

Dear Stony Brook Families,

The week before any vacation is always a busy one and it has been great to see our students continuing to engage in meaningful learning. This week, our basketball teams both had their first home and away games, our ongoing clubs were in full swing, and we had new clubs working on important initiatives. We have an Environmental Club that began this month with a focus on helping to make Stony Brook a 'greener' school and they have some great ideas that we look forward to implementing. Our Student Leadership Council planned a fun spirit day for today and is working on plans for a spirit week leading up to a dance on January 20. We will share more details once we return from vacation.

If you contributed to the PTO fundraising efforts this fall, please check to see if your company has a matching gift program and submit the form prior to December 31. This is an excellent way to double or sometimes even triple your gift. Click [HERE](#) for more details about matching gifts. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our staff and students. It is very much appreciated.

As a reminder, school is closed all next week and there is no school on Monday, January 2, 2023. In case your child asks, when we return to school on Tuesday, January 3, it will be Day 3 in our schedule.

We hope that you and your family enjoy a relaxing break from the regular schedule. Happy holidays to all who are celebrating. Happy New Year!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

No School 12/24/22-1/2/23

Our first day back to school will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023. It will be a Day 3 in our schedule.

Washington DC Payments to Capital Tours

If your child is going to Washington DC, and you have not already paid the \$300 deposit to Capital Tours please do so as soon as possible. All families with students attending the trip received an email this week with the invoice for the second payment of \$400, which is due on January 20.

SBSPTO Update–September to December

We wish everyone happy holidays and are very pleased to report all that the SBSPTO has been able to accomplish with the help of generous donations by parents so far this school year. We have done the following:

- Raised over **\$12000** through the **“No-Fuss” Fundraiser**: A big thank you to all donors and a humble request to kindly submit a **Matching Gift Request** to your employer by **December 31, 2022**. See details [HERE](#).
- Sponsored two **Academic Enrichment Programs**: **Short Story Session by Jack Gantos** for Grade 6 and **Ancient Egypt: Pyramids & Pharaohs** for Grade 7. Four more programs will follow in March and May, 2023.
- Funded several **Mini-Grant** requests from the staff: See items funded [HERE](#).
- Sold Westford Apparel in a Joint Sale with Blanchard Middle School.
- Showed our gratitude to the wonderful SBS staff: **Teacher Appreciation Events** in September and November.

We look forward to sponsoring more events for students, funding more items for staff, and holding some fun events for everyone in the coming year.

Stony Brook's Instagram and Twitter Accounts

Stony Brook has a new Instagram account that you can follow to see some pictures of what goes on at school, in addition to our Twitter account. Please follow @sbpanthers on Instagram and @SBspanthers on Twitter.