

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Back to School Night. We had a great turn out! In an effort to get to all of the logistical information about school, I did not spend much time introducing myself to families in the auditorium. I feel incredibly fortunate to be the principal of Stony Brook and have enjoyed getting to know students, families, and staff. I have been a middle school educator since 1993 teaching special education and social studies, and I find joy working with middle schoolers every day. I spent most of my teaching career at the John Glenn Middle School in Bedford, and most recently I was an assistant principal at the Galvin Middle School in Wakefield. I live in Acton with my husband, who works for an energy efficiency non-profit, and our 23 year old daughter is spending her second year teaching English in Vienna, Austria. This summer I broke my foot, which is why I was using the knee scooter last night, but I am regaining my ability to walk and should be back to a faster pace in the near future. I look forward to continuing to have more opportunities to get to know students and families as part of the Stony Brook community. Thank you for your warm welcome.

If you were unable to attend last night and would like to see some general information that was presented, please click on these links:

[Integrated Arts/World Language/Library/ESL/Reading Presentation Administration's Presentation](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Emergency Contact Information

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.

It is important to include the names and contact information for *at least one person other than the parent/guardian/caregiver so that we have that information in case we cannot get in touch with the family.* If you have already completed the form, but did not include additional emergency contact information you can submit the form again.

Please click on this [Google Form Link](#) to add emergency contact information and to update any biographical information for your child. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Calendar Clarification

On the district calendar October 6 is listed as an early release day, but that is only for Westford Academy. Stony Brook has a full day of school that day.

No Fuss Fundraiser

Thank you to the generous parents who have already donated to our annual PTO fundraiser. We are almost half-way to our goal.

If you have not already had a chance you can:

**DONATE [HERE](#)

- **OR send a check to the Main Office made payable to 'WEPTO-Stony Brook School'-please put it in an envelope addressed to SBSPTO and include your email address.
- **The suggested donation is \$50 PER STUDENT or \$80 PER FAMILY, but any amount is greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible.
- **Deadline: September 30, 2022

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

Our 8th graders will have the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. this spring with their classmates. The dates of the trip are Wednesday, May 24, through Friday, May 26, 2023. More details will be shared as information is finalized.

Field Trip Forms

As field trips begin we want to be sure that all students are able to attend. If the cost of any field trip is prohibitive please reach out to your child's guidance counselor about financial assistance.

Grades 6 and 8 Health Classes

If your child is in grade 6 or grade 8, please read the linked letters regarding units of study in Health class and about opting out of certain aspects of the curriculum.

**Click here for the [Grade 6 Letter](#).

**Click here for the [Grade 8 Letter](#).

Health Office News

Here are some important updates from Shannon O'Donnell, our School Nurse:

****Emergency cards** - If you have not turned them in yet, please do as soon as possible!

****7th graders**- An updated physical with immunizations is mandated by the state. Please email or send in a copy of your child's physical. If you're unsure if your child's physical is up to date, please email sodonnell@westfordk12.us so we can check.

****Students with life threatening allergies and asthma**- We are required to have new updated doctors orders and forms every year. Even if your child is carrying their epipen or inhaler, please renew the paperwork and let me know they are carrying it on them.

**Please submit the [FORM FOR LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES](#). This needs to be signed by a doctor or sent in with a doctor's note.

**Please submit the [FORM FOR ASTHMA](#). This needs to be signed by a doctor or sent in with a doctor's note.

Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe and healthy while in school this year.

Yearbook Sales - 10% discount if purchased by September 30

The Yearbook Club will be up and running soon and they want families to know that there is a 10% discount for pre-ordering a yearbook that lasts until the end of September. Please click [HERE](#) for a flyer about how to pre-order the yearbook and receive a 10% discount.

Westford Education Foundation Event and Fundraiser—Tomorrow, 9/24

Westford Education Foundation is hosting WESTFEST on **Saturday, September 24, from 12-4** at Stony Brook Middle School. We hope you will join in on the fun for this great fundraising event.

Chromebook Safety

The Children's Internet Protection Act requires schools to implement technology protection measures and monitor the activity of minors online to detect potential inappropriate use. The software used to control access to inappropriate material on district Chromebooks also detects troubling content created or searched by students. Content in Emails, Chats, Docs, Sheets, Slides, images, and searches are scanned for things that might indicate cyberbullying, threats, toxicity, self-harm, adult images, or images of violence. When detected, an alert is sent to school administration to assess whether there is cause for concern and need for follow up. Please remind your student that the Chromebook is a learning tool that should be used for school purposes only, and this system is in place to help keep them safe. Thank you for reinforcing safe technology use at home.

After School Programs at Good Pickin' Farm

The Fascination for Farming for Middle Schoolers at Good Pickin' Farm is an after school opportunity available Monday through Friday until 5:30. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration details.

Library Building Project

Please click [HERE](#) for information about the importance of the upcoming Special Town Meeting and Town Election for the Library Building Project.

WEPTO

Westford Parent Teacher Organization is having its first meeting of the year on Thursday 9/29/22 at 7pm at Abbot Elementary School in the library. Join us to learn more about the parent organization to the six elementary PTO's and two middle school PTO's in Westford.

Ceremony to honor Captain Joseph Read, participant in the Boston Tea Party

Where: Fairview Cemetery at Main Street & Tadmuck Rd, Westford

When: Saturday, OCTOBER 15, 1:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Town of Westford Mobile Clinician

The Town of Westford has a Mobile Clinician. This service is being provided by the Town of Westford's ARPA funding. Please click [HERE](#) for more information about this.

Are you interested in being licensed to drive a school bus?

On October 8 the Registry of Motor Vehicles is holding an event for those interested in being licensed to drive a school bus. Please click [HERE](#) for information.