

Dear Stony Brook Families,

It's been a busy week at Stony Brook with students finishing up ELA MCAS, students attending our ADL Youth Congress on Monday, and the beginning of the sports season for volleyball, softball, baseball, and track, in addition to the regular buzz around the building with learning activities. The warmer weather this week has brought smiles and anticipation for the upcoming vacation week and for spring feeling like spring.

Please be sure to scroll down to find important information about how our current 6th and 7th graders will choose their performing arts class for next year, as well as information about plans for 5/24-5/26 for our 8th graders who are attending DC and who are staying in Westford.

Our students have been working very hard over the past several weeks with their regular classwork, assessments, projects, presentations, and MCAS testing. We're very proud of them and know they are looking forward to a break from the regular schedule. We hope that everyone is able to relax and enjoy themselves next week.

Have a wonderful April break!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Performing Arts Selection for Current 6th and 7th Graders

A separate email with this information was sent to families of current sixth and seventh graders earlier today.

Over the break, we encourage families of sixth and seventh grade students to consider the options for 2023-2024 **performing arts placement – band, orchestra, chorus, theater arts, and music**. Information about these offerings, participation requirements, as well as the Google Form to make your selection are included below. The deadline to select a performing arts course for next year is **Wednesday, April 26**.

[23-24 Performing Arts Selection](#)

[23-24 Performing Arts Selection - Gujarati translation](#)

[23-24 Performing Arts Selection - Ukrainian translation](#)

8th Grade Trips in May

Our 8th graders all met yesterday to discuss plans for the days in May that some of our students are going to DC and others will be going on area field trips.

Packing List for 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip—Students going to DC all received a hot pink copy of this [PACKING LIST](#), which includes guidelines for luggage size, liquids, and other airline restrictions. Students will not be checking luggage, so everything needs to pass TSA guidelines for carry on luggage on Southwest Airlines.

DC Parent Information Meeting—There will be a meeting for parents of students attending the DC trip on Monday, May 15, from 6-7 pm in the Stony Brook auditorium.

Plans for 8th Graders Staying in Westford—Students who are staying in Westford on 5/24-5/26 learned about plans for those three school days on Thursday. Specific information will be sent home to families after the April break.

K-12 Art Show - May 11 at Westford Academy

The Westford Schools K-12 District Art Show will be held on May 11th from 5-7 PM at Westford Academy. Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer about this event. We hope you can attend to see our students' amazing art from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

New Amazon Wish List to Help Add New Books to Our Library

The Stony Brook Library has an [Amazon Wish List](#)! Help Provide New Books for Students!

Mrs. Smith, our School Librarian, has an Amazon Wish List of books requested by students. School Library funds are limited, making it difficult to always have the books kids want to read on the shelves. We appreciate the generosity of our school community, and love to add newer, undamaged books to our collections! Please help the Library by donating a book from the list. Thank you so much for supporting the library. Click [HERE](#) to see our list. Thank you to those who have already purchased books from our wish list—we really appreciate your contribution to our library.

Middle School Tennis Club Team

If your child is interested in learning more about playing tennis, there is an 8 week opportunity through the Marcus Lewis Tennis Center for middle schoolers. It runs from April 24 through June 15. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer to learn more about this program.

Late Bus Routes Updated

Late bus routes have been updated and are posted on the website. Please click [HERE](#) for the updated routes.

Update from the PTO

Grade 8 CELEBRATION - !! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

SIGN-UP [HERE](#)

The Roudenbush Community Centre in partnership with the Stony Brook and Blanchard School PTOs is planning a fun-filled evening celebration/dance for all Grade 8 students in Westford on FRIDAY, JUNE 16 at 65 Main St, Westford. This event is possible ONLY if we have enough volunteers to help so please consider signing up. A flyer with details will be sent out closer to the event.

!!URGENT NEED FOR NEW PTO MEMBERS FOR 2023-24!!

SIGN-UP [HERE](#)

The Stony Brook School PTO is urgently looking for 2 PTO Co-Presidents and several Board Members for the 2023-2024 school year. See [FLYER](#) for details.

Step-by-step guidance will be provided for all positions. Current PTO members will assist new members during the transition period. Please do not hesitate to sign-up even if you are unfamiliar with the workings of the PTO

or do not have previous PTO experience. Please email stonybrookschooldpto@gmail.com for more information. Learn about the SBSPTO by visiting our [website](#).

Pedestrian Safety Committee

As the weather gets warmer and more students are walking and biking on the streets, the Town of Westford Pedestrian Safety Committee has asked that we share this information with families to reinforce safe behaviors on streets throughout the town with their children. Click on this link for the information: [Street Safety](#)

Upcoming SEPAC Virtual Event

In partnership with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, the Westford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will be offering a virtual event on May 9, 2023, at 7:00pm - **Turning Three Essentials** . Please click on this link to find out more about this and to sign up:

https://fcsn-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUld-quqz8pGNJ3_gRvFidCtieuSkB5uIVw

Basketball Summer Clinics

The Westford Academy Boys' basketball program led by Head Coach Chris Bramanti and members of the Westford Academy Boys' and Girls' Basketball programs will host various basketball clinics and the annual 4 on 4 summer league this summer. [Click here](#) for more information. The clinics are designed for hoopsters CURRENTLY in grades 1-8 who wish to have fun learning the game of basketball and/or begin training for summer and fall leagues through a series of competitive and challenging drills. More information can be found at www.basketballwa.com. The premise of the 4 on 4 league is that with only four players on the court at a time, each player will be more involved and active in the game. Each player will learn more individual basketball moves, will learn to move without the ball, cut, set screens, shoot, rebound, and play individual and team defense – all without having to worry about following additional instructions from a coach. More information can be found at www.basketballwa.com.