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Message From CEO

Dear families,

It's been a hard week in Philadelphia and a hard week to be a parent and/or educator in Philadelphia. The shooting at Roxborough High School has made me feel so angry and so sad. Children, and all of us really, should be able to live without worrying constantly about our safety.

I will say once again: I believe that the work we're doing at WCS to teach children to talk through conflicts can make a difference in the violence in our city.

Here are two articles from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network that I found helpful and hope you will too.

[Guidelines for Helping Youth After the Recent Shooting](#)
[Age-Related Reactions to Traumatic Events](#)

Peace,
Kristi

Essentials

Students are marked tardy starting at 8:21 this year.

You can always find up to date information about our arrival & dismissal plans on our website in the "[Family Resources](#)" tab. There is also a link to this information under the "Drop-off and Pick-up of Students" section in our [handbook](#).

Interested in chaperoning for upcoming field trips or volunteering for school events?

Turn in your volunteer clearances ASAP! All information can be found in the Family Resources tab under Forms. [Here is a direct link for easy access](#). Please follow ALL directions for submission in order for us to keep accurate records.

Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2022-23 SY

If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter. The application is open from Friday, September 23rd and will close on Monday, January 23, 2023. Click [here](#) to apply.

Attention 8th Grade Families from Your School Counselors:

Families and students are encouraged to attend the 2022 Philly High School Fair on October 14th or October 15th. This is a free event. If you have a transportation hardship, let your counselor know. Link

to Reserve tickets [HERE](#)

High school applications for the School District of Philadelphia opened on September 16, 2022. We began our mandatory high school advising meetings. If you have not already done so, Please use the [MyConference Link](#) to schedule a meeting with your child's counselor here at Fernhill. Student last names starting with A-L will schedule with Mrs. Aitiya and last names M-Z will schedule with Mrs. Meskun. These meetings will happen in person at our school. Masking and COVID Guidelines in place as per any new/updated WSC policies. Students and parents are expected to attend the meeting together. Please sign up for a time that works for you.

Please do not complete this application alone. Completing the application with your counselor assures that it is done correctly and any required documentation is submitted. Remember to have at least 5 district schools picked prior to your scheduled conference in order to complete the application. Do not include Charter Schools or Private Schools for this meeting. Please see [THIS](#) document for some examples of the types of High Schools or visit www.greatphillyschools.org to research different high schools in Philadelphia. Please email Mrs. Aitiya at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or Mrs. Meskun at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions or concerns.

On Radar

After School Program Openings

There are still spots available in the after school program for students in 2nd-5th grade! After school runs daily from dismissal until 6pm. Fill out a registration form [here](#) and please feel free to reach out to Andrea Hegedus, the Recess & ASP Coordinator, at a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions.

School Lunch

All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you.

Please see the link to check out our [menu](#).

Reminders

School Calendar

As a reminder, our school calendar for the 22/23 school year is [here](#). Please plan accordingly.

WCS Swag

You can now order WCS swag from our New Fernhill School Store using this [link](#) from our website under parent payments. Each order you make \$10 is donated back to the school for school community events.

Has your address, phone number or email address changed?

Please inform the Front Office of ALL changes to your student's demographics.

Reminder: In order to change your address, you must submit (2) proofs of residency in addition to the change of address form.

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

Wed, October 5th: School Closed for Yom Kippur

Mon, October 10th: School Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Fri, October 14th: Philly High School Fair

Sat, October 15th: Philly High School Fair



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