Principal's Message

January 29, 2023

Hello,

Despite the weather challenges of the last week we successfully transitioned into the start of the Second Semester. As we close out January and begin February we enter a three week period of five day school weeks before Winter Vacation. These weeks will be active with a variety of extracurricular activities from athletic competitions to theater rehearsals and many other club activities. Students are encouraged to continue to utilize FLEX Block opportunities in a thoughtful and meaningful way to manage their school activities and obligations and to best support their learning and academic progress.

These next few weeks also begin our course selection process for the 2023 - 2024 school year. This past week School Counselors began visiting Grade 9 classrooms to discuss course options. Meetings with Grade 10 and 11 students will occur this week followed by the Teacher Recommendation period during the week of February 6, which will have teachers meet individually with students to discuss course and level recommendations.

Students are encouraged to discuss course selections with their teachers, school counselors and parents / guardians to assist in selecting courses which best suit individual interests and passions and post secondary goals. The 2023 - 2024 Program of Studies (HERE) is provided to guide and assist students for course selection and four year planning.

Here's to a good week! Go Spartans!

Communication

Daily Bulletin

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Student Handbook

2022-2023 Handbook HERE

Program of Studies

2023 -2024 Program of Studies

Daily Schedule

Daily Schedule with Lunch Assignments HERE

SHS Calendar

• SHS School Year Calendar HERE

Parking and Traffic Route Map

• Updated Driving routes / parking Map HERE

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

Thursday, 2/9: Junior Parent / Guardian Night: Post High School Planning @ 6:00pm, SHS Library Friday, 2/17; Half Day Dismissal @ 12:15PM / District PD day Monday, 2/20 - Friday, 2/24; School Closed / Winter Vacation

2023 - 2024 Program of Studies

2023 - 2024 Program of Studies HERE

Attention Junior Parents / Guardians

The Guidance Department is hosting a Junior Parent/Guardian Night on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library</u>.

We will review different post-secondary options, with a primary focus on the college search, application, and admission process.

Please contact your student's counselor with any questions.

Health Services

Vision, Hearing and BMI screening will take place for 10 th grade students who take Physical Education this semester.

- Screenings will take place on February 7 and 8
- If your child wears glasses, please be sure they bring them to the screening .

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Sandra Malzone

• SMalzone@stonehamschools.org.

Thank you!

New SHS Building Progress Report in Pictures 1/23 - 1/27

New SHS Construction Project

- A week in pictures
 - o Weekly Progress Report HERE

Student Parking / Winter driving / Student Drop Off & Pick Up

The past couple of weeks have reminded us that we are still in Winter and that it will be around for a bit longer. With that in mind, here are reminders for a safe and efficient traffic experience while driving at SHS:

Driving

 Drivers please be extra cautious and aware and follow the posted and established parking and driving routes. Winter weather impacts road conditions and visibility and adhering to established routes and expectations will only help in maintaining an efficient and safe traffic process.

• Student Drop Off & Pick Up

- Please remember that student drop off and pick up is required in the designated Drop Off / Pick Up Area in the lower parking lot. The Drop Off / Pick Up Area consists of white lined marked space before and after the staircase. Please help with traffic flow by having your student exit or enter the car at any time your vehicle is stopped between the lines of the designated Drop Off / Pick Up Area.
 - Student drop off / pick up in the upper parking lot, closest to the school, is not a designated Drop Off / Pick Up Area and is only for those individuals who have a physical necessity.

• Student Parking

- Unfortunately we have reached our student parking capacity, there are no more available student parking spaces. At this time Student Parking is closed for any new drivers.
- Non-registered drivers are not permitted to park on school grounds and any violators are subject to towing at the cost of the vehicle owner.

Counselors Corner

1) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The 2023 Mary Margaret Trant Nursing Scholarship was created in 2021 to assist worthy nursing school students with financial grants which may be applied towards the cost of tuition, books, and equipment. Applicants must be accepted to an accredited nursing school. The deadline for applying is May 1. Please go to the Guidance Department to pick up an application.

2) Senior Parents

- Attend an upcoming FAFSA Day event for free assistance completing financial aid forms
- All events are online, and an advisor will meet with you personally in a breakout room.
 - o https://masfaa.org/fafsaday/
- 3) FREE Saturday Exploratory Program for any student, grades 9-12, at Northeast

Metro Tech

- The program runs from 8-12, with a mid morning snack break (snack and water provided by Northeast).
- This opportunity is a great way to learn hands-on interactive skills in a career-technical education environment.
- Sessions
 - Session 3: 2/11,2/18,3/4,3/11 Culinary Arts, Design and Visual Communications, Cosmetology, HVAC, Robotics, Carpentry, Auto Body, Dental Assisting, Health Assisting
- See attachments for registration details.
 - o Informational Brochure HERE
 - Application HERE

Girls STEM Summit

Girls STEM Summit... 15th anniversary

- The Massachusetts premier Summit is an annual daylong event for 8th-12th grade students interested in pursuing STEM careers or exploring STEM topics.
- As this is a critical time in their education, and college decisions are beginning, we hope to empower the participants to see the many opportunities available to them within STEM.
- The daylong event will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 11</u>, <u>2023</u> at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA.
 - The registration fee is \$75 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, and a take home gift.

Community Service

Winter is here!

Help a Stoneham Senior by signing up to shovel sidewalks and driveways!

Contact the Senior Center

at 781-438-1157

Or Kspence@stoneham-ma.gov

Powerschool

- Adding the Powerschool App to your phone allows easy access to your academic schedule and academic
 progress monitoring.
 - a. <u>Instructions HERE</u>
- 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

Hey, STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL fan!

Your NEW 24/7 STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL Sideline Store is officially up and running.

To celebrate, we're offering fans an epic, month-long promotion--25% OFF sitewide when you use code **SPIRIT.**

Stop reading and start shopping to score the latest fan wear and accessories. Then get out there and cheer on your team.

Check us out on social media to learn more. Go STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL!

http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/massachusetts/stoneham/stoneham-high-school

