

Sanford Creek Families,

WOW – It is hard to believe that we are entering our third full week of the school year for Tracks 1,2,3 and later this week, we will have our first, individual TRACK OUT (Tr 3) since March 2020! I hope everyone has a great week and hope to see you at our Virtual Open House Tuesday evening! Please see announcements, updates, and reminders below for the week of July 26th.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Rich, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27 – Virtual **Open House** for Tracks 1,2,& 3
July 30 – Track 3 Track Out (July 30-Aug 23)
July 30 – Teacher Workday (no school for students)
August 2 - First day of school for Track 4

'21-22 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Tracks 1,2,3: July 27th, 6:00-7:30pm

Track 4: August 10th, 6:00-7:30pm

Session 1: 6:00-6:40pm

Session 2: 6:45-7:30pm (*this session is a repeat of session 1*)

Your child's teacher will send/email the meet link(s) by noon on Monday, July 26.

NO CHECK-OUT AFTER 3:30pm

Learning and bringing closure to the school day occurs right up until the dismissal bell. We respectfully ask that you limit pick-ups after 3:30pm for last minute emergencies only. Thank you!

BUS INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS ON ALL TRACKS

If your student utilized school bus transportation last year, but you are unsure of his/her transportation status for the 2021-22 school year, please contact Gladys Washington, Assistant Principal at gwashingt@wcpss.net or (919) 570-2100 for assistance.

If your student needs neighborhood or express bus transportation, click on <https://www.wcpss.net/busrider> and complete the Transportation Request form at the bottom of the page entitled "**Bus Rider Registration 2021-22 School Year**". Once your request is submitted, WCPSS Transportation Services will send you an email confirming receipt of it. **Since it usually takes Transportation Services 5 to 7 days to review bus requests and assign eligible students to bus routes, submit all requests as soon as possible.**

To find route and bus stop information for your child, please click on [WCPSS Bus Routes](#) . WCPSS also provides [Here Comes the Bus](#), a bus tracker app for families. This app allows you to see the progress and location of your child's school bus as it approaches his/her stop.

The main priority of all Sanford Creek bus drivers is to safely transport our students to and from school each day. Now that **Tracks 1, 2, and 3** have been in school for a few weeks, a variety of situations have occurred on our routes that are behavior and safety concerns. To help our bus drivers consistently maintain a safe and respectful atmosphere on their bus, please review the following bus safety rules with your child/children:

- All students must be wearing a mask that completely covers their nose and mouth before they board any WCPSS school bus. MASKS MUST NOT BE REMOVED ON THE BUS.

- All students must follow directives given by their bus driver.
- Students must remain seated in their assigned while the bus is in motion.
- Students must keep their feet, head, and legs out of the aisle.
- STUDENTS MAY NOT EAT OR DRINK ON THE BUS.
- Students shall keep their hands and feet to themselves (i.e.: no kicking, hitting, slapping, etc.)
- Yelling and/or horseplay is not allowed on the bus and is a major safety concern.
- **ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SUCH AS PHONES, TABLETS, AND/OR CHROMEBOOKS MUST REMAIN IN STUDENT BOOK BAGS.** SANFORD CREEK ELEMENTARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR MISSING ELECTRONIC DEVICES. IF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICE IS BROKEN OR DAMAGED ON THE BUS DUE TO UNAUTHORIZED USE, MORE THAN LIKELY, THIS DEVICE WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

CARPOOL REMINDERS

THANK YOU to everyone who took note of our carpool reminders last week and helped staff increase safety during arrival and dismissal! Keep up the good work!

For the safety of all students, staff, and visitors, only allow your child to get out of the car if you are in the carpool loop and beside a carpool cone. It is not safe to drop your child off in the parking lot or entrance/driveway.

We have families who are parking along Granite Falls Blvd side streets and asking their child to “walk” to/from school. **THIS IS NOT SAFE.** All families are asked to follow the procedures and rules we have in place and not jeopardize student safety by bypassing the system. SCE staff are working hard to shave time off of drop-off in the AM and pick-up in the PM All students.

Lastly, please be aware of the crosswalks at the main driveway and on Granite Falls Blvd and slow down when approaching the entrance to the school. When entering or exiting the main driveway of the school, do not block the crosswalk with your vehicle.

STATE GUIDANCE WITH FACE COVERINGS

The new state health guidance released last week from Governor Cooper is now being reviewed at the school district level. No decisions regarding changes to current guidance will be made prior to the August 3 Board meeting. An implementation date for any decisions made at the August 3 meeting will be announced on or before August 3. In the meantime, schools, students, and staff must follow existing WCPSS guidance and requirements, including wearing face coverings inside schools when students are scheduled to be in the building, and students’ quarantining if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

COVID UPDATE

Our main priority is keeping all staff and students healthy and safe. With summer in full swing, some students may experience symptoms that resemble seasonal allergies or a cold. Sanford Creek administrators and staff are **not** in the position to determine whether a student is or isn't sick - even if his/her symptoms appear to be minor. ***During the school day, if any 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 or Shortness of Breath
- Constant Coughing or Sneezing
- Runny Nose, Sore Throat
- Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea

- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Body Aches, Extreme Lethargy
- Onset of a Severe Headache

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 or work.
- They have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Please click on the links below for additional information regarding when students can return to school after to diagnosis, exposure, and/or illness and the district's plan for safe return to school.

[Returning to School After Diagnosis, Exposure, or Illness](#) [A Safe Return to School Plan](#)

THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

Sanford Creek will be partnering with **The Positivity Project** to support students' social and emotional learning. The vision is to create citizens and leaders who will enhance our communities and country by internalizing the belief that "**Other People Matter.**" The project will help teachers instill vocabulary and the meaning of the 24 identified character strengths through explicit teaching of each strength for 10 minutes per day.

PTA NEWS

Our **Sanford Creek DanceFit fundraiser** will kick off in just 2 weeks on 8/9! Our goal is to raise \$14,500 for cultural arts and student-centered programs and to strengthen our school community. We've asked our friends at [Booster](#) to power our fundraiser to make it more profitable, fun, and easy for everyone!

Here's what all students can get excited about:

- Fun, engaging character development lessons
- A high-energy event to give our school a much-needed boost of fun!

If your family feels it's not in the position to financially support the school, that's ok. Families can actually support our school by also SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and family online. *Sharing IS supporting.*

Key dates to remember:

- **REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY, 7/26**
Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](#)
- **DONATING STARTS** - 8/2
- **Fundraiser Kick Off** - 8/9 (Tracks 1&2); 8/23 (Tracks 3&4)
- **Event Day** - 8/18 (Tracks 1&2); 8/31 (Tracks 3&4)
SAVE THE DATE!

Thank you for supporting Sanford Creek through the DanceFit event!

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Sanford Creek PTA is looking to partner with local businesses to help sponsor shirts for our largest (and primary) fundraising “Boosterthon Dance Party” event. If your business would like to sponsor our t-shirts, please see the information below for pricing and details. Your logo or name will be displayed on the back of a shirt worn by over 650 students and staff year-round, providing continuous exposure for your business!

PREMIUM AD LARGE LOGO (\$500) NAME AD (\$100) SLEEVE AD (\$1000) REGULAR AD (\$300)

Contact Info: School Sanford Creek Elementary

Name: Scott Fultonberg

Email: scepta@outlook.com

All donations are tax deductible. Please send your name, phone number, and business logo (or name) to the above email address to secure your spot. Please make checks payable to Sanford Creek Elementary PTA and mail to Sanford Creek Elementary (ATTN: SCE PTA) 701 Granite Falls Blvd, Rolesville NC 27571