

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Report cards were posted in PowerSchool yesterday and registration for conferences opened up yesterday afternoon.

[Here is a link to the message](#) that was sent out to all families on Thursday with directions for accessing report cards and signing up for conferences.

As we finish out the final school week of 2023, we want to bring your attention to important information—there are specific details listed below:

- *Budget and School Committee information
- *Coat Drive for Lowell Transitional Living Center starting January 2
- *PTO sponsored activities on 1/10 and 2/2
- *Chromebook insurance portal open through 12/25

We'll be back to school on Tuesday, January 2 and it will be a day 5 in the schedule.

We hope you and your family enjoy the December break!

Sincerely,
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for families:

Budget and School Committee Information from Dr. Chew

Hopefully, you have been able to follow the recent budget discussions that have been taking place during our School Committee meetings on December 4th and 18th. The next meeting scheduled for January 2, 2024, will include the official public hearing which will be structured in such a way to provide additional opportunity for public input on the proposed budgets before the School Committee votes on January 16, 2024. Both of those meetings are on Tuesdays due to the Monday holidays during those weeks. In addition to those public meetings, we wanted to make sure that everyone has access to the series of short videos created by members of the Town of Westford Budget Task Force that highlight some of the sections of the Final Report that was presented in the fall. The more information everyone has about the budget process in general and the challenges that we are facing for the next few fiscal years the better.

Here is a link to access the WestfordCAT playlist of Budget Task Force videos:

Playlist -> <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-ICNyv4SI1tho23ohM8ZAXkqyp5SplaQ>

Coat Drive to Support the Lowell Transitional Living Center 1/2-1/19

Now that it's the start of winter, people are needing warm clothes more than ever. If you have any old coats, in any size, especially medium to extra large, that would be great for the coat drive organized by one of our 8th graders to support the [Lowell Transitional Living Center](#). This center gives the less fortunate a place to live, but

other people's help is necessary to help everyone stay warm, safe, and healthy this winter. Any coat or jacket donations are greatly appreciated! The coat drive will run from 1/2 through 1/19.

PTO Sponsored Events 1/10 and 2/2

Wednesday 1/10/24 11:30am-2:00pm

On the half day we have reserved Roller Kingdom to provide something for middle school students to do with their friends. The \$20 admission will cover their skating, skate rental, 1 laser tag game, 2 pieces of pizza and a medium fountain soda. Please see the flier or use this [link](#) to sign up. Spots are limited to Roller Kingdoms max capacity.

Friday 2/2/24 7:15pm

Blanchard & Stony Brook PTO's have organized a fun night out for Westford Middle Schoolers, their friends and families to watch the UMass Lowell Riverhawks hockey team take on the BC Eagles at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. Tickets are \$18 each and if purchased with this [link](#) you will get tickets in that same section(s) as other Blanchard and Stony families.

Chromebook Insurance Portal Reopened through Monday, 12/25

We have had some broken Chromebooks, as always happens. The cost of the repairs can be high, so in an effort to help make the repairs more affordable for families, we have reopened the portal for purchasing insurance.

The portal will remain open through 12/25. This information was also sent home on colored paper with each student this week.

Please click on your child's grade to purchase the insurance: [6th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#) [8th Grade](#)

