

Principal's Message

10/18/2020

Hello,

The splendor of Fall is amongst us with beautiful colors, warm days and cool nights. Hopefully you are finding time to enjoy the sights and sounds of this season with excitement and anticipation.

As we enter our 5th week of school the routines, habits and skills required for hybrid learning are beginning to be understood and applied by our students. To assist you in being a partner in your students' learning we invite you to our 2020-2021 Parent Night scheduled for this Thursday, October 22 from 5:45pm - 7:08pm. Due to current COVID safety requirements Parent Night will be virtual with individual Google Meets by each teacher and their assigned courses. Information is provided below that will provide you with detailed information for you to attend the Google Meet for each of your students scheduled courses.

The past few weeks have brought us a consistency in our schedule, athletics and beginnings of clubs and activities. We are slowly beginning to adapt and increasing aspects of school life that add to the vibrancy of our school culture. This week we are able to add tents to extend our outdoor eating and learning opportunities as well as activities to promote inclusivity and student voter registration. There is much happening and more to come.

Parent Night: Virtual

When: Thursday, 10/22, 5:45pm - 7:08pm

What: Mini 8 minute classes. Teachers will provide a brief course overview, student expectations for hybrid learning, grading policy, major assignments, how they post for the remote day of the hybrid schedule and how it relates to in person and the overall learning process, extra help and teacher contact information.

Specifics: Details, schedule and links for class sessions: [HERE](#)

Students

Good job with wearing masks and following our established transition routes. Your positive attitude and support of our safety precautions is noticed and appreciated. The more we do what we have to do the longer we maintain a safe environment.

We seek your continued help with social distancing when in transition and at lunch. Please remember to maintain 6 feet distance when in transition and at lunch. Lunch desks are

provided with established safe distances, please do not move any desks.

Counselor Corner

College Application Workshop for Seniors:

Counselors will be available in the cafeteria after school on Wednesday, October 21 from 1:40 - 2:40, to assist with any questions about the Common Application, Naviance, requesting recommendation letters and transcripts, etc. Students who need application assistance should bring a charged Chromebook!

Athletics

[Week of 10/17 - 10/24](#)

Good news at SHS

Inclusive School

This upcoming 10 day hybrid cycle, the Stoneham High School GSA will be hosting and celebrating ***Solidarity Cycle*** from Oct. 20 - Nov. 2.

- Each day (A & B) will have an area of focus that by shining the light on marginalized communities will help bring more inclusivity to our school community.
- The awareness days, in order, will focus on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), Immigration, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Disability Awareness.
- The GSA will make announcements each day and create educational poster campaigns through the halls with resources and information on each topic.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "No one is free until we are all free."

Learning outside the classroom

Students in Ceramics II classes experimented with an alternative firing method: Barrel-Firing

Students created hand-formed clay bowls, which they glazed with Terra Sigillata (a highly refined clay slip) and burnished to a shiny, polished finish. After the bowls were fired in the kiln to make them durable, students wrapped their pottery in a selection of organic materials to impart a variety of colors and markings to the pottery (straw, pine needles, seaweed, banana peels, salt, etc.). The pottery bundles were placed in the barrel with straw, sawdust, and hardwood kindling and lit on fire. The pottery was fired from flame to embers in order to create an unpredictable surface finish with unique and natural markings. As a final step in finishing the pieces, students will clean, seal, and polish their pottery to deepen the colors and protect the surface.





Project Lead The Way

Congratulations on Stoneham being recognized for achieving 100% Project Lead The Way access, announced at last week's PLTW Virtual Fall Conference.

SHS and SCMS are critical partners in bringing high-quality applied STEM learning to students across the district. We could not be happier to celebrate the work and the dedication of the PLTW educators in our district.