students in positive peer interactions. Character building instruction empowers students of all ages. | SIMONS REC. CENTER 7200 Woolston Ave Philadelphia, PA 19138 Schedule Activities take place Mon-Fri during after school and evening hours. Programs are also offered on the weekends! Contact Coach Justin at JFoley@SniderHockey.org for rink-specific questions! |

Contact Us to Get Started Today!
Bridgett Wilkerson, Community Outreach Manager
BWilkerson@SniderHockey.org

Pre-Register Online!

WWW.SNIDERHOCKEY.ORG @SniderHockey

EXTRAS:

Free covid test and N95 masks

Free COVID tests sent to your door.

Free masks to be available late next week at Walgreens and CVS (including CVS in Target stores)



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