

December 10, 2021

Dear West Sylvan Families,

4. In spring of 2022 (right now, probably January or February), the district TAG office will send out letters informing parents and guardians that their child has or has not been identified as TAG, and in what areas. Services will begin for TAG scholars at that time.

Please click the link below in your preferred language to nominate your child.

[English](#) [Spanish](#) [Chinese](#) [Russian](#) [Vietnamese](#) [Somali](#)

### **8th Grade Families of Future Lincoln Cardinals:**

Lincoln High School is excited to get to know and welcome Future Cards who will be the first to join us in our new state of the art school this Fall! Thank you to all the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade families who attended the Information Night on Wednesday 12/8. You can access recorded video presentations for the vast majority of the school's departments at [this link](#).

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### **Test to Stay Program:**

PPS plans to start the Test to Stay program in January. If your family has yet to complete the consent forms [here](#), please complete them and either scan them to [nhartman@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:nhartman@mesd.k12.or.us) or have your scholar return them to the attendance office window. More details will be shared from the district. Here are some key points from the expected Test to Stay plan. If a consent form is completed, any non-symptomatic scholar who may have been exposed to an individual with a positive COVID-19 result on campus could test to stay on campus. We would give the BinaxNOW rapid nasal swab test on campus to non-symptomatic scholars who could have been in close contact with someone on campus with a positive COVID-19 test, and pending a negative result, scholars would return to class, rather than automatically being advised to quarantine at home. [Here](#) is more information.

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations for Ages 5-11:**

PPS has started to partner with local health agencies to provide school sites where families may choose to access the vaccination for scholars aged 5-11 now that they are approved to move forward. More details are [here](#).

### **OHSU COVID Screening Kit Information:**

PPS has partnered with OHSU to arrange for weekly COVID-19 screening test kits, which arrived just

- [General Consent School Opt-In Form](#)

### **Safety and Threat Screening Process:**

Given the recent tragedies in Michigan, many families have asked what the PPS protocols are for handling threats. The SafeOregon tip site is a way to report anonymous tips so that our administrative team investigates concerns. The link is [here](#). All potential threats are responded to by a team that consists of a counselor, a school psychologist, at least one administrator from the school, district-level administrators, and any educators with knowledge of the situation. If the threat is considered a Level 1 threat (more information is [here](#)), there are specific steps involved which include involving law enforcement and locking down campus, similar to the process that happened recently at Roosevelt High School. There are a series of screening protocols that are used to interview any scholars involved, any family members that may have knowledge of the scholar(s) involved, and other potential witnesses. After completing the various screening process, administrators determine how to respond to the potential threat.

We also understand that the news of the tragedies can impact how our scholars feel about their own school day. After the tragedies, we shared a variety of instructional resources with our educator team to use in their classrooms. Additionally, our school counselors are available throughout the day to work individually with scholars to address their concerns.

### **Food Services and Lunches:**

Breakfast and lunches continue to be free for all throughout the year. As the temperatures have

the yearbook! Be sure to accurately label each photo with the scholar's name and grade. There's no guarantee every 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. To order your yearbook, go to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 6339.

### **School COVID updates:**

We are grateful to report that we haven't had a positive COVID-19 case on campus reported for two months! Our standard operating procedure is to notify everyone when a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed through MESD, even if your scholar was not a close contact. Sharing a class does not meet the threshold for being a close contact. We also do not manage outside sports contacts or the notifications with private sports teams. We depend on families to self-report to our office in a timely manner when there is a positive COVID-19 case in the family. When a positive COVID-19 case is reported, the following may prevent a scholar from being identified as needing to quarantine, which is why it's so important that we all continue to be safe by:review

1. Being fully vaccinated
2. Wearing a mask correctly and consistently
3. Practicing appropriate physical distancing

Anyone asked to quarantine is advised to stay home for 10 days from the date of the exposure when they are not fully vaccinated. If fully vaccinated, scholars and staff who are symptom-free are not required to quarantine. In addition to assigned classwork to complete remotely, this PPS website has been created with a variety of resources for continued remote learning [here](#), in the case of a recommended quarantine.

### **Uploading Proof of Vaccinations:**

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.

### **Ski Bus:**

Please see more information [here](#), if your scholar may be interested in engaging in this activity. This is not a school or district-sponsored activity, and the trips are not supervised by any PPS personnel. Flyers are attached for your [review](#).

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**General Questions:**

Jerda Solonche, Principal's Secretary: [jsolonche@pps.net](mailto:jsolonche@pps.net) (faculty, school business)  
Kirsten Crombie, Secretary: [kcrombie@pps.net](mailto:kcrombie@pps.net) (scholar/parent concerns, attendance, enrollment, help with scholar laptops, withdrawals)

**Mark your calendar now in preparation:**

Mid-Term Reporting: December 15th: updated grades posted by educators (mid-term is today)

Winter Break: December 20-January 2nd

School Resumes: January 3, 2022. Families planning travel should notify Ms. Crombie if they will have extended absences beyond January 3rd due to travel.

Go Wolfpack!

Jill, Evening and Ben