

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We are gearing up for an exciting 2023-2024 school year and are looking forward to welcoming our students back to Stony Brook in a couple of weeks.

Our 6th graders will have an early release orientation day on Tuesday, August 29, from 7:35-11:00—see additional information below. The first day of school for all students will be Wednesday, August 30, and it will be a full day of school.

Schedules have now been released in PowerSchool so they should be fully visible to families and students. Thank you for your patience as the district completed the required state reporting, which impacted the ability for us to have and give access to the 23-24 school year information. If there are any issues with your schedule, please contact your child's grade level counselor. If your child is in grade 6, please contact Laura LeBlanc. If your child is in grade 7, please contact Kelly Sullivan. If your child is in grade 8, please contact Brian O'Connell.

If your child is new to the district, you should have received information from Christina McConnell about signing up for an appointment with the guidance counselor to complete the registration and schedule process.

We hope that you all enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

Sincerely,
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for families as the beginning of school approaches:

Schedules and PowerSchool Information

Schedules are available for viewing in the Parent and Student Portals on PowerSchool. Parents and students can click on "My Schedule" and then choose the tab called "Weekly Schedule" to see what days 1-6 will each look like.

6th Grade Orientation

6th Grade Orientation Day is on Tuesday, August 29. The doors will open at 7:25 am and dismissal will be at 11:00 am. Students will follow an abbreviated schedule for Day 1 of the rotation. Orientation is for students only and no lunches will be served. Bus transportation will be provided for any student who has been registered for the bus. Here is a [link to the informational slides](#) that were shared at our orientation and via email in June.

First Day of School

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 30, and it will be a full day following Day 1 of the rotation. We will open the doors at 7:25 am and dismissal will be at 1:55 pm.

Supply Lists

Click [HERE](#) for a link to all supply lists. Students do not need to have all of these supplies on the first day of school, but should come to school with a pen or pencil and a notebook or binder with paper. 7th and 8th grade

teams have the same supply lists and students were told their teams in June. Grade 6 teams each have a slightly different supply list. Please see the table below for the teachers on each of the grade 6 teams.

<u>Grade 6 - Team Curiosity</u> LA - Aimee Murphy SS - Amity Baldwin Math - Kim Rowe Sci - Mindy Schnare	<u>Grade 6 - Team Discovery</u> LA - Sandra Femino SS - Katie Andjus Math - Sarah Goucher Sci - Jennifer Masterson
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Bus Information

Bus routes are being finalized by Dee Bus and will be updated on the website. Click on this link to access the [Transportation Information](#). Families must register students in order to ride the bus. If you have any questions about buses, please email bus@westfordk12.us or call 978-692-5560 ext. 2119. It is important that students know their bus number for the first day of school.

Reminder about Summer Reading

The link for the summer reading program for all three grade levels is [HERE](#) with the list of books that was shared with families earlier in the summer. Students will complete an assignment in Language Arts about the book they have chosen to read.

Chromebook Orientation and User Agreement for 6th Graders and New Students

6th graders will receive their Chromebooks on our orientation day, August 29. 7th and 8th graders who are new to Stony Brook will receive their Chromebooks on the first day of school.

The Chromebook Orientation is now done via a video and the User Agreement (a Google form) needs to be completed before students get their Chromebook. A clickable PDF with links to the information is included here: [Grade 6 and New Student Chromebook Process](#).

Chromebook Insurance

Damages to Chromebooks can be quite costly. Chromebook Insurance is highly recommended for all grades. Click on this link for [Chromebook Insurance Information](#) about how to purchase this. Here are links to the insurance forms for all three grades: [8th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#) [6th Grade](#)

Lunch Information

Lunch will continue to be available for all students free of charge. Information about food services, including information about free and reduced applications (important for discounts for buses and activity fees and eligibility for P-EBT benefits) and My School Bucks, can be found at this link: [Food and Nutrition Services](#).

School Communication

Each week I will send a Principal's Message to families through Blackboard Connect. This message will also be posted on the website and sent out through automatic e-alerts. If you would like to subscribe to this please click [HERE](#).

Athletics, Clubs, and Theatre Arts Production

- Information about fall athletic teams, including registration, fees, and physicals can be found by clicking [HERE](#).
- Information about clubs for the fall will be available on the website in September. More information about the offerings will be shared with students and families.
- The 2023 fall Theatre Arts production will be Newsies Junior. More information will be posted on the [Stony Brook Theatre Arts](#) website as the school year begins.

Student Handbook

The updated middle school student handbook can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Calendars

Throughout the school year we post important events and information on the [Stony Brook Events Calendar](#). This includes holidays and no school days, evening events for families, and after school activities. Click here for a link to the [District Calendar](#), which includes holidays, no-school days, and other district information.

Westford Youth Volleyball

If your child is interested in participating in fall volleyball at The Millworks, please click [HERE](#) to get more information about the organization. Details are below.

Dates: September 11 - December 11

Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 4-5:30PM

Location: The Millworks, 22 Town Farm Rd, Westford MA

[Registration Link](#)