

School Administrative Unit 21

Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

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Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

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South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

I hope South Hampton families are enjoying their April break this week and that the rest of the SAU 21 community finds some time to rest and rejuvenate next week. We are sending out our weekly letter a day early to notify you of two events today, Thursday, April 22nd.



WHS Coffeehouse Talent Show

Tonight: Thursday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm, the Winnacunnet HS Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society will be hosting their annual Coffeehouse Talent Show. <u>Click here to access the</u> <u>show via zoom</u>. Twenty talented acts, including instrumental, vocal, and comedy acts will be included in this family-friendly event. We hope you can join us!

Earth Day: April 22nd, 2021

I hope these resources are helpful whether you have time to celebrate Earth Day today or over break next week. Let's protect our planet together!

<u>Tinker Lab: 50 Earth Day Activities for</u> <u>Kids</u>

The Old Farmer's Almanac: 10 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day from Home



National Geographic Kids: History of Earth Day/Tips for Helping the Environment

Sincerely,

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You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.—Jane Goodall

School Spotlight: WHS Algebra



Students in Ms. Burke's Algebra 1 Accelerated class are currently preparing for an assessment in Polynomials & Exponents. Fueled by a celebration of spring weather, and a need to step away from screens, they decided to take their learning outside. A class favorite is writing on the desks with expo markers, so Ms. Burke intended to do the same thing with chalk out in the fresh air. Can't pass up a 70 degree day in spring when you live in New England!

While out there, students were split into 5 groups, each with their own

challenge related to the unit. They had 20 minutes to solve the problem and create a chalk display they could explain to their peers. At the end of the 20 min, one person per group stayed to explain their work and the rest of the students

rotated through to hear what their peers had to say. Students were able to do a "gallery walk" through the exhibition and explain their learning.



A personal note from Ms. Burke: "in a normal year, students learn from each other just as much as they learn from their teachers. Instead of giving in to the fatigue we are all feeling as a result of the pandemic, my students and I are challenging ourselves to find opportunities to learn together more than we ever could independently in front of a computer screen."

Thanks to WHS and the student's in Ms. Burke's class for a great demonstration of learning and, more importantly, learning together.

- Dr. Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, & Instruction

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources / Nurses' Corner

<u>Winnacunnet High School will offer a vaccine clinic</u> for any/all high school students who live within SAU 21 age 16 or older at the Winnacunnet High School gymnasium on Friday, May 7th (first dose) and Friday, May 28th (second dose). The Hampton Falls Fire Department will lead the clinics and administer the Pfizer vaccines.

All high school students who live in Hampton, Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Seabrook, and South Hampton are eligible to receive the vaccine at WHS regardless of which high school they attend (Winnacunnet full in-person, hybrid, full remote/ Amesbury/ private school/ charter/ homeschooled). The clinic hours will span beyond the school day so as to allow access to students who do not attend Winnacunnet or are not in-person at the time of the clinic.

Please complete the survey previously sent to families by today, April 22nd or contact your building administrator. For those students who will participate in the clinic, there will be a consent form that parents will be required to complete for students ages 16-17. Students who are age 18 may complete their own consent forms.

If your student has an appointment prior to May 7th, we recommend keeping that appointment. If the dates of the Winnacunnet clinics are not convenient for your family, parents/ guardians may make appointments for teens age 16+ via the online system at <u>https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/</u>.

VACCINE Phases, Information, Registration for New Hampshire <u>https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/</u>

<u>COVID-19 Testing Sites: SAU 21 Towns</u>: SAU 21 Nurses compiled this table that includes testing site information from Newburyport to Hampton to Stratham.

<u>NHDHHS COVID-19 Schools Dashboard</u>: The Schools dashboard shows COVID-19 data for schools and their surrounding communities. Select a specific county using the map on the left. This selection will display county-level COVID-19 activity and cases in every school in the county.

Previously Shared Information

The following information was shared in a previous communication to families. The information is still relevant for this week and month and has been updated where appropriate.

SAU 21 Updates & Notices

SAU 21 School Board Meetings Visit <u>SAU21.org</u> for Zoom links or location information.

April

2021-04-19-23 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - No School - Barnard School, South Hampton
2021-04-26-30 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - No School - Lincoln Akerman School, Seabrook Schools,
	North Hampton School, Winnacunnet HS

May

2021-05-13 (Tue)	Operations Committee Meeting — 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2021-05-06 (Thu)	South Hampton School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
	North Hampton School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-05-11 (Tue)	Seabrook School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
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2021-05-19 (Wed)	Winnacunnet School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-05-25 (Tue)	SAU21 Joint Board Meeting — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

We are hiring!

SAU 21 is a great place to work and an equal opportunity employer.

We currently have openings for:

- Teaching positions for the 21-22 school year
- Facilities positions at various schools
- Substitute positions including school nurse substitutes
- Educational Associates for our Special education program

If interested, please apply at: <u>https://www.applitrack.com/sau21/onlineapp/default.aspx</u>

Meal Distribution Information

SAU 21 Meal Distribution during COVID-19

Meals (breakfast and lunch) continue to be free for all students in buildings and learning remotely in 2021. We encourage full participation in our meal distribution program to any/all families regardless of free/reduced lunch eligibility.

Pick up

- Meal Pick up time is at least during 9:00am-10:00am at LAS, NHS, Seabrook, and WHS.
- **Pickup will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays**, and **Fridays** unless otherwise noted for holidays through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Parents/guardians from all five SAU 21 districts may pick up at any location for any of their children.

Delivery

- Delivery will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays [last day May 7th, 2021]
- <u>Click here to view the bus route</u>. Please check back frequently as stops and routes are subject to change. Please allow for a 3-5 minute range before and after the posted bus stop time. Buses will beep upon arrival to bus stops.
- Click here to access: <u>Family Food Resource List Other Resources</u> (As posted on the <u>SAU 21 Meals Program</u> <u>Page</u>.)

If you have any questions regarding receiving meals, please contact your Principal, Nutrition Director, or School Counselor/Social Worker.