

Principal's Message

April 2, 2023

Good evening,

The calendar says it, the sky and sun show it, but today's temperatures just hold that Spring feeling back ever so much. I suppose it's all good, we are in April, it's the start of Quarter 4 and Spring Vacation is in two weeks.

This is a great time for students to reflect on their past academic quarter and to adjust and plan for the remaining quarter and final push of the school year. Spring sport games will begin in earnest this week as will Spring Musical rehearsals. There is still much to do and keeping focus and organized is essential. Establishing consistent habits and routines of communication with classroom teachers and utilizing FLEX block for academic support and work completion will foster positive and successful outcomes.

Have a good week. *Go Spartans!*

Best,

Bryan Lombardi

Principal

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Parking and Traffic Route Map

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Social Media Links

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/shs.principal.184>
- Instagram: [bluespartanshs](#)

2022 - 2023 SHS Club and Student Organizations

- [Current Club / Organizations HERE](#)

Save the Date

Monday, April 3; First day Quarter Four
Friday, April 7; District Half Day; Good Friday
Monday, April 17 - April 21; School Closed / April Vacation

World Autism Day / Monday, April 3, 2023

Stoneham Autism INC Presents:

- WORLD AUTISM DAY
 - Monday, April 3, 2023

Autism is a spectrum and no one single color should represent that so break out your most colorful outfit, wear your favorite color or wear something with a rainbow on it!

Stoneham Autism INC is a local non-profit organization that offers children and young adults recreational activities. We provide a networking opportunity for families to connect with other local families. For more information contact Pam Gill at stonehamliub@gmail.com.

Building Security / School Doors / Entrance and Exit

A reminder that all school external doors are locked and secure for the duration of the school day, 8:15am - 2:50pm. Exit and entrance during the school day is only through the Main Lobby Entrance.

All school visitors must enter and exit through the Main Entrance Doors.

Students found entering or exiting any exterior school door other than the Main Entrance during school day hours will receive disciplinary action.

A secure physical space is an essential component for school safety and security. We all play a role in school safety and compliance of this policy is essential. We thank you for your support.

School arrival / School Start Time / 8:15am

Strong daily attendance is a strong support for learning and academic success. Included in this is the importance of being on time. Tardiness to class disrupts the learning process that has already begun from the start of class. This disruption impacts both the tardy student but also other classmates. The issue of tardiness has become an increasingly growing issue particularly with the start of school and first period of 8:15am.

As we enter the 4th Quarter we will be making concerted efforts to decrease school tardiness. We ask all students and households to review and adjust morning routines to support arrival at Stoneham High School at a time that allows them to be in 1st period class for 8:15am

SPARC Club

SPARC Club, **Stoneham Peers Achieving Real Connections**, is looking for new members to serve as ambassadors of the high school who will act as mentors, facilitators, and more than anything else, friendly faces and a support network for students new to Stoneham High School.

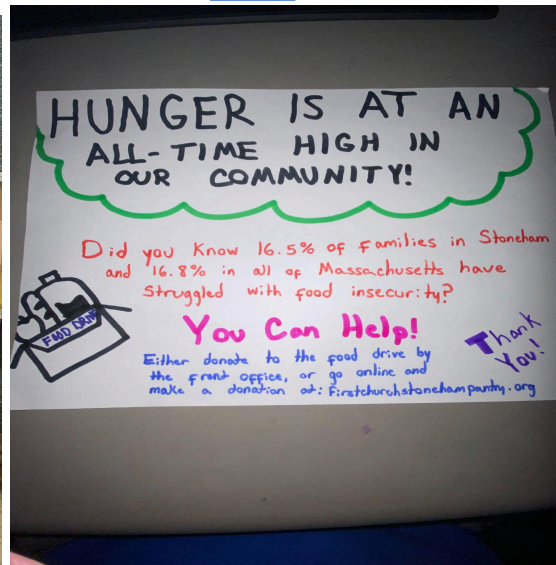
- SPARC Ambassadors will be expected to attend training sessions this spring, participate in 8th Grade Step Up Day (Monday, June 5th), Freshman Orientation (in August), and stay connected with the incoming freshman class in order to help them with their transition to high school.
- All current freshmen, sophomores and juniors are welcome to apply. Applications are due 4/6.
- Please see Ms. Polizzi in the Guidance Department for application information.

Student Civic Action Projects

Students in Honors English I are currently working on their Civic Action Project.

Here are two examples:

- Ian Tomase and Matteo Molinaro
 - Website to help advertise the projects of other groups.
 - Link to our website: [SHS Makes a Change](#)
- Thomas Wood, Aldin Jonuz, Peter Boccelli and William Auterio
 - FOOD DRIVE: Hoping to make an impact on the food insecurity experienced in our community, and ask for any possible donations you can make!
 - The Food Drive is going on until the end of April
 - Donation boxes are located in Main Lobby
 - The most needed food items are listed [HERE](#)



Senior Class Fundraiser / Senior Events / April 12

On April 12th, come out and enjoy a delicious meal at Playa Bowl between 5-9 PM while supporting the Class of 2023. All you have to do is mention "Stoneham Senior Class of 2023" at the register and a percentage of your total will benefit the Class of 2023 and its senior events. Enjoy a delicious bowl while helping Stoneham Seniors with the cost of Senior Prom tickets! We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Where: Playa Bowls, Winchester

When: Wednesday, April, 12

- 5-9 PM
- Just say 'Stoneham Senior Class of 2023'

What: Support Senior Prom

Grade 9 Student Health Screenings / April

We will be conducting the following screenings for all grade 9 students during your child's Flex class the week of April 24th through April 27, 2023.

SBIRT Screening:

As your child's caregiver, we know that you desire the best resources for your child and the young people in our community. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey data demonstrates that a small number of our students try alcohol, marijuana and other drugs and by the end of high school, many more students report substance use.

In order to help prevent students from starting to use substances, or intervene with early use, Stoneham Public School counseling and nursing staff will be providing an interview-based screening for 9th grade students about the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs.

This screening utilizes the most commonly used substance use screening tool for adolescents in Massachusetts, the CRAFFT +N. Student screening sessions will be brief (approximately 5 minutes) and conducted confidentially in private, one-on-one sessions by the School Guidance Counselor, School Adjustment Counselor, or School Nurse.

Students who are not using substances will have their healthy choices reinforced by the screener. The screener will provide brief feedback to any student who reports using substances, or is at risk for future substance use. If needed, the student will be referred to our School Counselors for further evaluation.

Results of the screening will not be included in your student's school record, nor will results be shared with any staff other than the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) Team. The SBIRT Team is composed of the nursing staff and the school counseling staff. All students will receive some educational material and a resource list at the time of the screening.

Please contact Nurse Malzone at SMalzone@stonehamschools.org by April 20, 2023 if you wish your child to opt out of this screening. Additionally, screening is voluntary and students may choose not to answer any or all of the screening questions.

Postural Screening:

The purpose of postural screening is to find early signs of possible spinal problems in children in grade 9. It is not a diagnostic service but a program to identify children who should have further evaluation. If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to follow up with your child's physician. The screening will take place in the Health Office by the School Nurse.

Female children are asked to bring a halter top to school the day of the screening. This type of clothing permits more accurate observation of the back.

Please contact Nurse Malzone at SMalzone@stonehamschools.org by April 20, 2023 if you wish your child to opt out of this screening.

Parent Resources /Community Behavioral Health Centers

- [Community Based Health Care Flyer](#)

New SHS Building Progress Report in Pictures 3/27 - 4/1

New SHS Construction Project

- A week in pictures
 - [Weekly Progress Report HERE](#)

Drivers / Parking Lot: Follow Traffic Patterns / 15 MPH or less driving speed

This is a reminder of the expectation for all drivers to follow the designated traffic routes and patterns, regardless of the time of day or how full or empty the parking lot.

Drivers are not to cut through the parking lot crossing over parking spaces. Drivers must follow the designated traffic routes.

Cutting through the parking lot only causes confusion to other drivers and pedestrians and creates an unsafe environment.

Drivers are also reminded that driving speeds on SHS grounds is 15 MPH or less.

Let's all work together to create an efficient and safe driving and parking lot for our school community

Powerschool

1. Adding the Powerschool App to your phone allows easy access to your academic schedule and academic progress monitoring.
 - a. [Instructions HERE](#)
2. Login
 - a. Students are required to utilize their school issued Powerschool login and password.
 - b. Students need to access Adaptive Scheduler for FLEX registration which can only be accessed through PS and their own assigned account and login information.
 - c. Students are **not** to use their parent / guardian login / password.

Free COVID Test Kits

Through a joint DESE / DPH program Stoneham High School has been provided free COVID Test Kits for students, households and faculty. These free test kits are available in the Main Office.

Spartan Gear

Spartan Gear is available throughout the school year. Show your Spartan Spirit [HERE](#)