

Hello Sanford Creek Families,

*It has been great to see you during our drive-thru material pick-ups. Thank you so much for the encouraging words for our teachers and staff as we all work together to find our flow with remote learning! Remember; full remote learning days have started. Students should be logged on and **ready to go at 9:00am each morning, M-F**. You can expect specific schedules for your children to be posted in your teacher's Google Classroom. Families can also find additional information about remote learning schedules, tech and SPED resources, lists, contact information and more on the [SCES website](#). Teachers understand that many families are still waiting to receive devices from the WCPSS Technology Department. We will continue to work flexibly with all students and families regarding activities and assignments during this time.*

Have a great week!
Tiffany Rich, Principal

Helpful Tips for Setting up an At-Home Learning Space:

1. **Designate a space just for learning** so your child's mind and body see the space as a place for work, not play. Try to be as far away as possible from distractions like siblings, toys, and TV. Plan to eat meals in another space.
2. **Use what you already have.** A cup from the kitchen can hold writing utensils. An old box decorated by your child can hold books and papers. Your child's bookbag is another great place to store their supplies. The coffee table or folding table can become a desk.
3. **Declutter the space.** Include only what is needed for learning. Writing utensils, supplies, technology, and an electrical outlet for device charging should be nearby.
4. **Shhh - Keep it Quiet!** Keep TVs and other devices off.
5. **Create a comfortable space and size accordingly.** Add a pillow to a kitchen chair so your child has a comfy seat at the right height. Use a swivel office chair so your child can wiggle while they learn.
6. **Create a well-lit area** to decrease eye strain and promote focus.
7. **Plan the space with your child** so they feel ownership and are excited about learning in it.

Special Note:

When your SCE Bluejay is interacting with their teacher and/or class, **your home is in view and within earshot**. Please work with us to monitor and limit things that can be seen and/or heard but are not appropriate for school. You may want to create a learning space that has your child's back (and the camera on their device) facing a wall or corner. This way, the camera only sees your child.

Back to School Student Materials Pick-Up: If you were unable to collect your child's materials - don't worry! You can stop by anytime this week at a time that works for you. Contact your child's teacher or our front office staff (919-570-2100), and someone will meet you in the carpool loop when you arrive. We want to make sure your child has these materials to use during lessons in the coming weeks.

Meals for Students:

Effective September 1, families are required to provide a student ID number and pay for their meals based on their meal benefits status. Families are encouraged to use [MySchoolBucks](#) to prepay for meals to reduce any payment collection at the curb.

Visit wcpss.net/food for updated food distribution location information. Families may still apply for free and reduced-price meals. Eligibility and application information is posted on wcpss.net/meals. For the 2020-2021 school year, students who qualify for reduced-price meals will be receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

Resources for Childcare: Click [this link](#) to read more about the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Initiative and YMCA Scholastic Support Centers. These programs have been created to provide families with options for childcare throughout the county.

Psychology Today Article:

[What Children Can Learn from COVID-19: Ideas that nurture STRENGTH](#)

Top 25 School in NC: Sanford Creek has been recognized as one of the top 25 schools in North Carolina for participation in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge. Sanford Creek was also Top 3 in all of Wake County. This honor acknowledges all the teamwork, participation, and contributions made by Sanford Creek students and families. Kudos to Ms. Dillistin for her leadership with this program.

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

Getting Started with Digital Resources: Visit <https://www.wcpss.net/techguides> for tips for how to get started with digital tools for remote learning.

Health Assessment & Immunization Updates: All immunization requirements and health assessments are now due by 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.

School Communication: Make sure Sanford Creek 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.

Monday, September 7: No School – Labor Day Holiday