Dear Stony Brook Families,

Next Friday night, June 16, is the 8th Grade Celebration Dance at Roudenbush Community Center from 7 to 9 pm. This is a combined event with Blanchard Middle School to celebrate together. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Tickets **cannot be purchased at the door**, so please be sure to purchase your child's ticket as soon as possible. More details are below.

This is a busy time of year-there are many field trips and fun activities planned for our students, which promise to be exciting and enjoyable. We hope everyone enjoys the end of year events. Last night we had a great band concert-congratulations to all of our musicians! Officer Bernadin visited all grades today to talk about online safety, social media, and cyberbullying. Next week is Spirit Week-please see below for details about the theme for each day.

If your child has prescription medication in the Nurse's Office, please see below for details on picking up that medication. If your child is entering 7th grade, their updated physical and immunization records need to be given to the nurse. Please see below for details.

At the bottom of this message are pictures of the items that are in the Lost and Found. If you see something that your child may have lost, please encourage them to visit the table in the lobby to pick up their missing item. Anything left at the end of school on 6/22 will be donated to charity.

Have a great weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Pick Up Prescription Medications on 6/20, 6/21, or 6/22 During School Hours

As the end of the year approaches, prescription medicines will need to go home. It is Westford Public School policy that prescription medications be picked up by a parent or guardian. Medications can be picked up the last week of school during school hours- *Tuesday June 20 or Wednesday June 21 7:30am-2:00pm, or June 22 7:30am-11:00am.* If you are unable to come in during these times, please call or email me and we will arrange another time. All medications not picked up by June 22 at 11:00 am will be disposed of. Epipens and inhalers will be sent home with your child in backpacks the last few days of school.

Physicals and Immunization Forms for Incoming 7th Graders Due

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 <u>sodonnell@westfordk12.us</u> after your appointment. Thank you to everyone who has already turned in these required forms.

Food Drive

Please help 8th graders, Emily B., Yina W., Hermes P., and Holly G., as they collect food for the Westford Food Pantry as part of their Civics Action Project. Please send in any non-perishable food items to the box in the lobby early next week. They are hoping to collect food to support food security in Westford. Thank you.

Spirit Week at Stony Brook Next Week

Next week we will have our final Spirit Week, organized by our Student Leadership Council. Here is the plan: Monday - Sports Fan Gear/Favorite Team Day

Tuesday- Monochromatic Day Wednesday- "Flag Day" - honor any flag Thursday - "Anything But a Backpack" Day Friday - Tropical/Beach Day

ELPAC Meeting on Tuesday, June 13 - 6:30 pm

The ELPAC (English Learner Parent Advisory Council) will be holding its last meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm. Join on Google Meet to learn more about understanding the ACCESS test score report and have an opportunity to ask questions about your child's transition to the next grade level. All caregivers of students either currently or previously enrolled in the ELL program are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Amy Bailey (abailey@westfordk12.us) with any questions. Click <u>HERE</u> for the flyer and Google Meet Link.

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 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.

**Click <u>HERE to buy tickets</u> (\$10 each)--these must be purchased in advance.

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

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.

The Westford Scholarship and Grant Committee is a town committee composed of town members and a representative from WPS who oversee scholarships for students at Westford Academy as well as Nashoba Valley Technical High School students. We are grateful for all of your generous donations that go into our fund. This year, the committee issued ten \$1,000 scholarships to deserving members of the Class of 2023 from Westford Academy and Nashoba Valley Technical HS. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause to continue to support our students in the future, please consider donating here: https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection

End of the Year Teacher Gifts

As the school year comes to a close be sure to thank your teachers, school staff and coaches! Please consider sending a **WEF** note to your favorite teacher, counselor, teacher's aide, school nurse, office staff member, or principal. It's a perfect way to say thank you and support innovation at Westford Public Schools at the same time! Money generated from these notes will be used to fund grants for WPS.

Just make a tax-deductible donation (minimum of \$10 per honoree) to **Westford Education Foundation** and we will send your honoree an email from WEF with a personalized note. The email will state your name and your note, but will not disclose the amount of your gift. This recognition makes a great end-of-year gesture! *Note: Donations made to WEF in honor of WPS staff members comply with the state ethical regulations for gift-giving and acceptance.*

Westford Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes excellence in education. We fund grants to teachers, staff, and the community for innovative educational initiatives, professional development, and life-long learning ventures.

Please click here to donate today! <u>https://www.westford.org/wef/endofyearthankyou/</u>

WA Athletic Boosters Fundraiser-Dinner Delivery from WECO 6/4-6/30

As we get to the final stretch of the school year, take one thing off your to-do list...dinner! WECO has it covered! The Westford Academy Athletic Boosters Club is partnering with WECO Hospitality. WECO is a better way to dine at home, with chef-crafted meals delivered daily to your door.

From June 4th to June 30th, each WECO dinner you enjoy will raise funds to support athletes and athletic programs at WA. WECO will donate 10% of your dinner bill to the Boosters. Click on the link below to learn more. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information. Whether you are a new or returning WECO customer, it is important that you access the menu via our personal landing page at <u>bit.ly/westford-athletic-boosters</u> to ensure that Boosters gets the 10% donation credit!

The Westford Academy Athletic Boosters Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to raise money supporting all athletic programs at WA. In addition to providing trophies, banners, varsity letters

and awards, as well as much-needed team equipment, each year we award scholarships to deserving senior athletes. For the Class of 2023, 42 athletes will each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$400. To learn more about the Boosters and our other fundraising/volunteer opportunities, please email us at waboosters@yahoo.com.

Lost and Found Items in the Main Lobby





