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Message from Dean Kristi

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

Essentials:

Important Dates

March 3rd - My Conference Time is available to schedule report card conference

March 4th - Professional Development for staff. School is CLOSED for STUDENTS

March 16th-18th - Zoom Report Card Conferences, early dismissal at 12:45

Zoom Report Card Conferences March 16th-March 18th

Can you believe it's already time for our Trimester 2 report card conferences!! Please read on for instructions for signing up for your student(s) conference time.

**PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR REPORT CARD CONFERENCE BY MARCH 11, 2022.
ANY CONFERENCE NOT SCHEDULED BY MARCH 11, 2022 @ 5:00 PM WILL BE
AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED.**

Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 16th - Friday, March 18th. The "My Conference Time" site will be available for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s teacher **UNTIL TODAY, Friday March 11, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**. Follow these steps to schedule:

- 1) Go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/wissahickoncharter/folder/3289>
- 2) Click on the name of your child(ren)'s teacher.
- 3) Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."

4) Submit the requested information.

Please be advised that you are only scheduling for your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. If you want to schedule with any additional K-8 teachers, please contact them directly. Zoom links will be sent out by your child's teacher.

Student Vaccination Cards

If you have not already done so, please email a copy of your student's vaccine card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org TODAY! Also, please note that quarantine duration is dependent on vaccination status and vaccine cards must be on file with the nurse. Ruvna screenings must be completed prior to student's arrival and will be closed for responses at 9:00 AM .

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

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 11-12: 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.

Middle School Families

If you are looking for a summer job/enrichment opportunity for your child(ren), check out the WorkReady program. The 2022 Summer job application has opened! It is a great opportunity for our students to earn money, gain experience, and also explore what they might be interested in. Check out the application and further information at their website. <https://www.workready.org/summer/> The 1st 5,000 applicants to complete the enrollment process will receive \$150!

Reach out to Ms. Abby if you have any questions!

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EXTRAS:

100 days of School in K!2



WCS Takes Over Dilworth Park





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