

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We had a fantastic return to school this week! Our new 6th graders were 'clapped in' by the 7th and 8th graders and all of the staff to welcome them to the Stony Brook community on Wednesday morning and it was great to all be in the gym together again! Our students have been learning their schedules and routines this week and meeting their teachers. It has been a very busy building and there is excitement in the air!

We have no school on Monday for Labor Day and no school on Tuesday for voting. We will return on Wednesday and it will be Day 4 in the schedule.

We hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back bright and early on Wednesday morning!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important new information for families:

Emergency Forms

The district needs to collect Student Emergency Contact information for PowerSchool, as well as student biographical updates (phone numbers, emails and sometimes addresses). EVERY STUDENT in the district needs their emergency contact information to be added.

Please click on this [Google Form Link](#) to add emergency contact information and to update any biographical information for your child. Please complete this by Friday, September 16. We appreciate your help with this.

Special Education Contacts

If you have a general question about special education, the Student Support Services Team Chairperson is Kelly Diette. She can be contacted at kdiette@westfordk12.us or at 9786922708 ext. 6753.

If you have a specific question about your child's IEP please contact your child's Special Education Liaison.

School Pictures

Students have received a form for pictures from their Advisory Teacher that they will bring to school and hand to the photographer. School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 9.

Riding buses

Students must be registered to ride the bus and they **may not** switch buses or ride buses they are not assigned to. Click here for [Transportation Information](#). If you have any questions about buses, please email bus@westfordk12.us or call 978-692-5560 ext. 2119.

Sports Sign Ups

Today (Friday, 9/2) students had the opportunity to sign up to participate in the following sports teams:

- Cross Country - grades 6, 7, 8
- Field Hockey - grades 7 and 8
- Boys Soccer - grades 7 and 8
- Girls Soccer - grades 7 and 8

If your child was absent or forgot to sign up today, please send an email to our school-based sports coordinator, Roberta Oehley at roehley@westfordk12.us.

Our Fall sports season will begin on Wednesday, September 7. Information about athletic teams, including tryouts, registration, fees, and physicals can be found by clicking [HERE](#). In order for any of our students to participate in tryouts or practice they will need to be registered and have an up to date physical on file with our

school nurse. Physicals are good for 13 months and may not expire during the current season which runs till the end of October 2022.

Twitter

Please follow @SBSPanthers on Twitter to see what is happening at Stony Brook throughout the school year.

Message from the Stony Brook PTO

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

We would like to share with you all some useful information to help you get acquainted with SBSPTO, its new members & our initiatives.

1. [PTO Information](#) (Members list & Meeting dates)
2. [Academic Enrichment Program](#) (Proposed)
3. [Year-in-Review 2021-22](#) (What we did last school year)
4. [SBSPTO Website](#) (For additional information about the PTO)

The first SBSPTO Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13th at 2:30 pm (Virtual)**. All Stony Brook School parents & teachers are welcome to attend. Please email us at stonybrookschooldpto@gmail.com for the meeting link & agenda. At this meeting we will approve our budget & discuss plans for the 2022-2023 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.

Prior Years iParent Report Cards:

As you know we have transitioned to a new Student Information System (SIS), PowerSchool. If you want or need to retain your child's report card(s) from prior years, please log into the former system, [iParent](#), and download or print the report cards. The iParent link is <https://westford.ipassweb.net/school/ipass/syslogin.html> Report Cards can be found under Documents. Past years documents will be available to download or print until September 30, 2022. Thank you.

Community Wellness

Community Wellness is a new department for the Town of Westford. The Community Wellness Coordinator provides community outreach and education to the Westford community on availability of programming and services to support individual and family well-being. Collaboration with Town departments, schools, and community groups. Increasing community awareness of resources and supports, including mental health and substance use.

Contact information : Nicole Laviolette
Tel: 978-399-2503 email: nlaviolette@westfordma.gov
Website: <https://westfordma.gov/1487/Community-Wellness>

Important Upcoming Dates:

No School - Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
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No School - State Primary Voting	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
School Pictures	Friday, September 9, 2022 (Retakes will be October 20, 2022)
Back To School Night	Thursday, September 22, 2022

Here is some information that was previously shared with families, for your reference:

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

- **Drop off** for students being driven to school will continue to be in the front of the building. There is often a long line of cars waiting to drop off students so please pull as far forward as possible along the sidewalk. Please have your child exit the car when you stop all along the sidewalk area to keep the line of cars moving. Please do not enter the bus entrance. Doors will open at 7:25 am and students may wait in the area outside the main entrance until that time. Click [HERE](#) for the map.
- **Pick up** for students being driven home from school will also be in the front of the building along the sidewalk.
- Please be mindful of cars pulling out to ensure we keep everyone safe.

Supply Lists

Click [HERE](#) for a link to all supply lists. Students do not need to have all of these supplies on the first day of school, but should come to school with a pen or pencil and a notebook or binder with paper.

Lunch Information

Lunch will be available for all students free of charge for the 2022-2023 school year. 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](#).

Attendance - Reporting Absences, Early Dismissals, and Tardies

- If your child will be **absent** from school, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 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 before 8:30 am to report the tardy.

Lost/Forgotten Items

If your child forgets something at home that must be dropped off for them during the school day, please bring it to the shelves in the outer front lobby. Please be sure to **label it with your child's first and last name and their grade**. Each grade has a designated shelf. Students can check these shelves throughout the day for their materials. We do not call classrooms about dropped off items to minimize the interruption of learning. Items still on the shelves at lunch will be brought to students in the cafeteria.

Chromebooks

Optional insurance for Chromebooks is available for incoming 6th graders and students new to Westford. It can be purchased between August 1 and September 30, 2022. Click on this link for [Chromebook Insurance Information](#) about how to purchase this.

Clubs and Theater Arts Production

- 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 in the near future.
- The 2022 fall Theater Arts production will be Rock of Ages (Youth Edition). Auditions will be 2:00-4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 15. More information will be posted on the [Stony Brook Theater Arts](#) website.

Student Handbook

The updated middle school student handbook can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Calendars

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. Click here for a link to the [District Calendar](#), which includes holidays, no-school days, and other district information.