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August 14, 2026

Dear Sturgis West Incoming Families,

We are so excited to welcome your child to Sturgis West in September!

While we are still a few weeks away from the start of school, we wanted you to know about some of the events we have planned for the start of the 2026-27 school year! These events are designed to provide your child with an opportunity to meet classmates, meet some of our staff, and get involved in some of our many clubs and activities. Please take a look at the information below and we hope to see your child at all of the events we have planned. Additional information about the start of the school year will be sent next week.

Thank you,

Jenn Kirk, Principal, Sturgis West

New Student Orientation

On **Saturday, August 29th**, we will welcome all incoming students to our annual New Student Orientation, run by representatives of our student government. This event features games, ice-breakers, a campus tour, food (of course!) and lots of opportunities to meet their classmates before the start of school. The event runs from 10-12:30 at Sturgis West. We hope to see you there!

Convocation for New Students and Parents/Guardians

Your child and family are invited to attend Convocation at our community center at 529 Main Street in Hyannis on **Monday, August 31st from 7-8pm**. 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 in car pools for transportation to and from school. At the end of the program, we will have some informal time in order to give your child, your family, and faculty an opportunity to get acquainted or reacquainted. We encourage all new Sturgis students and their parents to attend this event.



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Team Building and Signing of the Ship's Log for 9th graders

Every year our 9th graders participate in our team building tradition. This year's 9th graders will attend Camp Burgess on **Tuesday, September 15th**. In the morning students will participate in team building activities and then in the afternoon they will return to school to sign the ship's log. Then, 4 years from now, they will 'sign out' of the ship's log at the end of our graduation ceremony...not as far off as you think!

Your child will need to be able to navigate uneven terrain and engage in moderate physical activity, rain or shine. If this will be a challenge for your child, please reach out to your child's school counselor or the nurse so that we can accommodate them.

Please fill out the permission form and then submit payment via the links below. Permission slips and payment are due by Friday, September 10th.

- [Permission slip](#) for Ninth Grade Field Trip to Camp Burgess - September 15, 2026
- Payment for Camp Burgess is \$35. [Payments should be made through this link.](#)
 - Make sure to write the name of the student attending under "Full name." (Please call Ms. Kirk if this is an issue).

Athletic Department

Sturgis Athletics is set to kick off another exciting year of Varsity and JV sports. If you have not yet signed up for a sport, you must do so immediately by going to the Sturgis West Family ID page (<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/sturgis-charter-school-west>). 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.

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. Our first day of practice will be Monday, August 24th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hilary Christopher at (508)-771-2780 or hchristopher@sturgischarterschool.org

Club & Activity Fair

This is a vibrant student-led event to promote the many clubs and activities we offer at Sturgis West. The fair will take place on the back patio during lunch on **Friday, September 18th**. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about our many clubs and activities, meet current members, sign up and get involved!



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Supplies

You will be given supply lists by your individual teachers during the first week of school. See info regarding required [Graphing Calculators](#).

Message from School Nurse

Hello, families! This is a friendly reminder that all incoming students are required by state regulations to have a physical examination completed within one year before the first day of school or within 30 days after the start of the school year. The school nurse must receive documentation of the physical exam, as well as proof of required immunizations. Please submit these documents to the school nurse by mail or fax at your earliest convenience. Thank you for helping us ensure a healthy and safe start to the school year!

Jenna Arledge, School Nurse
Phone: 508-771-2780 x 414 / Fax: 508-771-1293

Application for School Benefits, including Free or Reduced Lunch

We encourage families with financial need to fill out an application for school benefits, including free or reduced lunch, on the Sturgis website. 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 do not need to fill out an application if you received a notice from Sturgis that your family has already been directly certified. You can access the [application forms](#) on the Sturgis website.

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.

Quick Recap of Dates in this letter

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| ● Monday, August 24th | First day of Fall Sports practices (times TBD) |
| ● Saturday, August 29th | New Student Orientation, 10:00-12:30 |
| ● Monday, August 31st | Convocation at 529 Main Street, 7:00-8:00pm |
| ● Wednesday, September 2nd | First day of school |
| ● Tuesday, September 15th | Grade 9 trip to Camp Burgess, 8:30-2:30 |
| ● Friday, September 18th | Club and Activity fair during lunch |