



September 23, 2021

#4-2021

Points of Interest

- **COVID/Illness Update:** We have completed about 10% of our school year. These first days have flown by quickly. We have been blessed with overall good health. The common cold and common flu are making its way around the lower grades and high school. We have been blessed with negative COVID tests as well as parent partnerships to help keep our student body safe. We have experienced one student (lower grades) that has tested positive after a family exposure. It was fortunate that the student did not have any student contact (two days prior to testing positive) during their infectious phase. The student initially tested negative, but quarantined for 10 days out of caution due to a family member that was positive. At the end of the 10 days, the student tested positive after exhibiting slight symptoms. I am very thankful for families that take any illness seriously. We desire to keep our in-person option this school year, but understand that one exposure can immediately transition us into quarantine/distance learning. Please continue to monitor your student's health daily and keep them home if they exhibit any symptoms consistent with COVID. Also, for the health and welfare of our student body, please keep your student home if they have the common cold/flu even if they have a negative COVID test until their symptoms are resolving (improving to be able to function in a classroom). Thank you for your partnership as we endeavor to create a safe environment for your children to learn. If you have any questions with a potential illness, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our front office number is [425-822-7554](tel:425-822-7554).
- **Wearing Masks:** Many students are arriving to school without masks. Please ensure that your student has the necessary protective gear and that it is being worn appropriately.
- **Picture Orders:** Go to <http://vbokov.jalbum.net> to view your child's photos. The website is password protected, you will need to click on the album and enter password: **pictures2021**. You will then select the picture you would like printed. Email Mr. Bokov: pictures@psaa.org Include your child's name, grade, and indicate the photo number file from the bottom of the picture you wish to have printed.
- **Leaving Early:** When a student needs to leave early for an appointment, they need to make arrangements with their teachers and check out at the front office.
- **After School Care snacks:** If your child is registered with our After School Care Program, we will not be providing snacks this year. If you would like to send an extra something in their lunch, that would be appropriate. Please communicate with the After School Care coordinator.
- **Do you love tacos?** Are you available on Monday mornings to help with hot lunch? KSDA is in need of hot lunch volunteers on Monday mornings. You do not need to commit to every Monday morning, but extra hands are needed for this popular hot lunch. Proceeds from Monday's hot lunch benefits ALL KSDA classes! Please notify Jodi Griffin (jgriffin@ksdaschool.org) if you are able to help out and benefit your child's class.
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- **Volunteers** – Parents or guardians that wish to volunteer must undergo background screening prior to the scheduled event. Background screening information is available at our front desk. It takes approximately one month for verification. In addition, all volunteers have been mandated by the state of Washington to provide one of the following: proof of vaccination, physician signed medical exemption to exclude them from vaccination, or a religion exemption to exclude them from vaccination. PSAA is required to have these forms on file for all employees and volunteers.
- **Hot Lunch Change Up:** Our hot lunch for Tuesdays is undergoing a transformation. Yep, we are switching out our Italian Pizza for an Indonesian Delight. Tuesday's lunch will include fried rice, egg noodles, egg rolls and fruit.

Our vegetarian hot lunch program costs \$5 per meal. Families may pay in advance at the front office, or bring money on the days they plan to eat hot lunch. Proceeds go directly back to students to support classroom supplies and events. Meals come with a vegetable or fruit and a juice box or bottled water.

Monday- Street Tacos

Tuesday- Fried Rice, egg noodles, egg rolls

Wednesday- Vege-burgers

Thursday- Haystacks (taco salad)

Friday- Spaghetti

- **MAP Testing** – We have MAP testing Sept. 27 – Oct. 8 and it's very important that your children get adequate sleep during that time.
- **Parent Access to Classrooms** – Due to our school's COVID-19 procedures, parents/guardians will not have access to the classrooms during the school day when students are present.
- **Distance Learning** – Please allow our teaching staff 24 hours to transition your student to distance learning. Distance learning is for students who are quarantining due to symptoms consistent with COVID-19, exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19, or families that have medically compromised family members. Distance learning is not to be used for vacations.
- **Prearranged Absence** – Please let your teacher know in advance if your student will be missing time due to family event (wedding, funeral, vacation, etc.). We ask for a 3-day advance notice. This will allow teachers to gather any work and supplies to send home to help keep your student up to date with their school work. We understand that emergencies arise and will work with families during times of crisis.
- **Slowly and Carefully** - Please be drive slowly and carefully in our parking lot, giving extra attention for children that may be crossing. Let's work together to keep our kids safe!
- **No After School Playground Play** – Please do not use the playground during student pick up. The playground has become a safety issue in the past. Students in their haste to enjoy the playground would run across the lot into oncoming traffic. We have closed the playground to afterschool use to protect our kids.

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Important Dates

Oct. 25-29 KSDA Week of Prayer

Oct. 30 Fall Festival

Shark Store –We have partnered with Winners Sportswear, a local Bellevue business, to provide this great opportunity. Best of all, you can order throughout the year and pick up your items locally.

Both KSDA & PSAA items are available. Once you choose the item you want you can choose if you want a KSDA, PSAA or Shark logo. Happy shopping! <https://winnerssportswear.com/product-category/shop-spiritwear/puget-sound-adventist-academy-ksda/>

Sharks Athletics – Grades 5-8

Coach Nye emailed important information concerning athletics for the 2021-22 school year. If you have not received this information, please contact our front office so we can update your email for our records.