

February 18, 2022

Greetings West Sylvan Middle School Families,

We hope that your week has been filled with joy! Our Spirit Week added a great deal of joy and fun to our week. We hope that you all enjoy the three-day weekend! Our offices will be closed in observance of the holiday on Monday 2/18.

Thank you for continuing the daily health screenings with your scholars! There were two new confirmed cases of on-campus COVID-19 this school week. Please keep scholars home when you may have health concerns, and notify our attendance office directly about absences, whether COVID-19 related, or otherwise. Educators can be contacted via email to see how to access missed assignments remotely while absent.

Lost & Found clean out:

Please remind your scholars to check the Lost & Found for missing items. We made announcements this week to remind our scholars to check for items prior to our latest cleanout. We have two Lost & Found areas on campus - one for general items, which is located by the steps to the upper gym, and a locked one in the Main Office for valuable items. The items in the general Lost & Found will be completely cleaned out on Friday, February 18. Items will be donated to the PPS PTA Clothing Closet at Marshall.

Resources for Family Learning:

- OSU Discover the Scientist Within February Workshop ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)
- OSU STEM Academy [AWSEM Club](#) (includes Spanish flier)

Updates on Enrollment and Staffing:

As was recently shared through district communications, PPS enrollment is down 8% from projected enrollment figures. There will be reductions in staffing throughout the district to reflect the lower number of

remain unchanged with the same contracted full-time educators. At WSMS, statewide trends in enrollment declines have occurred over the last two years of the pandemic, with our enrollment declining from a total of 802 scholars enrolled in 2020-21 to a projection of 713 scholars in 2022-23. We would appreciate any feedback you would like to share as we finalize plans for 2022-23, by completing this [form](#).

Changes to Masking Protocols Beginning March 1st:

These key points were shared in a PPS family communication yesterday. The full message is

Notes of Appreciation?

Thank you to the families who have submitted notes to WSMS team members! These notes really do celebrate the ways in which WSMS adults support your scholars and your families! A little appreciation goes [here](#)

Yearbooks:

To upload photos to be included in the yearbook, go to hjesshare.com and enter the code **sylvan22** (use all photo will be included in the book, but we will try our best. [Tutorial for using eShare](#). [Tutorial for using eShare from your phone](#).

All sales of yearbooks will be pre-ordered directly through an outside company. Yearbooks will not be purchased through the school. If you do not preorder, we will likely run out of yearbooks, and there will be no opportunity to get one later in the year, as the company only prints a set number of copies, determined through preorders. To order your yearbook, go to yearbookordercenter.com and enter code 6339. Yearbooks are \$35 currently. We want all of our scholars to have a visual memory of their time back on campus during the 21-22 school year!

WSMS Foundation:

Please support our WSMS Foundation! Every contribution helps our school by allowing us to fund educational opportunities and events for your scholars! Please consider donating to WSMS Foundation to help support important instructional additions for our scholars in the coming school year. Every donation helps! You can donate and find out more information about our WSMS Foundation and their amazing work for our scholars [here](#)

Panoramic Picture for 8th Graders: April 12th (outdoors and unmasked for those who choose to participate)

Enjoy the extended weekend! Go Wolfpack!

Jill, Evening and Ben