



Wissahickon

CHAPTER SCHOOL



WCS Fernhill Campus

4700 G Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Weekly Wissahickon 9-5-25

[Message From CEO](#)

Dear Families,

Hope your child's second week of school has been a good one. Our first week was three days. This week was four days. Next week is the first full week! We're building stamina for full days and full weeks. Please be sure your child is present every day on time. Learning can't happen if they aren't here.

This year we will be celebrating students who have perfect attendance and are on time throughout the year. Stay tuned for more details!

Kristi

Essentials

8th Grade Families ONLY:

High school applications for the School District of Philadelphia will open September 8, 2025 - October 23, 2025. We will begin our mandatory high school advising meetings on Monday, September 22, 2025. Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period. The Counselors will send instructions on how to schedule the advising meetings in the coming weeks. Please **do not** complete this application alone. Completing the application with your counselor assures that it is done correctly and that all required documentation is submitted.

The Great Philly Schools High School Fair is happening on Saturday, September 20th, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the PA Convention Center. We are starting our High School Advising Meetings after the fair to allow families and students time to attend. Use this [this link](#) to register for the fair.

Please email Ms. Aitiya (Last Names A-L) at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or Ms. Meskun (Last Names M-Z) at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions or concerns.

Flat Rate Program

Use the [link](#) to complete the monthly payment form.

On Radar

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 <https://www.fdmealplanner.com/#Wissahickon>

Girls in Gear

We are a nonprofit, volunteer-led program that teaches confidence-building through bike riding for girls ages 5+. Our no-questions-asked scholarship policy (which includes bikes and helmets) means that everyone can ride with us. For the seventh consecutive season, we're hosting our eight-week program in Philly! Click the link for more information. [Girls in Gear](#).

Reminders

Reminder of Safety Policies

WCS is an Alcohol, Drug and Weapon Free School Zone. If you notice any of these prohibited items on school grounds please contact a WCS School Leader immediately.

Wellness Committee

Below are some updates for the 2025-26 school year. These changes have been added to our school Wellness Policy that can be found on our website.

The Wellness Policy is to ensure the health & well being of all students at all times during the school day, and all staff are a part of making this happen.

Some of the changes include:

- Classroom Birthdays / Celebrations - No cupcakes or cakes will be allowed. All snacks MUST pass the Smart Snack Product Calculator <https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/calculator/> AND MUST be approved by the Food Service Coordinator.
- (1) celebration per month per classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- Parties/celebrations shall include foods or beverages that meet established nutrition standards. Parents/Guardians will be informed through newsletter or other efficient classroom communication methods of what foods/beverages should be brought in when a party has been scheduled.
- No pizza parties - We will work with the kitchen for a healthier alternative.
- Sales of foods & beverages that meet the smart snacks standards and sales of nonfood items (e.g., wrapping paper, plants, apparel or items that need to be baked at home - cookie dough) are not limited under the Federal policy .
- Fundraising activities that occur during nonschool hours, on weekends, or at off-campus events are not limited under the Federal policy.

Attendance Email

Please email fattendance@wissahickoncharter.org with any absent notes or attendance questions.

Reminder of Early Dismissal Cutoff Times:

Normal dismissal days the cutoff is 2:30pm

Early dismissal days the cutoff is 11:45am

Front Office Hours:

In order to ensure the safety of our students during arrival and dismissal all of our staff have been assigned an arrival and dismissal post. This means that the front office will be closed from 8-8:30am and 3-3:30pm. Please communicate any dismissal changes before 2:30 to ensure that this information is communicated to your student in a timely manner.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing items and you think they could be in the lost and found, please come in and give a look. Lost glasses are kept in the front office. Due to limited space all unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month.

School Calendar

As a reminder our school calendar for 25-26 is [here](#). Please plan accordingly.

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!

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6pm-730pm: Back to School Night 1st-8th Grade

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Rosh Hashanah- School Closed

Thursday, October 2, 2025 Yom Kippur- School Closed


See more: <https://o.ss.ly/l/sxoT6zhI>



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ALL STUDENTS GRADES 5-8



MALLERY FIELD
100 JOHNSON ST - 19144
MONDAY - THURSDAY
3:30-5:30



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SPORTS PHYSICAL REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE
FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 5-8

WCS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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CONTACT MR. JIM FOR MORE INFO :
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WCS CROSS COUNTRY
ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8



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