

Sanford Creek Families,

We have a phenomenal WCPSS school community where “from here, anything is possible”.

For every day and each student - thank you for supporting Sanford Creek Elem.

Tiffany Rich, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23	Welcome Back Track 3!
August 23	Summer/Extended Learning for Track 2 begins
August 23	Boosterthon DanceFit fundraiser begins for Tracks 3 & 4
August 31	Boosterthon DanceFit Event for Tracks 3 & 4

COVID-19 SAFETY PRACTICES UPDATE

To maintain safe learning environments, WCPSS continues to make updates to safety practices for students and staff.

- For everyone over the age of 4, face coverings are required indoors in schools, on school-provided transportation, including school buses, activity buses, and vendor transportation. *For Pre-K students, face coverings are strongly recommended for ages 3-4 and required for age 5. **Face coverings remain optional outdoors.***
- If your student experiences an illness that **does not include COVID-19 symptoms**, it's now easier for them to return to school quicker. **For these illnesses, we're returning to pre-pandemic health practices: Students can return to school when they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.** [Learn more about returning to school after an illness.](#)
- Safety practices for eating on campus have been strengthened. The goal is to keep students in school and to minimize the number of students who must quarantine due to (unmasked) exposure. Sanford Creek continues to utilize assigned seating during meals. Students are sitting beside the same peers as in their classroom. The practice of grouping students will help reduce the number of students required to quarantine if a student in their class becomes infected. Face coverings are required except for the time when students are specifically eating. We continue to practice safe socializing while in the cafeteria. Students are sitting less than 3ft apart without others directly across from them - thus, facing the same direction. Students are all facing one of the 3 (out of 4) walls. Our practice does not include silent lunch. In an effort to minimize the amount of time students are unmasked (no more than 15 minutes), students are encouraged to eat first and then replace their mask to enjoy safely socializing.
- Homerooms have rotations of areas/zones at recess. Students from other homerooms on the grade level do not mix.

During the school day, if a student complains of not feeling well and is experiencing any of the symptoms below, a parent will be called to immediately pick him/her up.

- Fever or chills
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache

- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

It is critical for sick students to stay home under the following circumstances:

- They are feeling sick or experiencing any symptom of illness, unless the individual has a confirmed diagnosis from a healthcare professional attributing the symptoms to something other than COVID-19.
- They have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 10 days.
- They have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 2 weeks and have not met the requirements to return to school.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

BUS: With the reopening of traditional schools for the 2021-22 school year, there will be more buses and traffic on the road in the morning and afternoon beginning 8/23/21. **This change may impact the AM and PM arrival times of year-round school buses to their stops over the next two weeks.** Please be patient as routes settle and drivers and students become familiar with recent changes. Since estimated stop times may vary until routes settle, students should be ready and waiting for their bus at the bus stop **least 10 minutes before** it is expected to arrive in the AM. Please click here: [Sanford Creek Bus Routes 2021-22](#) to check the estimated AM and PM arrival time for your student's bus.

WCPSS Transportation also provides families of students who ride a school bus with a free bus tracking system called **Here Comes the Bus**. This app allows you to see the progress and location of your child's school bus as it approaches his/her stop. Get started with **Here Comes the Bus** at <https://herecomesthebus.com/parents/get-started/>. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. For your smartphone or tablet, download the **Here Comes the Bus** app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). The WCPSS school code for Yellow Bus is **67500**.

If your student needs bus transportation, click on [WCPSS Bus Rider Registration 2021-22](#) and complete the Transportation Request form.

For further assistance with bus service, please email Assistant Principal, Gladys Washington at g washington@wcpss.net.

CARPOOL:

- Please do not utilize side streets to drop your child off in the AM or pick them up in the PM as a walker. Parked cars lining side streets pose safety concerns by limiting traffic flow and the ability for buses to enter/exit the street.
- If you are new to SCES or need a replacement carpool tag, please call the front office. 919-570-2100

PTA NEWS

Tracks 3 and 4 kick off the Sanford Creek Dance Fit this week. Thank you for partnering with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

Our goal is to raise \$14,500 for Cultural arts and student-centered programs. We are making great progress towards our goal, but we still need your help! Here is a quick [video overview of our fundraising program](#). We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

Mark your calendar: **Campus Beautification Day: Saturday, September 18** (9am) More details and sign-up link to come soon.

AIG ANNOUNCEMENTS

Questions? Contact: Tammy Garland, 919-570-2100 ext 20231 tgarland@wcpss.net

5th Grade Fall AIG Nomination Windows and Test Dates

Track 1 - Window for FALL nominations closed August 20.

Tracks 2, 3, 4 - Window for FALL nominations closes September 17

Please complete the following form for each nomination: <https://forms.gle/wkE7dXEVuaiTkgr5>

5th CogAt/IOWA Testing (Nominated Students Only):

Track 1 - August 30 - Sept 3 @ 11-11:45

Tracks 2-4 = Sept 20 - 24 @ 11-11:45

ALL 3rd Grade CogAt Test

Track 4 - Sept 21, 22, 23

Tracks 1-3 - October 5, 6, & 7

3rd Grade IOWA (Those scoring 85th percentile or higher on CogAT)

Tracks 1 & 2 - November 3 & 4

Tracks 3 & 4 - December 7 & 8

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

Café menus will be available on our interactive website, [MealViewer](#). On the [MealViewer](#) website, families can:

- Set up multiple profiles at the schools of your choice
- See any menu changes posted by the manager at each site
- Choose menu items based on allergens
- View nutrients for each menu item
- Add nutrients for meals eaten, even partial meals
- Submit ratings on your favorite items
- Print menus