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## Weekly Wissahickon 1-28-2022

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### Message From CEO

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](mailto: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

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## Essentials

### T2 Interim Reports

Interim reports are being sent home with students today. If your student has not received their interim report by Monday, January 31, 2022, please contact the Front Office.

### Message From COVID Coordinator

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. This vaccine clinic will be held at our Awbury campus located at [815 Washington Lane](#).

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 child is already vaccinated, please submit their vaccine card TODAY to [vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org).

### Parent Flat Rate Program

Please direct any issues with your monthly payments to the Philadelphia School District Office of Transportation at 215-400-4350. WCS is not provided with any information regarding payments to parents. Also, this is a reminder that parents must complete a parent payment each month they are enrolled in the program. The form can be found [HERE](#).

### After School Openings

We still have spots available in the after school program for 2nd and 3rd graders! 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](mailto:a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions.

### Opportunity for 6th/7th grade Boys!

The Saint Katharine Drexel Program at La Salle College High School will be starting their Spring Session Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The program provides a unique opportunity for young men to further their education at no charge, but requires a serious commitment on the part of the student and his family. They are currently accepting 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for the Spring Session. Registration for the Spring Semester is open until Friday, February 11. More information is in the [attached letter](#). Contact Patrick Heasley at [heasley@lschs.org](mailto:heasley@lschs.org) with any questions.

## Friday Pretzel Sale

Reserve your soft pretzel(s) for Friday, February 11th BY February 9th. \$1 per pretzel.

# \$1 for a pretzel!



Student Council is sponsoring a pretzel sale on Friday, February 11th. Pretzels will be sold during homeroom/morning meeting for \$1 each.

If your child is interested in buying a pretzel please fill out [this form](#) to reserve your pretzels!

Thank you so much for your support for the Student Council!

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## On Radar

### Picture Retake Day, Friday, February 11, 2022

Our picture retake day has been rescheduled to Friday, February 11, 2022. If you are interested in having your child(ren) do retakes, you must return the first set of pictures uncut. If your child(ren) did not take pictures on the first picture day, please return the picture form along with payment. Forms will be available at the front office. All forms, payment and/or original pictures **MUST** be brought back on the day of retakes.

### 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**



Mentoring started this week! It's so fun to see our middle school and lower school buddies working together!

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## Reminders

### Follow Wisahickon 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](#).

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## Important Dates

Friday, February 4, 2022: School Closed: Professional Development

Friday, February 11, 2022: Picture Retake Day

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

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