

Dear Stony Brook Families,

What an exciting week! On Tuesday we had our Valentine Spirit Day and the spirit was visible throughout the school! Our Book Fair was a very popular event and students found books and other items of interest. We had a great outpouring of donations to support those who have been affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thank you for your support of our students' initiative to make a difference. Thank you to our PTO and families for celebrating our staff with 'Sweet Treats for Teachers' on Tuesday. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and appreciate all of the contributions. Here are some photos of the tables in the morning and there are additional photos and thank you notes linked below:



When we return to school on Monday, 2/27, it will be a Day 6 in our schedule.

We hope that everyone has a relaxing February break!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Spring Sports Sign Ups Begin 3/20, Girls on the Run, MS Boys Volleyball Clinic

If your child is interested in playing spring sports, please make sure their physical is up to date. Here is information about signing up and other opportunities for your child to get involved.

Sign-Ups will take place for Baseball, Softball, Volleyball & Track on Monday, March 20 during morning Advisory. Go to the [Stony Brook Sports Page](#) for specifics.

Girls on the Run registration is open. There are limited spots available. Click [HERE](#) for the registration link.

There will be a Middle School Boys Volleyball Clinic in the spring as well. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer and registration information.

Registration for spring sports and MS Boys Volleyball Clinic are on [Family ID](#). The link is also on the SB Sports Page.

If you have any questions, reach out to Roberta Oehley at roehley@westfordk12.us.

Thank You for Your Donations

We appreciate the donations of items to support those impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thanks to your generosity and our students, Rayan and Ibsham who organized the effort, we have collected many items that will help the recovery efforts. Here is a photo of the collection.



SBIRT Screening for All 8th Graders

On March 20, 21, and 22, 2023, all 8th graders will participate in SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) screenings. The intent of this screening is to help prevent students from beginning the use of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs, along with providing assistance to students if they are currently using such substances. There is a letter from Dr. Chew including additional information about this screening. If you would like to opt your child out of this screening, the opt out form attached to the letter from Dr. Chew included in this message should be returned to school by Friday, March 3. Click [HERE](#) for the SBIRT letter and opt out form from Dr. Chew.

ELPAC Meeting 3/1 6 pm

The next ELPAC Meeting is coming up on March 1st at 6PM on Google Meet. Click [HERE](#) for more details and the meeting link.

8th Grade Curriculum Night Presentation

If you were unable to attend the HS Curriculum Night at WA on Wednesday or if you would like to look at the presentation again, please click [HERE](#).

PTO News

Mini-Grants: Thanks to the generous donations made by SBS parents to the 'No-Fuss' Fundraiser in the Fall the PTO continues to fund Mini-Grant requests from teachers. Click [HERE](#) for details of Mini-Grants funded by your donations.

Valentine's Day 'Sweets for Teachers' (Feb 14): The teachers & staff at the school greatly appreciated and enjoyed all the wonderful sweet treats donated by SBS parents. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. Here are some [Photos](#) & the [Thank You](#) notes we have received from several teachers.

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.

Two Upcoming SEPAC Virtual Events

In partnership with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, the Westford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will be offering two (2) virtual events:

- March 30, 2023 at 7:00pm - **Evaluation and Eligibility**
<https://fcsn-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqfuiqqDojEt2bfqhmOXFJya9Nuu3-zPmX>
- May 9, 2023 at 7:00pm - **Turning Three Essentials**
https://fcsn-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUld-quqz8pGNJ3_gRvFidCtieuSkB5uIVw

If these topics are of interest to you, please click on the link and sign up for the event.

Feasibility Study Community Discussion and Feedback Session - 3/9 at 7:00 pm

Topic: WPS Master Plan Feasibility Study Community Discussion and Feedback Session

When: Mar 9, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Where: Stony Brook School Auditorium and remotely via Zoom

Westford Public Schools is currently conducting a feasibility study with the design firm SMMA to develop a new District Master Plan to identify facility and educational needs for the next ten years. This feedback session is designed to gather input and feedback from stakeholders as to the grade configurations and the geographic assignment of students at our elementary schools as well as the transitions between schools within our district. During the [January 30th School Committee meeting](#), the project team leaders from SMMA gave an update presentation to provide examples as to what types of data and information will be included in their final study report towards the end of the year. It might be helpful to watch that presentation on the [WestfordCAT](#) YouTube channel to gather additional context prior to this upcoming feedback session.

This event will take place both in person at the Stony Brook School Auditorium as well as remotely via a Zoom Webinar. If you prefer to participate remotely, please register in advance using this link:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CnfZmVqqQnS151Nr8orFpA. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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.

Westford Summer Music Program Registration Open

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.

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.