

We hope that you enjoyed the shorter week. We are wrapping up our short month of February with time allotted for our scholars to take the Successful Schools Survey and to finish door decorating in their Advisory classes in honor of Black History Month. We also had some fun sprinkling of snow this week, which added to our excitement! This week, we kindly request that you take time to give us your feedback through the Successful Schools Survey link below. Your input is both anonymous and appreciated, so that we can use the data to inform our school decisions as we move into the 22-23 school year. Many of the questions are about your feelings and opinions related to your experiences with WSMS this school year. Please take a few minutes to give your honest feedback. The final day for collecting responses is March 4th.

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: select West Sylvan M.S. (you can complete this survey multiple times for the various schools in PPS where your scholars attend).

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Family members will hit the blue “ ” button to enter their survey. If you don't

Thank you for continuing the daily health screenings with your scholars! There was one new confirmed case 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. March 1st is the first day when scholars may choose whether they wear their mask when outdoors (lunch, recess, outdoor class time). Please discuss this with your scholar so that it is a family decision.

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Families can also upload their scholars' vaccination status when they complete the yearly registration verification processes. Directions to upload items are [here](#) for ParentVUE. When families have items uploaded, this information shows up in ParentVUE under the documents tab on the scholar page for internal administrative review.

There was one positive COVID-19 case reported this week who was present on campus as of this week. Anyone immediately involved was already notified directly.

Thank you to the families who have submitted notes to WSMS team members! These notes really do brighten the days of our educators! If you have a kind note to share, we'd love your feedback [here](#) to celebrate the ways in which WSMS adults support your scholars and your families! A little appreciation goes a long way and can really uplift someone's day!

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](#). Also follow them on Instagram @[WSMS Foundation](#) and check out our West Sylvan students in their [video](#).

If you have a scholar event, announcements related to scholars and their achievements, or you'd like to advertise let us know. [Email Lisette Crepeaux at thecrepeauxs@gmail.com](mailto:thecrepeauxs@gmail.com).

We no longer have a supply of daily loaner chromebooks to issue when scholars forget their chromebooks at home. Please help remind our scholars to take their \*fully charged\* PPS-issued chromebook to and from school each day. We recently distributed BumpArmor cases to all scholars, and we ask that you please encourage your scholar to use the case to protect and extend the life of their device.

Our catch phrase that we use at WSMS regarding cell phones during the school day is,

Any additional monitoring you can put in place to keep an eye on your scholars' social media activity is also greatly appreciated! There are times when scholars may need to access their devices for family reasons or even in instructional settings, and we encourage speaking with an adult if such a need arises. Also, several families have had concerns with their scholars' use of cell phones throughout the day for non-instructional reasons. We will continue to remind scholars of this expectation throughout their school day. If scholars post inappropriate content on social media, please report the account for review.

Some families have inquired about apps that can restrict various features on cell phones for scholars throughout the day so that they are not on social media and are not tempted to engage with others through social media platforms. Here are some tips we have given families: [The Best Apps for](#)

## Managing Your Kids Phone;

Breakfast and lunches continue to be free for all scholars throughout the year. During lunches, scholars who want to M

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