



**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL ONE
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER**



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Happy New Year!!! On behalf of the School One staff, we wish you and your family a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2022!!! As we enter this new year, we are greeted with hope and optimism. Together, as a community, our priority will be to continue to remain vigilant in keeping each other safe and healthy.

A few housekeeping items I would like to share. We are happy to hear that many of our students are receiving their COVID-19 Vaccinations. With that said, students who are FULLY vaccinated may have alternative quarantine options in the event they are a close contact. This decision will be discussed with the nurse. To help maintain record on file of students who are fully vaccinated, Mrs. Meyer asks ***if your child has received their second shot, please share with her a copy of their Covid Immunization Card.*** You may scan the card and send it directly to cmeyer@spfk12.org. If you do not have the capacity to scan, please stop in the Main Office, and our staff will be happy to make a copy for you.

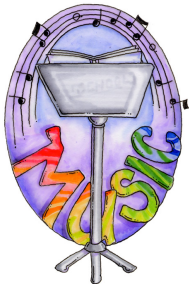
I'd also like to ask parents to please make sure your child comes to school wearing a mask every day. We would like to also suggest that your child has an extra mask to keep either in their backpack or in their cubby at school. We find that some masks are not as reliable and comfortable. Having an extra mask will keep our students relaxed and protected.

Last month our school participated in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Pajama Day in honor of a sibling of one of our very own students. I am so happy to announce that a total of \$875.00 was donated to CHOP to support the children who rely on care from this specialized hospital. Also, a special thank you goes out to our School One staff and families for making our ***Flurries of Kindness*** gift giving event a success. We were able to bring lots of holiday cheer to our families in need. Our school community never ceases to amaze me and the outpouring of support is just astounding. Together we are helping families at School One.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| January 3 rd – 14 th | - Kids Care “We Care Kits” Collection |
| January 14 th | - PTA Social, <i>Stay Tuned for Details</i> |
| January 15 th | - PTA Ice Skating Social, <i>Stay Tuned for Details</i> |
| January 17 th | - Schools Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| January 19 th | - PTA Virtual Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. |
| January 21 st | - PTA Sock Hop for Gr. 3 & 4 @ 6:30 p.m. |
| January 25 th | - School One Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m., <i>Stay Tuned for Details</i> |
| January 28 th | - PTA 2 nd Grade Movie Night @ 6:30 p.m. |





WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM: On Tuesday, January 25th, under the direction of Ms. Lyndsey Larsen and Mr. Joseph Reo, our fourth-grade chorus and instrumental music students will present our Winter Music Concert.

The evening will be held at **Nettingham Middle School**. Student arrival is scheduled for **6:15 p.m.** with the performance beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Please enter the building via the Main Entrance.

We cordially invite our school community to attend this musical event, and hope that you will find it to be an enjoyable program. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged.

WINTER WEATHER UPDATE: The Scotch Plains-Fanwood District will utilize the SWIFTK12 Notification System for instant alert messages. This system will be used for school closings and/or emergency early dismissals. ***It is important that if there is a change in your home phone number, cell phone number, email address, or emergency contact numbers, that you notify the School One office.***



In addition to the SWIFTK12 Instant Alert Notification, announcements will be carried on Radio Station 101.5 FM, and on TV Stations WNBC (Channel 4) and NJ12. Internet notice will be posted on the District website at www.spfk12.org beginning at 6:30 a.m. on any given day that schools are closed for an emergency.

Please consult and keep handy the delayed opening schedule below:

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE		
Grade	Arrival	Dismissal
Morning Pre-K	10:05 a.m.	12:15 P.M.
Afternoon Pre-K	1:00 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
Grades K-4	10:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

Students in morning Pre-K and Grades K through 4, are requested to arrive no earlier than 9:55 a.m. Dismissal time stays the same. **STUDENTS MUST REMAIN IN SCHOOL FOR THEIR LUNCH PERIOD.**

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SHOULD MEET THEIR BUS AT THE SAME BUS STOP EXACTLY 1 1/2 HOURS LATER THAN THE NORMAL TIME.

Please keep these times at hand so that you can refer to them should there be a delayed opening schedule.



SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS: Thank you to all of our parents/guardians who have cooperated with our school's traffic patterns and township laws.

- Observe the areas posted "No Parking" and "No U-Turn" when transporting your child to and from school.
- Do not park, drop off, or pick up your child on the opposite side of Willow Avenue, across from the school.
- When pulling up to drop off your child in front of the school, please stay approximately three feet from the curb. This will allow room to open car doors and keep pedestrians on the sidewalk safe. *(If road conditions are dangerous with rain, sleet, or snow, you may pull up to curb side, but please be careful of our pedestrians as your child departs the vehicle.)*
- Have your child exit the vehicle through the **passenger side door** so to reach the sidewalk in a safe manner.
- Remain in line when dropping your children off in the morning. Do NOT attempt to get in front of other vehicles that are preparing to return back into traffic.
- **We kindly ask Pre-K parents to obey the bus pick-up and drop-off areas during arrival and dismissal at 11:20 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. to ensure the utmost safety of our students.**
- Do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up students. *(If there is a medical situation that necessitates the use of a handicap parking area, parents/guardians are to write a letter indicating that special consideration be given for the use of the parking area and provide documentation to support this request.)*
- **Do not park your car in the staff parking lot while visiting school.**

Your cooperation with these requests is very much appreciated.

STUDENT ABSENCES: Attendance at school is imperative for student learning and will be taken daily. It is important that students are logged in on time (8:35 a.m.) to their respective class calls each day that school is in session to ensure continuity of instruction, unless illness or emergency prevents their attendance. Please remember to call the School One Attendance Line when your child is going to be absent. If you do not call to report your child's absence, we will call you. Should we be unable to contact you, the police may be called for assistance.

When you call the attendance line, please state your child's name, grade, your child's teacher's name, and a detailed reason for your child's absence. Please speak slowly and clearly.

**SCHOOL ONE ATTENDANCE LINE
(908) 322-7731, PRESS 1**



LUNCH PROGRAM: All school lunches must be preordered through the Pay Schools Central website using your student's lunch account information at www.payschoolscentral.com. Please be sure to complete the lunch choice/days option, along with the payment process to complete your child's lunch order. Meals can be preordered for multiple days.



If you have any general comments regarding the school lunch program, you may e-mail Pomptonian at comments@pomptonian.com. Please direct any inquires to the Food Services Director at (908) 889-8600 x31184 or cafeteria@spfk12.org.

PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of FEBRUARY will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH**, in the amount of **\$12.60 (18 days x \$.70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, January 3rd. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS Cafeteria) in a sealed envelope. Please indicate your child's milk choice for the upcoming month (fat free, low fat, low-fat chocolate or low-fat strawberry). Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program MUST submit an order form*

