

Dear Stony Brook Families,

It was a short week, but there was a lot of activity at Stony Brook. We hope your child had a good return to school—there were many smiles throughout the day, which was great to see.

Our morning drop off and afternoon pick up procedures have gone very smoothly. The line of cars in the morning has been quite reasonable, which we hope makes everyone's morning a bit less stressful. Students have been arriving at school with enough time to get to their lockers and to Advisory on time, which is great. Details about drop off and pick up are below. We appreciate you pulling all the way to the flag pole to help more cars get up to the sidewalk.

If your child is a 6th grader or new to Stony Brook and has not yet received their Chromebook, it is necessary for you to complete the orientation and user agreement together as soon as possible. Please click [HERE](#) for the orientation video and then complete the [User Agreement](#). Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

Picture day is next Friday, September 8, and students will be bringing home their picture order form packets on Tuesday. If you need financial assistance with purchasing pictures, please send me an email before Friday.

We reviewed our core values, advisory procedures, and school expectations with all students this morning. We focused on everyone doing their part to create a sense of belonging for all and helping others to feel included. Students were reminded that cell phones are not to be used during school hours without teacher permission for educational purposes. If you need to get in touch with your child during the school day, we ask that you contact the school office (9786922708) so we can get a message to them, rather than texting or calling their cell phone during the school day. Thank you for your help with keeping our students focused on their learning without being distracted by their cell phones.

If you would like to follow us on Instagram to see what is happening at Stony Brook, please follow us at @sbpanthers.

There is no school on Friday, 9/1, or Monday, 9/4. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Sincerely,
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for families as the beginning of school approaches:

Arrival and Dismissal From School

School begins at 7:35, so it is important that students arrive with enough time to enter the building, get to their lockers, and get to their Advisory by 7:35. If they enter the building at 7:25 they should have plenty of time to do all that they need to do before the school day officially begins.

Each day our buses drop students off and pick students up in the back of the building. They line up in the same order each day, so students will quickly recognize where their bus will be at dismissal. Buses let students off at 7:25 when we open the doors to the building.

If you drop your child off in the morning, please be sure to pull all the way to the flagpole and/or up to the car in front of you to let your child out. The line of cars begins to get long and back up around 7:20 each morning, so it is important that students exit the car as soon as you stop along the sidewalk to avoid adding to unnecessary traffic. It is important that cars do not remain in the line once students leave the vehicle. Students wait on the blacktop and on the benches outside the front of the school until we open the doors at 7:25. If it is actively raining, snowing, or it is extremely cold, students can wait in the outer lobby of the building. If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please pull as close to the flagpole as possible and line up along the sidewalk until your child exits the building.

Attendance - Reporting Absences, Early Dismissals, and Tardies

- If your child will be **absent** from school, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 and press 1 before 8:30 am to report the absence.
- If you need to **dismiss your child early** from school, please send in a note with your child on the morning of the dismissal to bring to the main office so they can receive a dismissal slip. A parent/guardian will need to sign the child out at the main office when they pick them up.
- If your child arrives at school **after 7:35 am**, they need to report to the office to sign in and receive a pass to their class. If your child will arrive **tardy to school after 8:30 am**, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 and press 1 before 8:30 am to report the tardy.

Supply Lists

Click [HERE](#) for a link to all supply lists. If you need financial assistance with any items on the list, please contact your child's counselor.

Chromebook Insurance

Damages to Chromebooks can be quite costly. Chromebook Insurance is highly recommended for all grades. Click on this link for [Chromebook Insurance Information](#) about how to purchase this. Here are links to the insurance forms for all three grades: [8th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#) [6th Grade](#)

The Stony Brook School PTO (SBSPTO) Wishes You a Happy New School Year!

We are excited for the new school year and would like to share with you all some useful information to help you get acquainted with SBSPTO, its initiatives. This year we welcome Jamie Holmes and Jeanne Martell to the Co-President roles and are happy to have returning board members Babita Piplani as treasurer and Smita Ahalpara as secretary.

1. [PTO Meeting Dates](#)
2. [What the SBSPTO did in the 22-23 school year](#)
3. [SBSPTO Website](#) (For additional information about the PTO)

The first SBSPTO Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th at 3:30 pm (Virtual)**. All Stony Brook School parents & teachers are welcome to attend. ***We are looking for a backup secretary if anyone is interested in getting more involved with the PTO and is interested in taking minutes at our monthly meetings.*** Please email us at stonybrookschoolpto@gmail.com for the meeting link & agenda. At this meeting we will approve our budget & discuss plans for the 2023-20234 school year including academic enrichment programs, teacher appreciation, & mini-grants.

Don't forget to check out our [online apparel store](#). All items on the website can be customized with the Stony Brook logo & shipped directly to your home. Please like us on [Facebook](#) to receive PTO information.

Lunch Information

Lunch will continue to be available for all students free of charge. Information about food services, including information about free and reduced applications (important for discounts for buses and activity fees and eligibility for P-EBT benefits) and My School Bucks, can be found at this link: [Food and Nutrition Services](#).

Athletics, Clubs, and Theatre Arts Production

- Information about fall athletic teams, including registration, fees, and physicals can be found by clicking [HERE](#). Students signed up for soccer and field hockey today and sign ups for cross country will be Tuesday morning. Please click [HERE](#) to register your child for one of these sports. An up-to-date physical is required for participation in all sports.
- The 2023 fall Theatre Arts production will be Newsies Junior. Students can sign up for an audition and join the Google Classroom next week. Auditions will be 9/12 and 9/14 after school. See the [Stony Brook Theatre Arts](#) website for more information.
- Information about clubs for the fall will be available on the website in September. More information about the offerings will be shared with students and families.

Stony Brook Events Calendar

Throughout the school year we post important events and information on the [Stony Brook Events Calendar](#). This includes holidays and no school days, evening events for families, and after school activities.

Emergency Reunification Information

In the unlikely event of an emergency that requires all families to pick up their children from school during the school day, this document has been created for information about the process. Please click [HERE](#) to access that document.