

Sanford Creek Families,

March is here and we are nearing the start of the final quarter of the '21-22 school year. As a school district, we embark this week on another milestone (optional masking) in context of the COVID-19 pandemic. See below for more information. Track 1: Enjoy your track-out! Track 2: Welcome Back! To all: Have a great weekend! Tiffany Rich

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 7	Welcome Back Track 2
March 7-25	Track out for Track 1
March 7-18	Extended Learning Camp for Track 1
March 9	Statewide Tornado Drill
March 9	11am, <a href="#">Single Subject Acceleration Information Meeting</a> (click link to attend)
March 21	PTA Meeting, 6-7pm

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## COVID-19: MASKING UPDATE

Monday, March 7th, **masks are recommended, but not required (a.k.a.: OPTIONAL)** in schools, on school buses and vendor transportation for all students, staff, and visitors.

New [health guidance](#) has been approved by the WCPSS School Board which allows students, staff, and visitors to go "mask-optional" beginning Monday, March 7. Each family should have a conversation to determine your family's expectations for mask-wearing at school. Please note that SCE staff will not be in a position to remind or coach students on whether or not they should wear their masks. Mask-optional is truly *mask-optional*. Each individual member (students, staff, and visitors) of the school community will decide what is best for them and that will be honored.

## COVID-19: CONTACT TRACING ELIMINATED

As a part of the recent updates to the *StrongSchools* NC Toolkit, it is no longer necessary to conduct individual contact tracing for possible exposures. **Only COVID-positive cases will be reported.** According to the Toolkit, the change is made because "*individual contact tracing is a less effective tool for responding to the pandemic at this phase.*"

## COVID-19: WHEN TO RETURN

Please take a moment to review the updated When to Return guidance page. The webpage has been redesigned to be more user-friendly. <https://www.wcpss.net/WhenToReturn>

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## VOLUNTEERING @ SCE

If you are interested in supporting students and staff by helping in a variety of ways across the school, please see the information below about registering/reregistering.

**Volunteers require background checks and registration must be completed at a WCPSS work site (school).** Once a prospective volunteer has passed the required background check, he/she will be eligible to volunteer. If you indicate interest in volunteering (see below), staff will cross-reference the approved list for SCE prior to the opportunity.

Interested in Volunteering in your child's classroom? *Contact your child's teacher directly to inquire about opportunities.*

Interested in Volunteering in the Media Center? Contact [fwashington@wcpss.net](mailto:fwashington@wcpss.net)

Interested in Volunteering in the Café? Contact [trich@wcpss.net](mailto:trich@wcpss.net) and [gwashington@wcpss.net](mailto:gwashington@wcpss.net)

Interested in Volunteering with PTA projects? Contact [scepta@outlook.com](mailto:scepta@outlook.com)

Interested in Volunteering for clerical-style tasks in the school? Contact [emurdock@wcpss.net](mailto:emurdock@wcpss.net)

Interested in Volunteering for afterschool Homework Help? Contact [emurdock@wcpss.net](mailto:emurdock@wcpss.net) or [jbozza@wcpss.net](mailto:jbozza@wcpss.net)

## **SINGLE SUBJECT ACCELERATION (SSA)**

SSA testing for next year is coming soon. To nominate your child, please fill out the following **[NOMINATION FORM](#)**.

### **Nomination Deadlines are as follows:**

~~Track 1 - February 25, 2022~~

Tracks 2, 3, & 4 - March 25, 2022

Nominations will not be accepted after the deadline date per track.

When deciding if your child is a good candidate for SSA, consider:

- *Your child's social and emotional maturity.*
- *Your child may be taking classes with peers who may be older.*
- *Your child's organizational skills and ability to focus.*
- *Can your child begin or complete projects by themselves?*
- *Your child will be skipping an entire year's worth of content and background knowledge.*

*The AIG teacher and homeroom teachers are not responsible for covering content your child skipped as a result of receiving SSA services.*

**Parent Q&A Sessions** - if you have questions, please attend the next parent session with Ms. Garland or email her at [tgarland@wcpss.net](mailto:tgarland@wcpss.net):

[Google Meet](#) - Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 11:00 AM.

## **VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING by MAKO**

COVID-19 testing is an effective way to reduce transmission, especially when layered with other measures. Participation helps safeguard the entire school community and gives you information to help you keep your children healthy. Participation in the program is voluntary and sign-ups are on-going. **This [page](#) on the WCPSS website has additional FAQs at the bottom.** [Register your child here](#)

## **PTA NEWS:**

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved, please email [scepta@outlook.com](mailto:scepta@outlook.com). "More hands make for light work"!