



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

We are certainly in the home stretch of this incredibly unique school year. There have been some inquiries regarding our safety protocols given CDC adjustments for vaccinated individuals. Please note that our students (especially those under the age of 12) and the immunocompromised of all ages, do not have access to the vaccine and are therefore still vulnerable to COVID-19. We totally understand the desire and temptation to relax restrictions however nothing has changed for our students (and some staff) who have not had access to the vaccine as of yet. We must stay the course by remaining vigilant with mask-wearing, social distancing, cohorting, and screening. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Caroline Arakelian
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School Spotlight: The WHS Sustainability Club

For years, John Croteau has used the small greenhouse attached to his room as lab space for biology classes as well as the Sustainability Club's Garden-to-Cafe Project. Recently, the project has moved outdoors.

The Garden-to-Cafe project makes a practical connection to the Biology curriculum by providing students with a hands-on experience of the life cycle, development and needs of the various species of plants. Additionally, students learn lessons about agriculture, pest control, food sustainability, food preservation (canning and pickling), greenhouse management, and responsible use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Much of the food grown is delivered to the school kitchen for use in the lunch program and/ or is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, in Hampton. The club has recorded the weight of each vegetable harvested from the garden over the past 3 years, which totals several hundreds of pounds of food produced each growing season.

Over the past two years, members of the Sustainability Club have taken over the bulk of the work necessary to get the garden started in the spring (start seeds, care for seedlings in the small greenhouse, and plant them in the school garden). In the summer and fall students help to manage the garden and harvest.

Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

North Hampton

Seabrook

South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

A New Chapter:

As of this week, the WHS board has approved a grant-funded plan to expand this effort into a structured outdoor greenhouse space, which would provide student managed lab space for all science disciplines. The department plans to select a team of students who would be Greenhouse Managers to do the work of general greenhouse maintenance and organization (this could also be provided as an ELO experience). Students would also learn the business aspect of small scale agriculture finances/expenses and sustainability, supplies and systems organization. Additionally, the greenhouse will provide space for plant science projects for biology classes. Annual projects could include bucket gardens, hanging baskets and plant propagation, flower sale, worm bed and composting, hydroponics and aquaponics.



The planned 2021 harvest will be an “Italian Garden Plus,” which includes Roma tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, slicing tomatoes, eggplant, basil, jalapeno peppers, beets, garlic (lots of it), sweet onions, zucchini, butternut squash, cucumber, and assorted flowers.

Congrats to the Sustainability Club and all members of the WHS Science Department for this effort!

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

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources / Nurses' Corner

Vaccine Clinic Ages 16+

Winnacunnet High School had a successful first dose clinic on Friday, 5/7/2021 for students ages 16 and older. This clinic's second dose will be held on Friday, 5/28/2021. Thank you to the Seacoast Public Health Network for hosting this clinic for our students!

[COVID-19 What Parents Need to Know: Johns Hopkins Medicine article](#)

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

[COVID-19 Testing Sites: SAU 21 Towns](#): SAU 21 Nurses compiled this table that includes testing site information from Newburyport to Hampton to Stratham.

[NHDHHS COVID-19 Schools Dashboard](#): 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 [SAU21.org](https://www.sau21.org) for Zoom links or location information.

May

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 Hampton Falls School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-05-13 (Tue)	Operations Committee Meeting — 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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

June

2021-06-03 (Thu)	South Hampton School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm North Hampton School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-06-08 (Tue)	Seabrook School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Hampton Falls School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-06-16 (Wed)	Winnacunnet School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 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
- Administration and Facilities positions at various schools
- Substitute positions including school nurse substitutes
- Educational Associates for our Special education program

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

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-12:00pm** 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 has been discontinued as of Friday, May 7th, 2021 through the end of the school year.**

Click here to access: [Family Food Resource List – Other Resources](#) (As posted on the [SAU 21 Meals Program Page](#).)

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