

October 1, 2022

Dear West Sylvan Families,

We held our first all-

### Safety Updates:

As we messaged on Friday, there were two safety issues that day, one involving a Scholar's family member and another with a few of our 8th Graders during their Lunch period. For the situation with the family member, we called a "Team Response" to address the concern. A "Team Response" is a signal we use with our Educator team to alert them of a safety concern in the building during which we ask all Scholars and Educators to go into a classroom, or to the closest room, and close the door. That way, we are able to clear the hallways and address the safety concern with the adults who are responding, without any Scholars moving through the building. Our Educator team quickly responded, the Beaverton Police also responded within three minutes of the phone call, and the family member left campus without incident. In this instance, there were some verbal statements (no physical threats) being made throughout the hallways that we didn't want our Scholars to be subjected to, and we wanted Scholars in other spaces while we worked with the family member to exit the building. We are thankful for our entire Educator community for their immediate response to the call. Our District team also responded to the incident to support. If you have additional questions, please message Principal Jill Hunt at [jihunt@pps.net](mailto:jihunt@pps.net). Our Counselors are on standby throughout the coming week to work through any feelings related to Friday's incidents.

### Reminder to Bring Charged Chromebooks and Chargers:

We have a very small supply of extra Chromebooks to loan out when our Scholars forget their devices at home. Please remind your scholar to bring their device so that they can use it to access MAP testing and to stay caught up.

Visit our Counseling Corner [here](#)

### Opportunities for Family Connection and Scholar Extended Activities:

[Sign up to Volunteer! We want your help \(especially during lunches or in the front office in the afternoons\)!](#)

After School Speech and Debate Club: **the 2022-23 WSMS Speech and Debate Club (separate from the speech class at WSMS) is a club organized by the Lincoln Speech and Debate Team and is taught by its members. In this club, we teach different competitive events in speech and debate and attend tournaments to compete with other local Middle Schools. We hope that with the club, students will be more prepared for the Lincoln Speech**Cre33 (b) (a2/FE) 0.22434973.39 0.672.6 r0 0 0 6(he)4

October 13, 5:30

PM - 7:30 PM in the field behind school. Any local businesses who want to set up a table or sell items are welcome to self-promote, as it is an open community event. This is a fun, free event with activities for all ages, free giveaways, and an opportunity to give input on the new park coming to SW Pointer Rd. Wear your favorite Fall costume and drop-in any time between 5:30-7:30 pm at West Sylvan Middle School. Spanish interpretation services will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

No School for Students and optional PD for Educators: October 14th

Virtual Q & A meeting about ODS for 6th grade families: October 17th, 5 p.m. (link will be sent to families)

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>