Dear Stony Brook Families,

Our second short week in a row went quickly, but there was plenty of learning and excitement throughout the building! Our students are learning their new routines and building a sense of community in their classes and on their teams. It has been great to see so many smiling faces throughout each day.

We hope you enjoy the weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Back to School Night

Please join us on Thursday, September 22, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm for our Back to School Night. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to attend all four team-based classes, as well as hear from Integrated Arts (IA) and World Language (WL) teachers and the building administrators.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) provides Caregivers/Guardians with an opportunity to help shape programs and decisions, assisting the principal in identifying needs of the school community, adopting educational goals, and formulating the School Improvement Plan. The Stony Brook SAC is seeking parent representatives for the 2022/2023 school year. We will meet virtually on Monday afternoons each month starting in October. If you are interested, please review the additional information including a candidate information form linked <u>HERE</u>.

Yearbook Sales - 10% discount if purchased by September 30

The Yearbook Club will be up and running soon and they want to share with families that there is a 10% discount for pre-ordering a yearbook that lasts until the end of September. Please click <u>HERE</u> for a flyer about how to pre-order the yearbook and receive a 10% discount.

Westford Education Foundation Event and Fundraiser

Westford Education Foundation is excited to host their annual fundraiser and family fun event. WESTFEST will be held on **Saturday**, **September 24**, **from 12-4** at Stony Brook Middle School.

There will be food trucks, a DJ, face painting, pie-in-the-face, a trackless train, carnival games, shopping and much more. Please check out <u>westford.org/wef</u>. Please consider volunteering for this fun event! Sign up for volunteering, sponsors or if you are part of a club or organization you can fundraise at this event too as part of the funfest! All profits go to Westford Education Foundation and back into our public schools as grants for innovation in education!

Destination Imagination Information Night for Parents

Sign up your student(s) and yourself for the fun of Destination Imagination (DI) this year, where small teams solve a <u>big challenge</u> while learning STEAM skills and teamwork. Visit <u>http://Westford.org/DI</u> to register by Sept. 30, 2022.

Learn more at Parents DI Information Night on Sept. 27th from 7-8 pm at the <u>Roudenbush Center</u>, room 105 (at 65 Main Street). You'll get hands-on information about volunteering to manage a DI team, because teams can be formed ONLY if there's an adult to guide them. Using science, drama, stories, building, art, and project-management skills, it's 100% kid-powered fun!

Please consider helping our students have another year of STEAM skills and creative silliness, which will help them in school and throughout life. For more information, contact Jodie K. Holway (Jkholway@gmail.com) the town coordinator for <u>DI in Westford</u>. Click on this <u>LINK</u> for a flyer with more information.

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 <u>Google Form Link</u> 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.

Clubs and Theater Arts Production

- Information about clubs for the fall will be available on the website in September as it is finalized. 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 <u>Stony Brook Theater Arts</u> website.

<u>Twitter</u>

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

A Message from the Stony Brook PTO

We thank the parents who have already donated to the PTO's <u>ANNUAL "NO-FUSS" FUNDRAISER</u> - Our **Primary Source of Funds.** If you haven't already done so we hope that you will consider contributing to help us reach our goal of **\$12,000**.

DONATE <u>HERE</u> (No PayPal account needed).

Deadline: September 30, 2022

See what your generous donations were used for in the <u>2021-22</u> school year. All donations are **tax-deductible** and almost all collected funds go toward sponsoring events and items that benefit the students of Stony Brook School. The suggested donation is \$50 PER STUDENT or \$80 PER FAMILY, but any amount is greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, 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 **stonybrookschoolpto@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.

Learn More about SBSPTO **HERE**

Here are some helpful links from previous newsletters:

<u>Stony Brook Events Calendar</u> <u>District Calendar</u> <u>Middle School Handbook</u>