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Class Directory

In an effort to continue to build community, we would like to create a class directory for each homeroom. We will share parent contact information with other parents within the homeroom. The "best phone number" and the guardian email provided in PowerSchool will be included. If you would like to OPT OUT of this, please complete the form found [HERE](#) by Friday, March 18, 2022. *All students will be included in the directory unless an opt-out form is received.*

Message From CEO

Dear Families,

In case you didn't see my ClassTag note last night, I just wanted to share it again here with a few more details. Yesterday, the PDPH announced that they have lifted the mask mandate for the City of Philadelphia effective immediately and tentatively for schools on March 9th. If this indeed becomes a definite recommendation, WCS will follow the guidance from PDPH and become *mask optional* a week from today on Wednesday, March 9th.

Mask optional means that each person can decide for themselves and their children if they want to wear a mask or not. I'm sure we will have some people who choose to continue to wear masks and others who won't. Each person has their own unique situations that will dictate their comfort level with this change and I want there to be room and respect for all of us to make the choices we need to make.

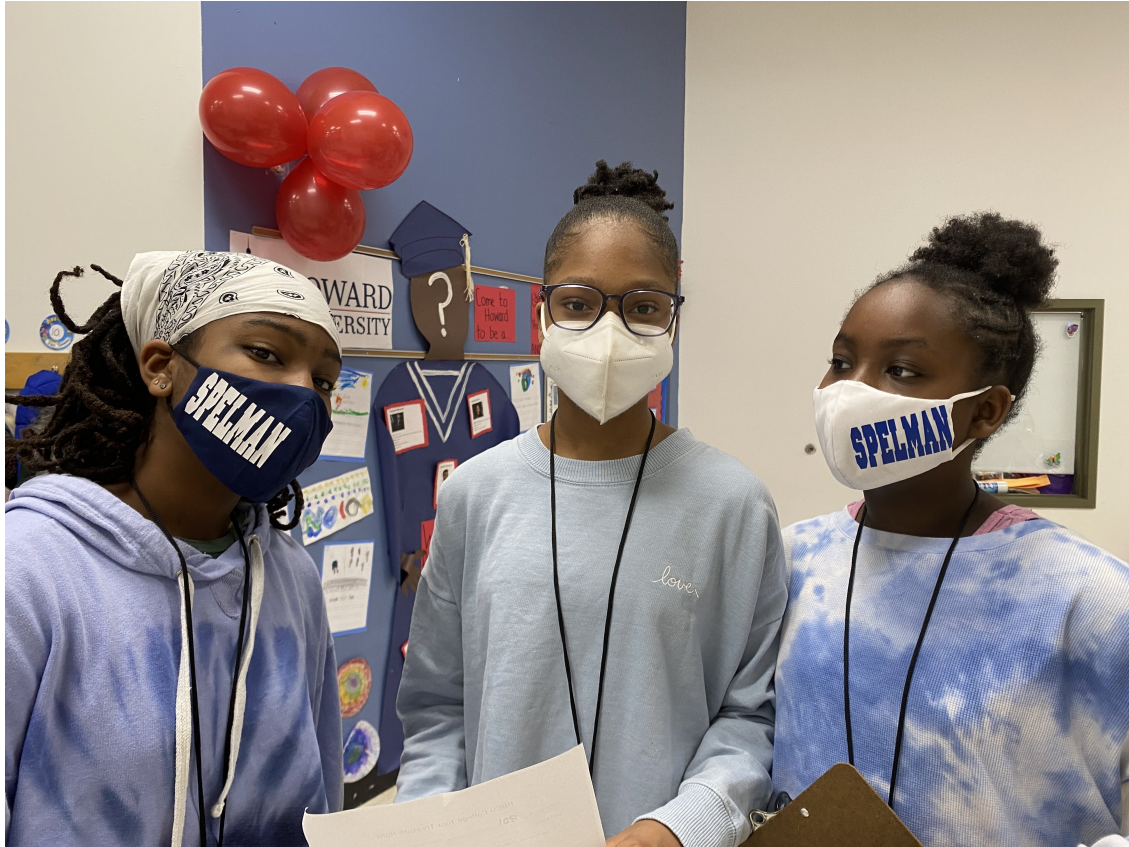
For now and until further notice, we are all still required to wear masks at school. The PDPH is continuing to monitor case counts in Philadelphia and what they find will determine whether or not they relax mask mandates in schools, starting next Wednesday, March 9th. We know for certain that the PDPH is advising all schools to require masks for the week following Spring Break (April 18th through April 22nd) to avoid any kind of surge in cases after the time off.

I also want to share that if the PDPH follows through with this guidance, Wissahickon will no longer provide masks. Any family who wants their child to wear a mask will need to provide it. It will be the sole responsibility of your child to keep up with the mask and wear it throughout the day.

I will keep you posted as soon as I learn more about **if** the PDPH does in fact decide to relax masking in schools. Again, right now this is tentative news. All other mitigations that WCS has utilized such as social distancing and RUVNA are not impacted by this potential change.

Many thanks,

Kristi



Check out the [AMAZING HBCU College Tour!](#)
Here's hoping it becomes an annual tradition!

Essentials

Virtual T1 Report Card Conferences

Report Card conferences will be held virtually from March 16, 2022 - March 18, 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 (4th-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 this year in a formal way. **Please note the conference scheduling system will close by the end of the day on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. 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.**

PSSA Information

The PSSAs begin the week of April 26th for students in grades 3-8. The testing windows are as follows:

- April 26-28: English Language Arts
- May 4-5: Mathematics
- May 10 and 12: Science (Grades 4 and 8 only)
- May 9-13: Makeups as needed

Some parents have expressed interest in having their children "opt out" of the PSSAs due to religious beliefs. While a family can opt a child out at any point, we are requesting this year that you provide us with notice prior to Spring Break (by Friday, March 25) so that we can make adequate preparations for how they will spend testing time.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the opt out process, please contact Paul

Vande Stouwe, Assessment and Accountability Manager at p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org.

8th Grade Families

Please join us on Wednesday, March 9th at 6pm for a presentation and question opportunity with WCS and Outward Bound. We will be going over everything you need to know about this year's 8th grade expedition which is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd - Friday, May 27th.

Mrs. Wright is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89153343029?pwd=aWtmUFpXZ29wWXpXaFRdFBFT0ppZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 5334 3029

Passcode: fox

On Radar

12:45 dismissals are happening 3/16-3/18 for conferences (See Above for Sign-ups)

Please be sure to have necessary transportation arranged for these early dismissal days.

Spirit Week is 3/14-3/18!

More details coming soon! Pretzel sales and dress-up days!

Presentation about Bullying with the WPP on 3/15 at 6pm

Mr. Calvin Johnson will be joining the WPP on March 15th to discuss bullying and prevention. Please join us! The link will be sent out next week in the Weekly Wiss and via ClassTag the day of the meeting.

School Meals

All menus and their nutritional information can be found [HERE](#) this year.

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022: 8th grade Outward Bound Info session via Zoom

Sunday, March 13, 2022: Daylight Savings Time Starts (Remember to adjust your clocks)

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



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