

Dear Stony Brook Families,

Tomorrow, 8/30, is the first full day of school for all students. We are excited to welcome everyone back to school and look forward to a great year. We had a great orientation with our 6th graders this morning and we hope they had a good day!

School begins at 7:35, so it is important that students arrive with enough time to enter the building, get to their lockers, and get to their Advisory by 7:35. If they enter the building at 7:25 they should have plenty of time to do all that they need to do before the school day officially begins.

Each day our buses drop students off and pick students up in the back of the building. They line up in the same order each day, so students will quickly recognize where their bus will be at dismissal. Buses let students off at 7:25 when we open the doors to the building.

If you drop your child off in the morning, please be sure to pull all the way to the flagpole and/or up to the car in front of you to let your child out. The line of cars begins to get long and back up around 7:20 each morning, so it is important that students exit the car as soon as you stop along the sidewalk to avoid adding to unnecessary traffic. It is important that cars do not remain in the line once students leave the vehicle. Students wait on the blacktop and on the benches outside the front of the school until we open the doors at 7:25. If it is actively raining, snowing, or it is extremely cold, students can wait in the outer lobby of the building. If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please pull as close to the flagpole as possible and line up along the sidewalk until your child exits the building.

We will hold sports sign ups on Thursday, 8/31, during morning Advisory right after the bell for soccer and field hockey, which are both open to 7th and 8th graders. Sign ups for cross country will be on Tuesday, 9/5, during morning Advisory and this is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We will make announcements reminding students about this each morning. Please click [HERE](#) to register your child for one of these sports. An up-to-date physical is required for participation in all sports.

If your child plays an instrument in the band or orchestra, we will not be having advisory full ensemble rehearsals due to unavoidable schedule constraints. Mrs. Garino and Mrs. Otteson will be sharing this with their students, but we wanted to be sure that families are aware of this, as well.

Tomorrow we will send a message to all families with a Google Form to complete to sign off on the handbook and for our publishing sign-off. We ask that this be completed as soon as possible. There is a link to the student handbook for your reference [HERE](#).

There is no school on Friday, 9/1, or Monday, 9/4, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

Sincerely,
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for all families:

Attendance - Reporting Absences, Early Dismissals, and Tardies

- If your child will be **absent** from school, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 and press 1 before 8:30 am to report the absence.
- If you need to **dismiss your child early** from school, please send in a note with your child on the morning of the dismissal to bring to the main office so they can receive a dismissal slip. A parent/guardian will need to sign the child out at the main office when they pick them up.
- If your child arrives at school **after 7:35 am**, they need to report to the office to sign in and receive a pass to their class. If your child will arrive **tardy to school after 8:30 am**, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 and press 1 before 8:30 am to report the tardy.

Supply Lists

Click [HERE](#) for a link to all supply lists. If you need financial assistance with any items on the list, please contact your child's counselor.

Bus Information

If you have registered your child to ride the bus, you can find the bus routes by clicking on this link to access the [Transportation Information](#). If you have any questions about buses, please email 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 6th Graders and New Students

6th graders who completed the orientation and user agreement for their Chromebook received their device today at the orientation. If you have not gone through this with your child, please do so as soon as possible. 7th and 8th graders who are new to Stony Brook will receive their Chromebooks on the first day of school as long as they have completed the orientation and user agreement. A clickable PDF with links to the information is included here: [Grade 6 and 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](#) [6th 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](#).

Emergency Reunification Information

In the unlikely event of an emergency that requires all families to pick up their children from school during the school day, this document has been created for information about the process. Please click [HERE](#) to access that document.

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, such as clubs and sporting events.

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](#)