

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer and we look forward to welcoming students back to school! I am very excited about the 2022-2023 school year and am eager to have students back in the building next week. I have spent much of the summer learning about the Stony Brook community and school and look forward to meeting all of our students and families. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Allison and Rick

Below is important information for families as the beginning of school approaches:

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 or call 978-692-5560 ext. 2119. It is important that students know their bus number for the first day of school.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

- **Drop off** for students being driven to school will continue to be in the front of the building. There is often a long line of cars waiting to drop off students so please pull as far forward as possible along the sidewalk. Please have your child exit the car when you stop all along the sidewalk area to keep the line of cars moving. Please do not enter the bus entrance. Doors will open at 7:25 am and students may wait in the area outside the main entrance until that time. Click [HERE](#) for the map.
- **Pick up** for students being driven home from school will also be in the front of the building along the sidewalk.
- Please be mindful of cars pulling out to ensure we keep everyone safe.

Schedules and PowerSchool Information

Schedules are available for viewing on PowerSchool. Information was sent out last week from Dr. Chew about setting up an account and accessing PowerSchool. Please click [HERE](#) for that information. Students will have time during the first days of school to create a user-friendly schedule.

6th Grade Orientation

6th Grade Orientation Day is on Tuesday, August 30. The doors will open at 7:25 am and dismissal will be at 11:00 am. Students will follow an abbreviated schedule for Day 1 of the rotation. Orientation is for students only and no lunches will be served.

First Day of School

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 31, and it will be a full day following Day 1 of the rotation. We will open the doors at 7:25 am and dismissal will be at 1:55 pm.

Supply Lists

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.

Lunch Information

Lunch will be available for all students free of charge for the 2022-2023 school year. 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](#).

Attendance - Reporting Absences, Early Dismissals, and Tardies

- If your child will be **absent** from school, please call the main office at 978-692-2708 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 before 8:30 am to report the tardy.

Lost/Forgotten Items

If your child forgets something at home that must be dropped off for them during the school day, please bring it to the shelves in the outer front lobby. Please be sure to **label it with your child's first and last name and their grade**. Each grade has a designated shelf. Students can check these shelves throughout the day for their materials. We do not call classrooms about dropped off items to minimize the interruption of learning. Items still on the shelves at lunch will be brought to students in the cafeteria.

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](#).

School Pictures

Our School Picture Day will be Friday, September 9. Details will be shared with families once school begins.

New Families to Westford

As a reminder, families who are new to Westford are invited to attend an information session tomorrow night, August 23, at the Blanchard MS from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is an opportunity for new families to find out more about the district prior to the start of school.

Chromebooks

Optional insurance for Chromebooks is available for incoming 6th graders and students new to Westford. It can be purchased between August 1 and September 30, 2022. Click on this link for [Chromebook Insurance Information](#) about how to purchase this.

Athletics, Clubs, and Theatre Arts Production

- Our Fall sports season will begin on Wednesday, September 7. Information about athletic teams, including tryouts, 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 2022 fall Theatre Arts production will be Rock of Ages (Youth Edition). Auditions will be 2:00-4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 15. More information will be posted on the [Stony Brook Theatre Arts](#) website.

Reminder about Summer Reading

The link for the summer reading program for all three grade levels is [HERE](#) with the list of books that was shared with families earlier in the summer. Students will complete an assignment in Language Arts about the book they have chosen to read.

COVID-19 Guidance Update

DESE and MA DPH have released updated guidance regarding COVID-19 that Dr. Chew shared last week. Click [HERE](#) for a link to that information in case you missed it.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

6th Grade Orientation	Tuesday, August 30 - 7:35-11:00
First day of school for all students	Wednesday, August 31 - full day of school 7:35-1:55
Labor Day - No School	Monday, September 5, 2022
State Primary Voting Day - No School	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
School Pictures	Friday, September 9, 2022
Back To School Night	Thursday, September 22, 2022