

Good Afternoon Sanford Creek Families!

I hope that you and your family are enjoying the cool, fall-like weather and of course, track-out! There are many items for focus in the coming weeks, so let's jump to it.

WCPSS announced that it will begin allowing small groups of students in Preschool, Regional Special Education Programs, and Grades K-3 to return to school on **October 26**. [Read more details at this link.](#)

At this time, the learning environment (*Plan B or Virtual Academy*) your family selected will be the environment you will need to follow, at least through the first semester. The School Board has indicated that all families will have an opportunity to select which option (Virtual Academy or Plan B/in-person learning) that they desire for the second semester by late October/early November.

We are excited about welcoming students back to Sanford Creek! Plan B families have been assigned to a cohort (1,2, or 3). The cohort assignment indicates the week for your child(ren) to be on campus for in-person/face-to-face orientation and instruction. If you are unsure of your cohort, please contact your child's teacher or call the front office. Calendars can be found [here](#)

During reopening there will be changes that all families and students will be expected to follow for the health and safety of students and staff.

- Students will be required to wear masks.
- Visitors and volunteers will not be allowed into the building at this time.
- Temperature checks will occur before students enter the building.
- Families will be contacted and asked to pick up their child if they present symptoms during the school day.
- Students will need to bring their own water bottles to school.
- Additionally, students will be expected to bring their WCPSS issued device fully charged, along with their charging cord, with them to school each day.

Over the next two weeks, **you will receive much more grade level specific information** about your child's return to Sanford Creek ES. More information about what the return to learning will look like for WCPSS students can be found at this link: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/33111>.

One of the most common questions I am receiving involves scheduling for when students return. Administration and teacher leaders are working to create a schedule that provides an equitable learning experience for students in-person and for those learning from home. We are working to ensure that each student still connects with his/her homeroom teacher daily. There may be instances where grade level teams will share the instructional load to address all learners more effectively in all settings. This work is complex and tricky. We appreciate your patience as we work out these details

for you in the coming weeks. We will continue to update you with Sanford Creek specific information as things evolve.

Have a great week!
Tiffany Rich

Health Assessment & Immunization Updates: All immunization requirements and health assessments were due September 30, 2020. Students will be granted a 30-day grace period which expires on October 30, 2020. **This means students will be excluded from school (in-person or virtually) on October 31, 2020.** Families of Kindergarten students should make sure to complete this process before the deadline.

Meal Benefits, Free & Reduced Lunch Forms: We want to ensure our students have access to healthy and nutritious meals. If your family has not already completed the 2020-2021 school year online Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application, please do so. Families can fill out the annual request for free & reduced lunch at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>.

For more information about meal benefits, visit <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/1849>

Meals for Students: Students can receive a free breakfast and lunch from an operating location until December 31 or until funding is depleted. Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/food> for a list of operating sites. Students are not required to visit their assigned school and do not have to be present to receive meals. The curbside meal service will operate Monday through Friday from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No student ID number required to receive meals.

Please **JOIN** the PTA! Membership dues help assist with continuing programs the PTA routinely supports each year. Joining the PTA also gives you voting rights, allows you to volunteer, serve on the board/committee, attend meetings, or just stay informed. The level of involvement is entirely up to you.

Online: Check out the new SCE online store to purchase your membership, visit <https://sanford-creek-elementary-pta.square.site/>

By Mail: We are still accepting paper membership forms along with check payments (made payable to SCE PTA). Print the form from the SCE PTA website and mail to Sanford Creek Elementary, 701 Granite Falls Blvd. Rolesville, NC 27571, Attn: SCE PTA.

Visit the website to print a paper form <https://sanfordcreekpta.weebly.com/>

Membership purchases will be entered into a random drawing where **2 lucky winners will receive spirit wear t-shirts. Drawings will be held at the end of the first semester.*

Childcare: Click [this link](#) to learn about the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Initiative, Raleigh Parks and Recreation weekly camps, and YMCA Scholastic Support Centers.

Technology Support: Call Student Tech Help at 919-694-8100 or visit <https://www.wcpss.net/techguides>.

Student Online Behavior Expectations: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/45545>

WCPSS School Updates: Families should review the WCPSS [Return-to-Campus Guide](#) . Additional updates from WCPSS can be found [here](#).

School Communication: Make sure Sanford Creek ES has your current cell phone, home phone, and email address in our database. Text messages will only be sent to people who opt in. Text YES to the code 67587 to receive messages from the school.
