Dear Stony Brook Families,

We had some great events this week with our orchestra and chorus concert and our presentation of Badger. It was great to see the kids showing their talents!

There is information below about the Grade 8 celebration and ways that families can help support this. Please be sure to check below for details about the event and ways you can support this.

Progress reports were released in PowerSchool this weekend. If you have a question about a particular class, please reach out to the teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Grade 8 DC Links

If your 8th grader is going to DC, please be sure that you have reviewed the information included on these links.

Parent Handout with flights and important information

Slideshow

Bus Registration

If you would like to register your child for the bus for the 2023-2024 school year, please click <u>HERE</u> for more information. You can register by clicking on this link: <u>23-24 School Bus Registration</u>.

Grade 6 World Language Choice Open Until Monday, 5/22, at 8 pm

All 6th graders who will be taking French, Spanish, Latin, or German next year need to make their choice before Monday, 5/22, at 8 pm. The letter to all families of 6th graders can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.

Click on the <u>WL selection form</u> with your child to make their selection.

Grade 8 End of Year Plans

Our 8th grade end of year celebrations will include the following:

Friday, June 16 - Grade 8 Dance - 7-9 pm at Roudenbush

**This is a combined event with Blanchard 8th graders.

**Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and click <u>HERE to buy tickets</u> (\$10 each).

Tuesday, June 20 - Whole School Rally and Grade 8 Awards Assembly

**We will have WCAT here to record the assembly and will share the link with all families.

**This will be a *student only* event.

Wednesday, June 21 - Grade 8 Field Day

A Note From the Nurse's Office

I hope everyone is enjoying spring! The end of the school year feels like it's coming very quickly.

Just a reminder for sixth grade parents:

Please continue to send in your child's physical and immunization records. We require up to date physicals and immunization records **PRIOR** to 7th grade, not during 7th grade. A physical dated September 1, 2022 or after is what I'm looking for. I will be sending letters out within the month letting you know if your child is missing immunizations or an updated physical. You can take a picture of the physical/immunizations and email it to me at <u>sodonnell@westfordk12.us</u> or send a paper copy in with your child. Thank you!

Shannon O'Donnell, RN

Updates from the PTO

Grade 8 Celebration Event - !! PURCHASE TICKETS <u>HERE</u> !!

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. **Volunteers needed!! SIGN-UP HERE**. **This event is possible ONLY if we have enough volunteers so please consider signing up.**

SBSPTO Elections are June 13: SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE

The PTO is currently accepting nominations for the 2023-24 PTO Board. You may nominate yourself or another parent (with their permission). **The election will be held on Tue, Jun 13 at 2:30 pm** during the last PTO Meeting of the school year.

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.

As per the PTO bylaws, the nominating committee comprising current PTO Board members will select a candidate for each office and present the slate at the meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Voting shall be by voice vote if a slate is presented. If more than one person is running for any office, a ballot vote will be taken prior to the meeting.

Robotics Summer Camp

Westford Academy Ghost Robotics is excited to be hosting an Electronics Camp this summer! Run and taught by students from Westford Academy's award-winning robotics team, girls and boys from ages 10 to 14 aspiring to become engineers, interested in robotics, or just looking for something exciting to do over the summer will have the opportunity to dive deep into the world of electronics. Using microcontrollers called Arduinos, campers will be able to further their programming skills and learn how to integrate coding into the physical world by experimenting with wires, resistors, motors, sensors, and a wide variety of other circuitry. For those more interested in the mechanical side of engineering, campers will be able to design components of their projects in 3D computer-aided design softwares, which will be brought to life using the 3D printers at WA. If you're interested in signing up, please click <u>HERE</u> and scan the QR code on the flyer and fill out the google form. We hope to see your child at camp this summer for a fun, electrifying, and informative week of robotics!

Westford SEPAC News

The Westford SEPAC invites all interested parents and guardians to our virtual meeting May 24th at 7pm to learn more about the Science of Reading and new K-5 English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum updates. To find out more about this event, please follow this <u>link</u>. Guest Speakers include;

Caroline McHugh, K-2 Humanities Coordinator,

Erin Hogan, 3-5 Humanities Coordinator

Magaly Rodriguez Ronan, Director of Equity, Curriculum, & Instruction

In addition, nominations for the SEPAC Board of Directors are now open, please contact

sepacwestford@gmail.com by May 24th if interested. Find out more about volunteering for the SEPAC by following this <u>link</u>.

Information about a Football Clinic for Westford Youth

-No experience needed/ flag and tackle players welcome -Athletes will be taught by WA coaches and players -\$60 - all proceeds goes to WA football -June 20-22/ 5:30-8pm/ At Westford Academy Turf -Equipment: Cleats and water -Registration link- https://tinyurl.com/yvhb69nf

Westford Curbside Recycling

Do you need help determining what can and can't go into your curbside recycling bin? Check out https://recyclesmartma.org/. This website provides many resources and answers many questions. It is managed by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and applies to most communities in MA. This is where the Westford Recycling Commission goes for answers! The guides are provided in several languages as well: Smart Recycling Guide Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts Guía de Reciclaje Inteligente Su referencia para el reciclaje en Massachusetts Guia de Reciclagem Inteligente Sua referência para reciclagem em Massachusetts Smart Recycling Guide Mandarin Chinese 明智的回收指南