

# The Spartan Spirit

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### NHS Induction

Written by Angela McKenzie

Edited by Alison Beaton

On Monday, February 11, 2019, the Stoneham High School chapter of the National Honor Society gained 46 new inductees including juniors and two current seniors. NHS senior officers Angela McKenzie, Czenil Santander, Gaby Berniac, and Ashley Desameau presided over the event under the guidance of Mr. Murray and Mr. Carino. This year's guest speaker was Mrs. Barde, who spoke to the new inductees about their great potential and already stellar accomplishments. The Spartan Spirit wishes a special congratulations to Ms. Farabaugh who was named as this year's honorary member. We wish all new and returning members of



the chapter a great deal of success as they pursue their service, leadership, character, and scholarship through the duration of the academic year.

\*In the photo (l-r): Juniors Nicole Eustace, Samantha Caldarelli, James Kotowski, Alex Moreira, Matt Marchant, Amanda Caldarelli, and Diana Riley.

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## **SHS Academics**

### **English/Language Arts MCAS 2.0**

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Oh, how the time flies! Now that March is ending, the sophomores prepared to take the ELA MCAS. MCAS stands for Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System and is a graduation requirement. One of the most noticeable changes this year is that the test will be completed online using Chromebooks.

The English MCAS was given in two sessions administered over two days: March 26 and March 27. It included reading passages, essays, multiple choice questions, drag and drop questions, and multiple select questions with two parts and possibly more than one correct answer. Though there was no limit on how long students could take for these tests, it was recommended that students use their time wisely and productively.

This year, the tests were computer-based, so students needed their Chromebooks charged. When taking the ELA test, students used all of the tools available to read actively, take notes, and plan out essays before writing.

The math MCAS will be in May. As always, students need to make sure to get a good night of sleep and eat a good breakfast before the test.

Good luck on future exams!

## SHS Community

### SHS 2019 Carnival Ball

Written by Czenil Santander

On Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, Stoneham High School held its 92nd annual Carnival Ball. This year's hosts were two amazing seniors: Molly McNulty and Angela DiLeo. This year's theme was "Nickelodeon vs. Disney." Both the freshman and junior classes created wonderful acts representing popular shows from Nickelodeon, and the sophomore and senior classes presented amazing tributes to Disney.

Junior Isabella Guarino performed an outstanding rendition of "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus from the Disney TV Show *Hannah Montana*. As a reference to the Disney movie *Wreck-It-Ralph*, senior Greta Hall sang the song "When Can I See You Again" by Owl City. In addition, there was an impressive original song written and sang by seniors Teagan Parker and Shannon Tracy, in which they creatively mixed famous tunes from Nickelodeon and Disney shows. The RISE program and peer leaders danced to the song, "Hoedown Throwdown" from *Hannah Montana*. The Carnival Ball Court performed a waltz to the song "Can I Have This Dance" from *High School Musical*. All the acts combined put on a wonderful show for the Stoneham community.



Greta Hall performing  
"When Can I See You Again"



RISE Program Dancing to  
"Hoedown Throwdown"



Carnival Ball Royal  
Court

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## SHS Faculty Feature

Ms. Bonneau

Written by Alison Beaton



I interviewed Ms. Nicole Bonneau, our School Adjustment Counselor, as apart of this month's Faculty Feature:

A. Beaton - What college did you go to and what major and minor did you choose?

N. Bonneau - I went to Connecticut College; English and Psychology Major (undergrad) and Simmons College for Grad School for Social Work

A.Beaton - What is your job as a School Adjustment Counselor?

N. Bonneau - I work with students to promote Social-emotional well being and to help with coping skills and strategies.

A.Beaton - Approximately how many students do you see every day?

N.Bonneau - 8 to 10 students a day.

A. Beaton - What is one problem that SHS Students come to see you for?

N. Bonneau - Students have a lot of stress and anxiety, as well as social relationship issues. In addition to stress and anxiety, students come to see me for help or when they are in a crisis.

A. Beaton - What are some things you do to relax?

N. Bonneau - I enjoy reading, running or walking in the woods, and hanging out with my family.

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## **SHS Sports**

**Written by Megan Ribaldo**

### **Gymnastics**

The gymnastics team finished with their best season since 2005. They qualified for North Sectionals as the 9th seed for the first time in 14 years. In the regular season, their record was 5-2 with losses only to Wakefield and Reading. At the league meet, they finished in third, only five-hundredths of a point behind Wakefield with a school record score of 139.2. In the all-around, junior Keara Cronin won floor and was second in the all-around. Senior Megan Ribaldo finished first on vault and fifth in the all around. At Sectionals, the team finished 11th with a score of 134.2. The team was missing junior all-arounder Keara Cronin, but freshman Sarah Norris competed all-around for the team. Senior Megan Ribaldo finished 6th in the all-around and was one of 18 gymnasts named to the Massachusetts Senior National Team.

### **Girls' Basketball**

The girls' basketball team ended their season with a 2-16 record including wins against Watertown and Winchester. Under captains Kelly Powers, Jillian Flynn, and Julia Plourde, the girls had a successful season despite not making it to the tournament. With five seniors graduating, Captains Powers, Flynn, Plourde, and seniors Sydney Shepherd and Marina Kerkorian will be greatly missed next year.

### **Boys' Basketball**

Despite close games against Reading and Winchester, the boys' basketball team finished the season 5-15 with wins against Matingon and Northeast Vocational Technical School. Led by captains Michael MacBeth and Evan Cann, the basketball team suffered a few early season injuries that haunted them for the rest of the season. Along with Captains MacBeth and Cann, seniors Fedrick Bleumer, Karston Long, Julio Santana, and Sean Dunham will graduate this year. Hopefully next year's very young team will bounce back for more success.

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### **Girls' Indoor Track**

The girls' indoor track team finished 3-2 under captains Nicole Aronson, Gaby Berniac, Ashley Desameau, Lindsey Desameau, Annalisa Eramo, and Angela McKenzie. All the amazing work is thanks to Coach Bailey, Coach DiLisio, and Coach Sargent. They have done an excellent job preparing the team for their wins against Burlington, Wilmington, and Watertown. Additionally, the girls had a very strong showing at the Reggie Lewis State Relays on Friday, January 11, including sixth place in the hurdle relay, third in the sprint medley, and fourth in the long jump medley. At the Division 5 State Meet, senior Lindsey Desameau finished 25th in the Girls 55 meter hurdles, freshman Lilly McNulty finished 10th in the 55 meter dash and 18th in the 300 meter dash. In the 1000 meter run, senior Angela McKenzie finished 7th and Sophomore Aly Simpson finished 15th. In the shot put, senior Ashley Desameau finished 16th while the Stoneham 4x800 meter relay team finished 9th and 16th in the 4x400 meter relay.

### **Boys' Indoor Track**

Although they finished with a 0-7 record, in his second season coaching the boys' track team, Coach Kraunelis is hopeful, and he relies on the leadership of Captains Eoin Dooley, Greg Raso, and Cameron Russo, and seniors Walter Conway and Adam Webb. Their record contradicts their strong performances for close meets against Watertown and Wilmington, as they boast many individual state qualifiers. At the Division 5 State Meet, junior Max Davis finished 15th in the 55 meter hurdles, while Luke Aronis finished 25th. Sophomore Nick Alves finished 10th in the 100 meter run, senior Eoin Dooley finished 4th in the 2-mile, junior Chris Belliveau finished 5th in the shot put and the Boys 4x400 meter relay finished 12th. At the All-State meet, Belliveau finished 7th in the shot put with a distance of 48-07.75.

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### **Girls' Hockey**

Despite losing in the second round of the tournament, the girls' 10-7-1 record showcases their success over the season. They thrived under the leadership of seniors Gianna Beauclair, Jenna Bragalone, Barbara Fagundes, Lexie Frost, Kasey Libby, Alexis Saia, and Emily Whooley, as well as coach Brendan Doherty. Some close games they played included Melrose and Wakefield, and the girls beat Belmont, Burlington, Wilmington, and Watertown.

### **Boys' Ice Hockey**

Under long-time head coach Paul Sacco, and the leadership of senior captains Nick Feliciano, Nikki Jokiahho, and Sean O'Connor, and junior captain Will O'Brien, the boys' hockey team finished the season in style. Although they did not repeat a trip to the TD Garden, the team finished with an 11-8-1 regular season record. Additionally, their record qualified them for the tournament where they defeated Winthrop with a 6-2 score. However, in the second round, the team lost to Boston Latin 3-1. The team has 10 seniors who will be missed next year.

### **Spring Sports**

As winter sports have wrapped up, the Spartan Spirit would like to wish good luck to our spring sports teams in the coming months, including softball, baseball, girls' and boys' track, tennis, and lacrosse!

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## SHS Arts

### SHS Drama Fest

Written by Heer Patel

By: Alison Beaton

Stoneham High School's Drama Club performed *The Yellow Boat* recently at Drama Fest and will be moving on to perform again this month. *The Yellow Boat* is a play that discusses the life and experiences of a young boy with congenital hemophilia who contracts AIDS. The eight-year-old boy eventually dies due to AIDS-related complications. However, while tragic, the story is also inspiring. We would like to wish the best of luck to our drama club as they compete again later this month.

