



North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear North Stonington Schools Families,

I hope you are having some fun and adventure over the summer! Please read this entire letter for important information and updates about the up-coming school year.

We have reduced the number of paper forms to fill out at the beginning of each year! Electronic forms are now available on our [website \(click here\)](#). Please complete the appropriate forms for your students. You will still receive a small number of paper forms in the mail.

We are looking to simplify the source of communication to families. So, broad communications coming from the central office or from the schools will be from our BrightArrow system. Most of the time, you will just get an email, however in emergency situations, like school closings, you will receive a text message, phone call, and email. The sending email address is: Notification@target(#####).brightarrow.com. BrightArrow texts come from 79041. While not needed to receive these messages, there is also an app called BrightArrow Parent Hub. For those interested, help in setting up the app will be available at Back to School Nights.

Updated bus information will be posted on our website by August 20th. Feel free to call the bus company at 860 535-8051, with any questions.

The price of breakfast is \$2.25, and the cost of lunch is \$3.50 for elementary school and \$3.60 for middle/high school. If your family qualifies and fills out the application for reduced/free lunch, meals can be free. [Click here for the form.](#)

Once again, we are utilizing **Anonymous Alerts** so that students and parents can efficiently communicate important information about safety. The link is under [public quick links](#) on our webpage.

Cub Club, our before and after school program is for children in grade K- 6. Link to Club Club: [website](#).

For students in grades 6 and 9, a Chromebook insurance fee of \$30, will be collected to help cover the cost of accidental damage of new devices that will be carried back and forth between school and home. Families that owe this fee will receive an invoice by email from the central office.

Please know that the first day of school, **Thursday, August 28th**, is a **half day**, with middle school/high school dismissing at 12:00 p.m., and elementary school dismissing at 1:00 p.m. The first day for PK is Tuesday, September 2nd. The first day for Kindergarten is Wednesday, September 3rd, after conducting screenings on the previous days.

Our dedicated, enthusiastic, and caring staff members will be ready to greet and teach your children. I hope the up-coming school year brings our students and families much joy and success!

With Lion Pride,

Troy C. Hopkins