

STURGIS WEST WEEKLY UPDATE

April 15, 2021

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Attendance Reporting Form

Please use [this form](#) to report any and all absences, tardies, dismissals, remote attendance on a cohort day, or any reportable symptoms while still attending remotely.

If your student or another person in your household is feeling sick & is not sure what to do, please refer to our **SICK DAY RULES** [HERE](#).

Sturgis Soundings

Exploring the interests and enthusiasms of Sturgis Charter Public School



Details about daily schedules and logistics for May 3rd through the end of the year will be shared with families by Tuesday, April 27th.

Parents of Juniors:

Please see [this important announcement](#) regarding MCAS.

Residents of Plymouth and surrounding areas:

The Bridge Bus, a parent-funded commuter school bus that runs from Plymouth to Sagamore Beach and down to Sturgis East and West will be accepting students for the school year of 2021-22. If you are interested in being contacted when registration opens, [PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM](#).

For more information contact [Rebekah Benedict](#):
rbenedict@sturgischarterschool.org

Sturgis pays the transportation fees for families that qualify for Financial Assistance. If you think you may qualify, please fill out our [Financial Assistance Eligibility Form](#).

Important Dates

April 19 - April 23: April Vacation

April (Date TBA): Spring Concert - Joint East/West | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |

May 28: Last Day for Seniors*

**schedule of senior activities will be shared soon*

May 31: Memorial Day (no school)

June 15: Last Day of School

***Please note: There will not be Final Exams administered this year.**

Parents: please see this letter with updated guidelines for travel.

[Updated Travel Guidelines](#)

Click below to view next year's school calendar:

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

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Educational Opportunities

Strengthen and Stretch Yoga

Join Ms. Spunzo and the Mental Health Matters club for a half hour of a Strengthening and Stretching Yoga class **every Wednesday from 11:15am to 11:45am** via this Google Meet link:

[Click to Join](#)



Class of 2021 Yearbook Photo & Purchase Information

Yearbooks are on sale now!

The yearbook is \$75.

[Direct link to purchase a yearbook](#)

Attention ANYONE interested in STEM, particularly in physics and astrophysics! Another great talk is coming up!

Our May speaker is a section leader from LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory). Operated by Caltech and MIT, the world-wide scientific collaborative “made waves” in 2015 with the discovery of ripples in space-time caused by the convergence of two massive black holes 1.3 *billion* years ago! Please join us for what promises to be another exciting talk on

Thursday, May 6 @ 7pm.

Check out this cool video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlDtXIBrAYE&t=7s>

The talk, sponsored by the Cape Cod Astronomical Society (CCAS), is FREE, open to everyone, and will be conducted virtually. Interested in attending or like to know more? Please contact Jolanda Ferguson, jferguson@sturgischarterschool.org.

Reading Project/CAS Opportunity

Ms. Ward and the HFC club are giving out the book, “**Standing In the Way**” by **Anjali and Sarah Symons**. It is Anjali’s autobiography: “This compelling memoir shares Anjali’s incredible story of being trafficked at age twelve from her village in Nepal to the red light areas of Kolkata, India. Despite enduring the worst abuse imaginable, today Anjali is working to combat trafficking and protect the next generation of girls in her community.”

Ms. Ward will provide a book to the first 20 students or staff who wish to read it and join a two session group discussion. CAS Credit available.

Email: sward@sturgischarterschool.org to arrange to get a copy of the book.
Open to students, faculty, and staff.

Victoria Tynan, a junior at West, is creating a virtual *Arts Magazine* to showcase the work of both students and staff for her CAS project! Any piece of work can be submitted including: **writing, photography, musical performances, or short drama productions.**

In order to submit to the magazine, please access the following [Google form](#) to upload your piece(s) of work. If you would like to upload multiple pieces of work, access the form each time to do so.



The magazine will be accessible to the Sturgis community in mid-May. Thanks for considering! Any questions, email w22tynanv@sturgischarterschool.org

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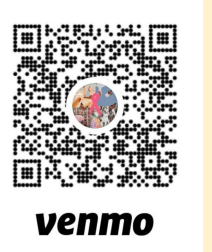
Clubs & Events

Youth Job Fair

Please click [here](#) for information on The Town of Barnstable Youth Commission 5th Annual Youth Job Fair.

The Treats for Treatment Club is selling necklaces and raising money via Venmo for cancer patients at Falmouth Hospital.

With funds raised, we are assembling gift boxes for the Radiation Oncology department. Our goal is to assemble 25 boxes by the end of the school year, to coincide with the current number of patients going through treatment. Follow [@treatsfortreatmentclub](#) for more!



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK FOR HER FUTURE



The International Cookbook Has Arrived!!!

The cost is \$20.

If you want to be sure to get one of the early copies, go see Ms. Gowans or Ms. Anderton to pay cash, or use Venmo (search on rsinger@sturgischarterschool.org. account should be affiliated with HerFutureClub or @Robin-Singer-17) or use a credit card at:

<https://shop.herfuturecoalition.org/collections/prints-stationery>

They are selling like hotcakes!

Take Ten on Tuesdays

Log on with cameras and microphones off! That way if you need to enter the call late or end early you can. Just sit wherever you are, earphones in, masks off if you want (even if you are in school in your designated lunch room).

[Click to Join](#)

12:10pm
every Tuesday

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



STAGE Presents

Shakespeare's

A Midsummer Night's Dream!

Our digital production will be available on Youtube beginning Friday, April 30!

More info on how to access coming soon!

Artwork by the Sturgis East Art Club

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Information for Juniors & Seniors

Cape Cod Community College STEM Summer Bridge Program

is now accepting applications for high school seniors enrolling in STEM at 4Cs. Apply [here](#).

FREE \$\$\$

Are you going to art school or majoring in art?

New [scholarship](#) posted this week.

The **National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)** continues to host virtual college fairs through April!

These fairs are free and students may attend as many fairs as they wish! [Click](#) to see a list of colleges that will share information about their programs, majors, financial aid, and more on each fair date. Additional colleges will be added throughout the spring.

Southeastern US (Apr. 20)

Please reach out to your student's School Counselor if you have any questions. virtualcollegefairs.org

Families of Seniors making college plans: Do you have questions about financial aid and college financing? Here are some resources:

1. If you missed the information session earlier this week about college financial aid, you can find a copy of the presentation [here](#).
2. The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority ([MEFA](#)) is a great resource for financial aid information.
3. Make sure to include college costs and loan offers when comparing financial aid awards. [Here](#) is a sample spreadsheet to help with these comparisons. Feel free to make a copy and use it.
4. College financial aid offices are also a great resource.
5. Be sure to reach out to your child's school counselor if you have additional questions.

Counselors Celebrating Seniors

We love sharing some of our seniors acceptances and thought you all might too! Each week a different counselor will randomly choose some acceptances/future plans to highlight.

You could also really help us out by encouraging your seniors to [update us](#) as they hear the decisions from the colleges so we can be sure to acknowledge their accomplishments as well.

Ms. Murphy is happy to share that some of her current student acceptances include: University of Tampa, Oklahoma City University Merrimack College, Simmons University, Keene State, University of Bridgeport, New York University and James Madison.

Anti-Racism Conference
brought to you by
Sturgis West's
M.A.R.C.H. Club
(Making Anti-Racist
Change for Humanity)



APRIL 28, 2021
9:00AM-12:30PM

The conference aims to develop the skills, mindset
and spirit of our anti-racist student leaders.

LIVE PERFORMANCE
FROM LOCAL MUSICIAN
ZION RODMAN



Workshop 1

Cape Cod Voices



Centering the
voices of people
of color while
building competent
White allyship

Workshop 2

Maryland Leadership
Workshops



Leadership through
Equity and Justice

Workshop 3

Ms. Charis
Granger-Mbugua

Journalist,
Educator,
Speaker, Mother
Finding your voice
as an anti-racist
leader

**Any interested students
should email Mr. Morales,
bmorales@sturgischarterschool.org.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Treat for Treatments Club?

Organized by the students at *Sturgis West Charter School*, this club plans on raising money and spreading awareness for the patients at Falmouth Hospital receiving treatment for cancer, specifically radiation therapy. We will collect donations and put together baskets full of goodies for when the patients are having a bad day. We fundraise by selling unique handmade necklaces.



TREATS FOR TREATMENT CLUB



FUNDRAISING



Check us out on instagram; [@TreatsforTreatmentclub](https://www.instagram.com/treatsfortreatmentclub), we make handmade necklaces to fundraiser for our goodie bags. We drop unique necklaces weekly. Dm if interested in a necklace.

THINGS TO DONATE

Things you could possibly donate are brand new...

- Blankets
- water bottles
- Teas
- inspirational quotes
- Candles
- beanies/hats
- Slippers
- artwork
- Recipes
- Books
- Socks
- Cards
- Scarfs
- Bracelets
- Collages
- face masks
- Soaps
- lotions
- Bag
- planners
- Agendas
- hand sanitizers
- Chapsticks
- Pillows
- gloves
- Lanyards
- cash
- donations
- Stuffed animals

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