

Dear Stony Brook Families,

The first week back from a vacation can often be stressful and although the snow day on Tuesday was unexpected, many of our students enjoyed the extra day to sleep in a little bit longer than usual.

We have some exciting events coming up next week. Tuesday is an early release professional development day for staff, and we will hold our Spring Panthermonium Games during the school day with all students. We hope this helps to alleviate some of the stress of 8th grade course selections and the end of trimester assessments. We expect it to be a fun day of friendly competition and team building for our advisory groups in all three grade levels. Mrs. Holden's and Mrs. Krampf's advisory currently holds our trophy, which will be up for grabs! On Thursday, we have the Blanchard v. Stony Brook volleyball games at Blanchard between 3:30 and 5:00. The PTO will be selling refreshments at the game and students in all three grades, as well as families, are welcome to come watch some of our 8th graders and staff compete. We hope you'll join in on the fun!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Talent Show Try Outs Thursday, 3/16 2 pm; Talent Show Friday, 3/24 7 pm

Calling all Stony Brook students and staff! Get ready to show off your talents! The Annual Stony Brook Talent Show will be held on March 24, at 7:00 pm. Call time will be at 5:30 pm. Performances can be groups or individuals and acts need to be under 3 minutes. Some talents last year included singing, magic, dancing, instruments, and some clever comedic performances. Auditions will be held Thursday, March 16, in the auditorium starting at 2:00. If your child would like to audition, they should join the SBTA Google Classroom using code xmjd3cj. A Google Form will be posted in the Google Classroom to be filled out before auditions. Tickets will be sold at the door for the performance and all proceeds will go to Boston Children's Hospital. There will be a surprise guest at the end of the show!

Spring Sports Sign Ups Begin 3/20, 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.

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.

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.

PTO News

SBS-BMS Volleyball Game: Thursday, March 9, 2023, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Don't forget the Joint SBS-BMS Volleyball Game next Thursday. See Flyer [HERE](#).

Mini-Grants: Thanks to your generous donations to the 'No-Fuss' Fundraiser the PTO continues to fund Mini-Grant requests from teachers. In February we funded requests for diversity books, equipment for archaeological digs & soft lighting for a classroom. Click [HERE](#) to see pics of Mini-Grant items funded by your donations.

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](#).

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.

8th Grade Curriculum Night Presentation

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

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 at Westford Academy 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.