

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Happy last day of school! There has been such excitement in the classrooms, in the hallways, on the fields, and on field trips this week. The kids are ready for summer vacation and we hope everyone enjoys the less structured time that this extended break from the school routine offers.

Report cards have been released in PowerSchool and are available in the Parent Portal as of 11 am today. They can be found under the 'Student Reports' tab.

Thank you to our wonderfully supportive PTO and to all of the families who helped to support our students and teachers. Please click [HERE](#) for a look at all that the PTO was able to provide for the Stony Brook community this year. Thank you!

Current 6th and 7th graders received their team placement for next year this past Tuesday. There was a lot of excitement in the building as students learned where they will be next year. While there may be temptation to request a change in teams for one reason or another, we are not making changes to team placements.

We know that for some students there is nervousness about change and not having the same friends on their team next year. It's the fear of the unknown—new floor in the building, new team, new teachers, different classmates, and different routines. I have been a middle school educator since 1993 and I promise you that it is completely normal. I can also assure you that students work through all of these new and unknown things and it is very unlikely to be as bad as they think it will be. What students don't always know/remember is that each year is an opportunity for them to grow as a person and a student and to develop new relationships with peers. I understand how difficult it is for parents and guardians to hear the worry that their child shares about the unknown. By providing reassurance that things will work out, that we need to work through the nervousness, and that each new year is an opportunity for growth, we give our students skills that will serve them well as they navigate the world with more and more independence. This is an important part of their growth and they will be stronger for working through this.

We say goodbye to our 8th graders and their families with this final Family Memo of the 2023-24 school year. We appreciate all that our outgoing 8th graders have done at Stony Brook—they are leaving a positive mark that will continue into the future. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life. We wish all of them and you the best in 9th grade and beyond!

Have a relaxing summer!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Summer Reading for All Grades

Summer reading information for students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 is available in the "Students" section of the Stony Brook website. Students entering grade 9 at Westford Academy can find summer reading information in the English department section of the Westford Academy website.

Here are links to all of the lists:

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 9](#) at Westford Academy

Summer Appointments for Physicals and Immunization Forms for Incoming 7th Graders -

It is required that all incoming 7th graders have updated physical and immunization forms turned into the School Nurse, Shannon O'Donnell. If you have an appointment for your child during the summer, please send it to sodonnell@westfordk12.us after your appointment.

Bus Registration

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

PTO Year In Review

The Stony Brook School PTO would like to thank all the SBS families who supported us this school year with their generous donations. Please see this **YEAR-IN-REVIEW** to learn about all the **programs and initiatives that your contributions helped sponsor**. We are very grateful and hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Read more about the PTO at our **WEBSITE**.

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**