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Swift Creek Current

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Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

With so much uncertainty, this year is going to be hard for students, parents, and staff. I personally don't know how I am going to engage my 3rd grader in 5-6 hours of learning at home every day and continue to work my full time job. All of us have some kind of similar challenge, such as remote working, child care, trying to teach multiple children, and many more.

Our key focus as a PTA this year is to keep our community strong and feeling connected. No we won't have our typical Fun Run this year, or STEM night. But there are ways that we can remain connected and support each other. It is so cliché to say but the tough times are opportunities to make communities stronger. You suddenly realize how much you took for granted.

The chorus of our school song reflects how I feel about this school year.

We're more than a building
More than a school
Swift Creek you'll always be
In our hearts.

Our PTA and school community are strong. I have seen us grow closer and even stronger over the past 3 years. I am so glad of the work we have done because I think it is going to help us get through this hard time now.

Your PTA board is committed to keeping us together. We are here to help you with whatever you need. If you need help, we want to hear from you. If you need to vent, we want to hear from you. If you have ideas about how we can stay connected, we want to hear from you.

Help Us with Yearbook Pictures

Yes, we are still planning to have a yearbook this year! This is certainly a school year that we won't forget. Send your pictures to Yearbook Chair, Sarah Wohldmann at yearbookscs@gmail.com or use the hashtag #SCESROCKSIT on social media.

Join the PTA

PTA Officers

If you have a suggestion, want to help, or have a questions, please contact any PTA officer. We would love to hear from you.

- President, Marie Dexter, mariecddexter@gmail.com
- VP1, Deborah Killion, deborah.killion@gmail.com
- VP2, Sarah Wohldmann, swohldmann@hotmail.com
- Treasurer, Dana Boyer, swiftcreek.treasurer@gmail.com.
- Secretary, Lauren Nicholls, lauren.nicholls@gmail.com

Or use our Suggestion Box:
<http://swiftcreekeswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/suggestion-box.html>

Show your support for the Creek by joining the PTA. Membership is \$8 per person, and anyone can be a member.

You can join the PTA online using the NC PTA database, MemberHub. For more information, see <http://swiftcreekswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/membership.html>.

Have questions? Contact Membership Chair, Danielle Davis at daniellemmdavis06@gmail.com.

Fun Run: Amazon Adventures Saturday, Oct 3

The Fun Run is the Swift Creek PTA's main fundraiser. The money we raise goes towards our operating expenses for the year.

The official kickoff is Tuesday, Sept 15. So keep an eye out for more information. Information is also available from the PTA website: <http://swiftcreekswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/cougar-fun-run.html>

Have questions? Contact Fun Run Chair, Annie Pilz, at funrun.swiftcreek@gmail.com.

Quick and Easy Ways to Earn Money for the Creek

Did you know that can you help Swift Creek earn money when you shop at the grocery store or on Amazon?

- **Box Tops** are available on a variety of items. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to Swift Creek! Just scan your receipt using the Box Top app.
- Link your **Harris Teeter** VIC card. When you buy Harris Teeter brand products, a portion of those sales can go to Swift Creek. Simply link your VIC card through the Harris Teeter website or at the customer service desk. Our school code is 2126.
- For **Lowes Food's** Cart to Class program, link your Lowes Food card to Swift Creek and eearn money when you buy Lowes Food brand products. Link your card from the Lowes Food website or by contacting Customer Service.
- We are a member of the **Publix** Partners program. When you create a Publix account, you can associate Swift Creek Elementary with your phone number. Then give your phone number at check out and Swift Creek reaps the benefits!
- Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that a portion of your purchase could go to Swift Creek when you shop? Simply use this link: smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0788188

For more information about these programs, see

<http://swiftcreekswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/painless-fundraisers.html>.

Stay In the Loop

Know what is happening at the Creek by following these information channels:

- **School Home Page:** <https://www.wcpss.net/swiftcreekes>
- **School Twitter:** @SCESROARS
- **PTA Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/swiftcreekespta>
- **PTA Website:** <http://swiftcreekeswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/>

Want to receive the PTA's weekly email? Subscribe by sending an email to mariecdexter@gmail.com. (These emails are also available from the home page of the PTA website.)