

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 30, and we look forward to welcoming our students to Stony Brook as we begin the 2023-24 school year. It will be a full day of school and we will follow a modified version of a Day 1 schedule. We will open the doors at 7:25 am and dismissal will be at 1:55 pm.

Schedules are available for viewing in the Parent and Student Portals on PowerSchool. Click on “My Schedule” and then choose the tab called “Weekly Schedule” to see what days 1-6 will each look like. Click [HERE](#) for a link to all supply lists. Students do not need to have all of these supplies on the first day of school, but should come to school with a pen or pencil and a notebook or binder with paper.

We hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,  
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for families:

### **Bus Information**

Bus routes are being finalized by Dee Bus and will be updated on the website. Click on this link to access the [Transportation Information](#). Families must register students in order to ride the bus. If you have any questions about buses, please email [bus@westfordk12.us](mailto:bus@westfordk12.us) or call 978-692-5560 ext. 2119. It is important that students know their bus number for the first day of school.

### **Chromebook Orientation and User Agreement for New Students**

7th and 8th graders who are new to Stony Brook will receive their Chromebooks on the first day of school. If your child is new to Westford and you have not gone through the Chromebook Orientation and completed the User Agreement (a Google form) please do so before the first day of school. A clickable PDF with links to the information is included here: [New Student Chromebook Process](#).

### **Chromebook Insurance**

Damages to Chromebooks can be quite costly. Chromebook Insurance is highly recommended for all grades. Click on this link for [Chromebook Insurance Information](#) about how to purchase this. Here are links to the insurance forms for all three grades: [8th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#)

### **Lunch Information**

Lunch will continue to be available for all students free of charge. Information about food services, including information about free and reduced applications (important for discounts for buses and activity fees and eligibility for P-EBT benefits) and My School Bucks, can be found at this link: [Food and Nutrition Services](#).

### **School Communication**

Each week I will send a Principal’s Message to families through Blackboard Connect. This message will also be posted on the website and sent out through automatic e-alerts. If you would like to subscribe to this please click [HERE](#).

## **Athletics, Clubs, and Theatre Arts Production**

- Information about fall athletic teams, including registration, fees, and physicals can be found by clicking [HERE](#).
- Information about clubs for the fall will be available on the website in September. More information about the offerings will be shared with students and families.
- The 2023 fall Theatre Arts production will be Newsies Junior. More information will be posted on the [Stony Brook Theatre Arts](#) website as the school year begins.

## **Student Handbook**

The updated middle school student handbook can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

## **Calendars**

Throughout the school year we post important events and information on the [Stony Brook Events Calendar](#). This includes holidays and no school days, evening events for families, and after school activities. Click here for a link to the [District Calendar](#), which includes holidays, no-school days, and other district information.

## **Westford Youth Volleyball**

If your child is interested in participating in fall volleyball at The Millworks, please click [HERE](#) to get more information about the organization. Details are below.

Dates: September 11 - December 11

Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 4-5:30PM

Location: The Millworks, 22 Town Farm Rd, Westford MA

[Registration Link](#)

## **Biology Workshop on Sunday, August 27, Open to Middle School Students**

Please see this message from a WA student who is part of a group who is running a biology workshop on Sunday morning:

Hi everyone, I'm Prajna Upadhyaya from the Art of Biology, an organization run by a team of Westford Academy students. We are calling middle school students interested in biology to attend our upcoming webinar called "Sleep's Effect on Alzheimer's" to delve deeper into the field of human biology.

As middle school students and now current highschool students we found interests in medicine and human biology ourselves. Therefore we created the Art of Biology organization that works to inspire middle school students in finding their passion for biology. In our community we combine motivation and passion to make an inclusive and fun environment for all attendees.

On **August 27th at 10:30 AM EST**, we will be conducting our third workshop on how sleep affects Alzheimer's disease and we will be covering topics such as what sleep is, the chemicals involved in sleep, and how deprivation of sleep can cause a brain-related disease known as Alzheimer's. Any middle school students who are passionate to learn more about biology are encouraged to join our workshop.

You can register using this [form](#). A zoom link will be sent after you have registered, closer to the date of the workshop. For more information about the Art of Biology you can also visit our [website](#) and our Instagram: [art.of.biology](#).

Join our workshop to have an enjoyable time learning about Alzheimer's disease. We hope to see you there!