

Dear Stony Brook Families,

As we come to the end of October and the weather changes, there may be some noticeable items of clothing that are missing from your house—mainly sweatshirts and jackets. I have posted pictures at the bottom of this email of items in our 'lost and found' in the hopes that someone will recognize a missing item and direct their child to find it. The clothing is in the bins in the lobby, the water bottles and lunch boxes are on the cart in the lobby, and the glasses and jewelry are in the main office behind the counter. Hopefully some of these items find their rightful home!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Reminder about School Start and Avoiding Tardy Arrivals

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of students who are arriving at school after or very close to the 7:35 bell, which makes them tardy for school. It is very important that students are already in the building and at their Advisory when the bell rings at 7:35 so that they do not miss out on important learning time with their teachers.

Morning Drop Off Safety Reminder

If you drop your child off in the morning, please be mindful that there are school bus vans entering the back parking lot from the road that cars who drop off are exiting. Please be sure to stop at that stop sign and check for the van before turning left to exit. There have been quite a few 'near misses' and we don't want anyone to get hurt. Thank you.

MathCounts

The 2022-2023 MathCounts competition is here! This year's contests will be in-person. It is a great opportunity to meet young Mathletes across Massachusetts. The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series, created in 1983, is the longest-running MATHCOUNTS program and is open to all 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students. You can learn more information from <https://www.mathcounts.org/> We are calling all students with any sort of math skill to come join us and have fun! The first official practice competition round is around mid-Nov. Please contact the school team coach, Jinqi Xu, before that to join. His contact information is xujinqi@hotmail.com

Progress Reports will be posted November 4

Progress reports will be posted on Friday, November 4, in PowerSchool. We are following a trimester schedule, which is different from the high school's quarter schedule. First trimester ends on December 2 and report cards will be posted on December 16.

Parent - Teacher Conferences - November 21 and 22

Conferences will be held on Monday, November 21, from 12:00-6:00 pm and on Tuesday, November 22, from 7:40-9:00 am. Monday, 11/21, is an early release at 11:00 am, and Tuesday, 11/22, is a 2 hour delay with school starting at 9:35 am. *We will be using SignUp Genius and information about when and how to sign up will be shared with all families today via a separate Blackboard Connect email.*

8th Grade Baby Pictures for Yearbook AND an Extended Discount

The 10% discount for a Stony Brook Yearbook has been extended through the end of October! Click [HERE](#) to reserve your copy today!

If you have an 8th grader, use the same link to upload an adorable baby photo of your child for the yearbook! Email any questions to jtwitchell@westfordk12.us

Halloween Dress Up on October 31

There have been some questions about whether students can dress up in costume on Monday, October 31 for Halloween. The answer is YES! If a student wants to dress up in costume for Halloween that day, they are welcome to do so. Some students may choose not to dress up and that is perfectly fine, as well. There are some guidelines for costumes at school:

**No masks.

**No weapons, sharp objects, chains, or anything that could be perceived as a weapon, damage property, or cause injury.

**No costumes that could be offensive or pose a risk to safety.

**Hats are permitted if part of a costume and not covering the face.

WPS Food Service Job Opportunity

WPS Food Services Department is looking to hire full time and part time experienced and dedicated food service professionals to work in Westford's school cafeterias. Are you looking for a full time (28/hrs/wk) or part time (20/hrs/wk) job in a school system with great benefits? We are looking for enthusiastic cooks, general workers, and daily substitutes. You'll have summers, school vacations and national holidays off and best of all: no traveling to work on snow days! Benefits include up to ten paid holidays and sick days per year, two personal days, incentive and perfect attendance bonuses, uniform and shoe allowances, etc...Positions start immediately or upon your availability. Please email me at: cwallace@westfordk12.us

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 28, at Westford Academy–TONIGHT

The WA Student Council is hosting a Trunk or Treat at the Senior Lot on Friday, October 28, from 4:30-5:30. Please click [HERE](#) for more information about this event that is open to all PreK-12 Westford students.

Diwali and Garba Celebration - Monday, November 7, at Westford Academy

The South Asian Student Association at WA is hosting a party to celebrate Diwali and Garba on Monday, November 7, from 6-9 pm. Please click [HERE](#) for information about this event.

Lost and Found–Hopefully you recognize something that we have found:

