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Dear Sturgis Students and Families,

The time has come for the 2025-26 school year!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning students to Sturgis. Our students find that Sturgis Charter Public School is a very special place with a dynamic, caring, and outstanding faculty, a world class curriculum in the IB, a vibrant student body that is highly motivated yet caring for one another, and a very supportive parent community. All of these aspects come together to help us create a school culture that will have a great impact on the lives of our students.

Our recent graduates have been quite successful with their International Baccalaureate performance, college admission, and financial aid, and we expect similar or even stronger results from our graduates in 2026 and beyond. We believe that the IB helps our students develop the habits of mind necessary to be successful in life and that the IB is the best university preparation program available.

At the forefront of our thinking as we develop our curriculum and student activities is our fundamental purpose: student learning. We strive to help all students maximize their individual potential not only in knowledge and skills but also in habits, attitudes, and values. And, we strive to continually challenge each student to learn within and beyond the classroom, aided and supported by our faculty and staff. We feel fortunate to have so many highly capable faculty returning to Sturgis for the 2025-2026 school year. In addition, we also were able to recruit outstanding new faculty and staff.

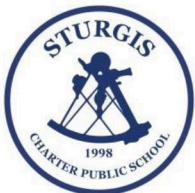
We encourage all of our students to get involved in the life of the school beyond the classroom. A Sturgis education is enhanced when students participate in activities, sports, and service opportunities. We will sponsor a wide variety of activities this year, including student government, Model United Nations, jazz band, theater activities and others. We are also fortunate to have a vibrant athletic program.

We look forward to sharing with you a very enriching and stimulating school year. Another letter with campus specific information will be sent by August 20th. Please do not hesitate in contacting Sturgis at any time if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jenn Kirk
West Principal

Patrick O'Kane
East Principal



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Convocation for New Students and Parents/Guardians

All new (ninth and tenth grade) students and parents/guardians are invited to attend Convocation at our community center at 529 Main Street in Hyannis on Monday, August 25th. This event is an important evening for new students and parents, as we will be introducing the faculty and giving an orientation to the school year, including some of the new opportunities, curricula, programs, and policies. Several school leaders will also be making presentations about their areas of responsibility. Students will have their first opportunity to meet with their advisor for the year. We will also be organizing groups of parents from each town who might be interested in meeting one another and arranging carpools for transportation to and from school. At the end of the program, we will have some informal time in order to give students, parents, and faculty an opportunity to get acquainted or reacquainted. We encourage all new Sturgis students and their parents/guardians to attend this event.

- West Convocation: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- East Convocation: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to look at the information on the Incoming Student Page of the Sturgis website where you will find details on summer reading, borrowing a Sturgis chromebook, etc:
[Incoming Student Page](#)

Note that your student can find information about summer reading books [here for East](#) and [here for West](#).

First Day of School

On Wednesday, August 27th, all students should report to school by no later than 8:20 a.m. All students will report to their advisory, and then will continue through the day with their classes. Students will receive their schedules, lockers, and information about school supplies on this day. All students should bring a notebook, pen, pencil, and charged Chromebook/computer. Students may use their own device (a Windows or Mac computer, or a Chromebook), or Sturgis can provide a 1:1 Chromebook at no charge to any student who needs one. Please read about [Sturgis' 1:1 device initiative](#), including how to request a Sturgis Chromebook.

By the end of the day on Friday, August 22, students' schedules will be posted for viewing on the [Community Portal](#). **New families** will receive a separate email with a web link for this portal as well as your user-name and password. Returning families will still log on with their current user names and passwords. If you have difficulty accessing the portal, please email the main office of your child's campus.

East: Lisa Colby- lcolby@sturgischarterschool.org
West: Phyllis Gowans - pgowans@sturgischarterschool.org



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Parents will find important forms to sign on the portal (scroll to bottom right on main dashboard)

- [All Students Form](#)
- [Students Medical Form](#)
- [Google Workspace Terms of Service](#)

- If these forms do not automatically translate please click [this](#) link for instructions.
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Please note that Sturgis **does** have school on Friday, August 29th.

You can find the 2025-2026 academic calendar linked [here](#).

Google Workspace Permissions

As of March 1 2025, Google Workspace for Education requires in its [agreement](#) (section 3.5) that schools obtain parent or guardian consent for any [Additional Services](#) they allow students under the age of 18 to use. This will impact research assignments in several subject areas, including Theatre, Music and English.

Google provides information about the information it collects, as well as how it uses and discloses the information it collects from Google Workspace for Education accounts in its Google Workspace for Education Privacy Notice,
https://workspace.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html.

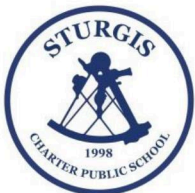
[Complete this form using a parent/guardian email.](#)

One form must be filled out for EACH student in the family.

Lunch

Sturgis students will once again have the privilege of leaving school during the lunch period as long as the students demonstrate that they have the personal responsibility to handle this privilege appropriately.

Students in grades 10-12 will have open campus lunch beginning on the first day of school on Wednesday, August 27th. Students in grade 9 should bring a bag lunch from Wednesday, August 27th through Friday, August 29th or order from The Little Sandwich



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Shop (see details below). During lunch on these days, the grade 9 students will be grouped for lunch in Sturgis classrooms for icebreaker activities and discussions about the responsibilities inherent in the open lunch privilege; these groupings will be led by 10th-12th grade students, and supervised by counselors.

NOTE: All students/parents must complete the online ***Lunch Permission*** by Tuesday, September 2nd in order to be allowed to have the privilege of open lunch. **The lunch permission form is part of the “[All Students Form](#)” on the Community Portal and can be “signed” digitally.**

Ordering Lunch

We have an agreement with *The Little Sandwich Shop* to allow students to order lunch to be delivered to the school. Students must complete the lunch order form before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the order, although orders can also be placed for multiple days in advance. [The link for Lunch Orders](#) is on the right hand side of the East and West Campus pages of our website. Students will be able to begin ordering lunch on the first day of school.

Note: Due to our cell phone policy, students will not be allowed to use their phones to place orders after 8:20. Delivery services, such as DoorDash and Uber Eats, are not allowed.

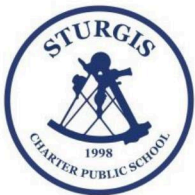
Free or Reduced Lunch

We encourage families with financial need to apply for this program. If your child has received a free or reduced lunch in the past, **please note that the federal government requires that you reapply each year.** You can access the [application forms](#) on the Sturgis website. For students who qualify for a free or reduced lunch, Sturgis works with *Little Sandwich Shop* to provide fresh and delicious lunch options.

There are additional benefits for qualifying students including:

- o Transportation to and from school
- o Athletic fees
- o School field trips
- o School events, including proms and special events
- o College Application Processing Services (CAPS)

Those who are in this program can rest assured that their information and participation are kept in the strictest confidence.



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Cape Cod Transit

This year, all Cape Cod Transit buses will again be available to our students. Please be aware that there are CCRTA buses available from Bourne and Sandwich and the Sagamore Park & Ride. You can find further information at www.capecodrta.org.

All fixed route buses are now FREE OF COST. The DART bus has a charge. To register, call 1-800-352-7155 after 12:00pm, and select "DART" at extension *1 .

PLEASE NOTE: The CCRTA buses will **NOT** be dropping off or picking up students until after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Athletic Department

Sturgis Athletics is set to kick off another exciting year of Varsity and JV sports. Fall sports are set to begin pre-season practices on August 18. If you have not yet signed up for a sport, you must do so immediately by going to the appropriate Family ID page:

- Sturgis West Family ID page
<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/sturgis-charter-school-west>
- Sturgis East Family ID page
<https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/sturgis-charter-school-east>

Likewise, before being allowed to practice, you will need an up-to-date sports physical, a completed Impact (concussion) test, and pay the \$150 user fee. Payment can be made during registration via PayPal or your child may bring a check to their coach or to the Athletic Director within the first week of practice.

In the fall, we offer Soccer, Field Hockey, Golf, Volleyball and Cross Country. Coaches should be contacting you shortly with pre-season practice times and locations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AD for the appropriate campus:

- West: Scott McNair: (508)-771-2780 or smcnair@sturgischarterschool.org
- East: Kaleigh Dumont: (508)-778-1782 or kdumont@sturgischarterschool.org