

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Term 2 Progress Reports are now available on PowerSchool. Please log in to see how your child is doing in their classes.

Our basketball teams finished their seasons this week with some exciting games. Both teams showed incredible growth over the course of the season and we hope they enjoyed the sportsmanship and being part of a team. Our musical ensembles have all had their fall concerts. It was great to see such musical talent as they played and sang together on stage. Thank you to all of the families who came out to support our athletes and musicians over the past several weeks.

There are many events after school at Stony Brook, such as clubs and sports. All of these events are listed for each day on the [Stony Brook Events Calendar](#). When one of our after school events, clubs, or sporting events needs to be canceled, we announce this in the morning to all students, send the announcements to all teachers for reference throughout the day, and post them on the board in the cafeteria. You can also find this information by looking at our [Daily Announcements](#) on the website.

As a reminder, the start of the school day is 7:35, which means that all students should be in their advisory class by that time. We ring the bell at 7:25, which is when students may begin going to their lockers and classes. It is very important that students arrive prior to 7:25 so that they have time to go to their lockers and get to their advisory by 7:35. Any student who is not in advisory by 7:35 is marked tardy. If you drop off your child, there are a couple of things that can be done to help avoid being tardy:

**The line of cars does not begin to get long until close to 7:30. If you pull into Farmer Way by 7:25, your drop off will be quicker because there is not a wait.

**Please be sure to pull all the way forward to the flagpole and have your child get out of the car wherever you stop along the sidewalk. This allows more cars to pull out at a time, which should speed up the drop off process.

We appreciate your assistance in helping your child arrive at school by 7:25 each day.

There are exciting events happening in the final week leading up to February vacation.

**Next week is the Book Fair in the Library and there is information about this below. The Library is ready for students to visit and choose books to purchase—there are many excellent options to choose from and we know this is a favorite for many students.

**Our 8th graders will be attending Westford Academy on Tuesday, 2/14, for their tour and to learn more about high school.

**On Wednesday, 2/15, 8th grade families are invited to WA for an information night about scheduling and curriculum that starts at 6:30 pm.

**Two of our students have initiated a donation collection to help those who are affected by the earthquake in Turkey, and there is more information below. We were very proud to receive their requests for meetings to discuss how we can help as a school. Our students continue to inspire us every day, and we hope you can help support their efforts.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

[Book Fair Next Week](#)

We will have the Scholastic Book Fair in the library and online between 2/13 and 2/17. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: [Stony Brook Book Fair](#). Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with more information. Our Library is ready:



Student-Led Donation Collection to Help People in Turkey Following Earthquake

Two students are conducting a fundraising drive to help those affected by the horrific earthquake that occurred in Turkey. Rayan I. and Ibsham B. have been monitoring the situation in Turkey and want to help. They will be collecting donations of blankets, tents, sleeping bags, hand warmers, and winter clothing, such as coats, gloves, and winter caps. All donations should be in good shape, clean, and very lightly used. Donations will be collected through next Friday, 2/13, and donation containers will be in the lobby. Please consider assisting Turkey's people on their long path to recovery.

8th Grader DC Trip Roommate Selections Due 2/17

8th graders who are traveling to Washington DC in May are choosing roommates. There was a meeting today to go over the process and students have their roommate selection forms. If your student has questions about this, they should contact Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Sweet, Ms. Ryle, or Mrs. LeBlanc. Forms are due by Friday, February 17.

8th Grade High School Curriculum Night at WA - 2/15 at 6:30 pm

On February 15, at 6:30 pm, there will be a High School Curriculum Night at Westford Academy for the families of 8th graders. Please click [HERE](#) for the letter from Principal Antonelli that was sent out to all 8th grade families on 1/26.

Westford Academy sent us a [FAQ document](#) that you will find useful to learn more about the scheduling process.

The 8th graders all received the information in a presentation of this [Slideshow about Scheduling](#) recently in their Art, STEAM, or Health classes.

Westford Summer Music Program Registration Opens Monday, 2/13

Come join the fun for a week-long program where band and orchestra ensembles will rehearse daily from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Stony Brook School! During the week students will learn new music while building community, friendships, and improving their individual musicianship. We will conclude the program with a free performance on Friday, July 14, at 11 a.m. This program is open for band and orchestra students entering grades 5 through 9 in September, 2023.

****Summer Band** directed by Mr. Adam Shekleton

****Summer Orchestra** directed by Mr. Todd Hamelin

For more information and registration please visit: www.westfordk12.us/summermusic

For questions, please contact: Julie Ottesen - jottesen@westfordk12.us

Invitation to Middle Schoolers to Attend National Honor Society Information Night

On Thursday, March 16, from 5-7 pm, they will hold a casual soup dinner where guests pay \$5 for a bowl of soup and eat while listening to musical performances and slide presentations by National Honor Society kids as they describe the service projects they have completed. Their goal is to share the service and community values at Westford Academy so that the next generation can join in and continue to build the community. Please click [HERE](#) for a slideshow with more information about this event.

PTO News

Mini-Grants: The PTO is happy to share that this month we funded another Mini-Grant request for **Picture books to model the 6 Signposts of active reading** for a Gr.6 ELA classroom. See details of this & other Mini-Grants that the PTO has funded this school year [HERE](#).

Baked Goods Donations: Thank you to all the parents who signed up to donate items for the upcoming **Valentine's Day 'Sweets for Teachers'** on Tue, Feb 14 (the sign-up is now full). We are grateful for your generosity.

Matching Gift: If you donated to the PTO's "No-Fuss" Fundraiser in the Fall, we request you kindly check if your employer participates in a **Matching Gift Program**. There's still time to submit a request for the PTO to receive a matching donation. See details [HERE](#).

Please Save The Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

After a 4-year hiatus Stony Brook School and Blanchard Middle School PTOs are thrilled to announce the return of the Annual SBS-BMS Volleyball Game. Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with more information.

Nurse Office News—Physicals for Incoming 7th Graders

To all grade 6 parents:

Please send in your child's physical and immunization records as you take them for physicals. We require up to date physicals and immunization records **prior** to their 7th grade year. Physicals dated September 1, 2022 or after are acceptable. Required immunizations for 7th grade are the Tdap and Menactra.

Teen Center Dance on Saturday, March 4

There will be a Teen Center dance on Saturday March 4, 2023, at Roudenbush. If you bought tickets for 2/3, your tickets will be honored at the March 4th event. If you would prefer a refund please contact Ann Czado at aczado@roudenbush.org. Click [HERE](#) for the link to the new flyer.