

April 11, 2020

Greetings,

I hope you are doing well with our ever evolving public health crisis and that all of your family and friends are safe and healthy.

The closure of school has certainly brought on many challenges, worries and anxieties to our educational community. From instruction and student academic support, technology and access to resources and from social emotional and mental health concerns to basics such as food and shelter. These are many and require immediate response to ensure access and support to education as well as student and family health and well being.

At the same time there are concerns and anxieties around planned events and activities, especially for our seniors with regard to scholarships, awards night, prom and graduation. We are currently reviewing our spring and end of year calendar and the planned events and activities to determine which ones we should reschedule, cancel or rethink. Our challenge is that we do not know if the school closure mandate by Governor Baker will end on May 4 or be continued to another later date in the Spring or for the remainder of the school year. At this time, with the official information we have, we are going to move forward preparing for events and activities that would occur with reopening of schools for May 4 and completion of the 2019-2020 school year. This mailing contains information specific for seniors for the scholarship application process and ordering of caps and gowns. We want to ensure that if school does reopen we are ready to go with planned events.

However, please understand if the Governor extends the school closing we would then need to revisit all events and activities and make determinations based on the specifics of any continued closure as well as details of public health requirements for social distancing and safety. Until we have specific information and details from the Governor and Department of Public Health it would be premature to cancel and make any attempts to reschedule any events planned for May and June. Please be assured that we will communicate any changes in a timely manner when information is received and any impact on events and activities.

We certainly appreciate and share your worries and anxieties. We hold out every hope that school will reopen and allow our students and teachers to come together for a successful conclusion of the school year. We also hope to return so as to allow a positive conclusion of the high school careers of our seniors; a year they have looked forward to and envisioned with much expectation.

Thank you,  
Bryan Lombardi

## Communication

### Principal's Message

[4/5/2020](#)

### Superintendent

[4/10/2020](#)

[4/9/2020](#)

## Seniors

- Stoneham Scholarships
  - Application Information and directions [HERE](#)
- Caps and Gowns
  - Please complete Cap and Gown form if you have not done so already
  - Form [HERE](#)

## Q3 / Q4 Grading

- **Quarter 3**
  - Quarter 3 has closed and teachers are currently updating grades, official grades for Q3 will be announced by Friday, April 17.
- **Quarter 4**
  - **Student Expectations:**
    - **Expected** to attend their academic courses as provided with the Q4 Weekly Schedule
    - **Expected** to check in with their teachers
  - **Student Requirements:**
    - **Required** to complete assigned assignments, activities and projects as provided by their teachers
      - As appropriate, teachers will provide specific, non-graded, feedback about completed assignments to guide learning.
  - **Grade assignment:**
    - **Grades** will only be issued **based on work completion** and will be reported at the end of the quarter
      - A / 95
        - 90 - 100% **Completion of all** required assignments, interactions, activities and projects as provided by teachers
      - B / 85

- 80 - 89% **Completion of all** required assignments, interactions, activities and projects as provided by teachers
  - C / 75
    - 70 - 79% **Completion of all** required assignments, interactions, activities and projects as provided by teachers
  - D / 65
    - 60 - 69% **Completion of all** required assignments, interactions, activities and projects as provided by teachers
  - F / 50
    - Less than 59% **Completion of all** required assignments, interactions, activities and projects as provided by teachers
- **GPA**
  - The abrupt end to Q3 and the many dynamics of remote learning have raised many issues with access to academic and student support and work completion. We are very aware that these circumstances could unfairly impact students' GPA in either a negative or positive manner and impact class ranking, scholarships and / or secondary plans. With this in mind we have determined the following for Q3 and Q4:
    - Q3 and Q4 final grades will not be calculated into a students GPA
      - GPA will be based on last calculation which occurred at the conclusion of Semester 1
    - Q3 and Q4 grades will be calculated into their respective courses for a final grade.
      - This final grade will become part of official student transcript
  - We are facing an unprecedented situation and subsequent challenges that, unfortunately, may at times result in imperfect solutions that will not always resolve every nuance or individual situation. There are no universal solutions that all schools, state or national and public or private, are implementing. Each school is making determinations based on what is best for their students with their grading and GPA system and local community. As shared and discussed at last Monday's School Committee, we feel this approach is the most equitable and in the best interest for all of our students. Our school profile as well as letters of recommendations will be sure to detail our response to GPA so as to accurately detail our response to colleges/universities and to ensure no negative impact on our students.