Didion Messenger - 11/8/21

Dear Didion families,

I am so grateful for our community's amazing generosity and support -- as of this morning, we had raised over $27,000 for our Dragon Dash! That means that our entire school earned extra time at lunch today, and teachers will be allowing students to skip a class assignment! Just a reminder that the actual Dragon Dash event will be on Friday, November 12th, and all students will have the opportunity to be active and participate in a variety of fun physical activities. Our next two school-wide incentives will be a No Homework Day and Extra Recess. And if we meet our $40,000 goal, I will be performing the Chicken Dance (and maybe more!) from the roof during Blacktop Announcements… while in the unicorn costume. So please make sure to register your child on mybooster.com and keep collecting pledges through November 12th.

Also, by now you have seen and heard about the district's vaccine and testing mandate. Please take a look at the attached flyer and visit the district's FAQ page for more information. Essentially, all students age 12 and older will be required to get vaccinated or take part in regular, routine testing. Students age 11 and younger are not mandated to be vaccinated, but need to report their vaccination status, register for testing, and take part in regular, routine testing if they are not fully vaccinated. The district's initial deadline for reporting vaccination status and, if applicable, registering for testing is Tuesday, November 30th. Please see attached flyer for more detailed instructions.

As a first step, all parents are asked by November 30th to visit https://www.scusd.edu/reportvaccine and submit the relevant information for their student(s).

So that we are better prepared for the roll-out of campus-wide COVID-testing per the November 30th vaccine and testing mandate, at Didion we will begin our surveillance testing program on Monday, November 15th. Testing at Didion will take place throughout the school day on Mondays, starting November 15th, and entire classes will be escorted to and through our testing stations.

If you already registered your student in Primary for COVID-19 testing at some point this school year, they will automatically be tested while on campus, starting November 15th. This means that if your child has ever taken a COVID test through SCUSD, your child will be tested during our weekly surveillance testing.

Please note that by Nov 30th all students not yet vaccinated must participate in routine and regular testing. But if your child is registered for testing already, but you do not want your student tested prior to the 30th, please send me an email. Otherwise, all students who are already registered for testing, will automatically be tested starting on Monday, November 15th.

As we develop and roll out our system, I ask for your patience and understanding as there will be bumps and mistakes that we will need to address. Thank you in advance for your support. As always, please reach out with any questions. Thank you and have a great night.

SCUSD COVID-19 VACCINATION & TESTING REQUIREMENTS

STUDENTS AGED 11 OR YOUNGER

SCUSD does not currently require this age group to be vaccinated. All you need to do by Tuesday, November 30th is:

1. Submit the student form at scusd.edu/reportvaccine, selecting the "Not Yet Required (age 11 or under)" option.

2. Register your student (if not yet fully vaccinated) for COVID-19 testing at scusd.edu/covid-19-testing.

NOTE: You only need to register and consent for COVID-19 testing one time a year. If you have already registered your student there are no further steps required.

STUDENTS AGED 12 OR OLDER

SCUSD requires vaccination. Some exemptions may apply. All you need to do by Tuesday, November 30th is:

1. Complete the student form at scusd.edu/reportvaccine and submit your student's vaccination record or valid exemption.

2. Register your student (if not yet fully vaccinated) for COVID-19 testing at scusd.edu/covid-19-testing.

NOTE: You only need to register and consent for COVID-19 testing one time a year. If you have already registered your student there are no further steps required.

Questions? Visit scusd.edu/vaccinefaq