

The Spartan Spirit

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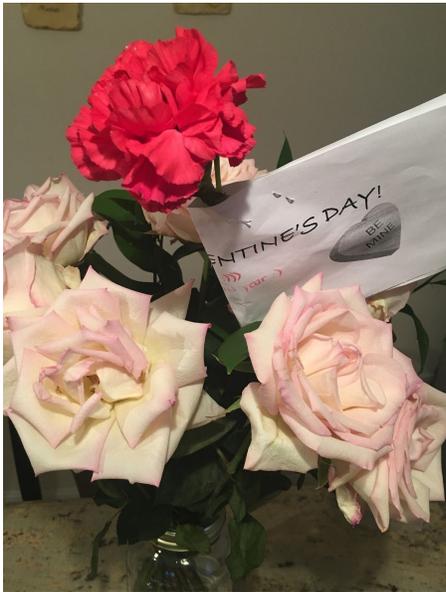


SHS Community

Outreach Carnations

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Love was in the air for Valentine’s Day and for the month of February. The Outreach Club helped spread that love for all of Stoneham High School students-- and for a good cause. Every year, the Outreach Club sells 400 carnations to students and staff the week before Valentine’s Day. The carnations do not have to be for a significant other and are often sent to friends so everyone has the chance to smile on Valentine’s Day. In addition, the funds received by the carnation sales are donated: this year’s donation went to the Matthew Shepard Foundation, a nonprofit LGBTQ organization. The Matthew Shepard Foundation advocates for individuals to embrace human dignity, in hopes to “replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance” (<https://www.matthewshepard.org/>). By sprinkling love throughout the local community with

carnations, Stoneham High School was able to help spread love throughout the nation by aiding the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

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SHS Sports

Tournament Time!

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With the regular season coming to a close, Stoneham High School student athletes are focusing their training towards one thing in particular: tournament.



Hockey- Both the boys' and girls' hockey teams are set to have an impactful run during the postseason. The two teams have had great success both in and out of the Middlesex League. With great leadership and an enormous fanbase in the upcoming games, the two are sure to repeat past successes. The boys' team will compete in their first game February 27 at 8:00 p.m. against Tewksbury, while the girls have a by this round and will not have another game until later this week.

Basketball- Despite early losses on both sides of the SHS basketball program, the Spartans were able to rally their efforts through hard work and perseverance to earn their way to yet another successful season. Unfortunately, the boys will not be competing in the upcoming tournament. However, the girls have made their way to a tournament berth under new coaching leadership. Determination shown from all levels of the program has shaped the image of Stoneham sportsmanship and competition. The girls are set to face off against Greater Lawrence Tech.

Gymnastics- As the gymnastics season draws to an end, many of the stellar gymnasts in the Stoneham program have fostered individual success. The Middlesex League meet, held in the SHS gymnasium, was the final team competition for the Spartans and was a moment of great pride for our school. Although individuals such as Keara Cronin and Max Davis showed immense potential throughout the season for an exhibition meet berth, the gymnastics mats have been officially cleared from the gymnasium with promise for further successes in the coming years.





Indoor Track- The indoor track season has officially come to a close. With the season culminating in the State and All-State Meets, the Spartans have proven themselves as some of the most elite athletes in our school community. Notable performances in the State meet came from the following athletes: Tiana Pignone (600m- 8th, 4X800m- 2nd), Mari Avola (1 mile- 4th, 4X800m- 2nd), Annie Eramo (High Jump- 7th), Khadidja Ramdani (4x800m- 2nd),

Angela McKenzie (1000m- 7th, 4x800m- 2nd), Jake Luongo (2 mile- 3rd), Eoin Dooley (2 mile- 6th), and Anthony Magazzu (600m- 4th). All athletes placing 3rd or above advanced to the All State meet.

On behalf of all members of the “Spartan Spirit,” we thank the senior members of all winter sports for their dedication to SHS athletics and hope that they continue their passion for competition beyond the walls of our school. Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!



SHS Drama

Getting Ready for Fest

Written by Gianna Egitto

Edited by Juliana Choi



Just around the corner is the annual drama festival. Anxiety is flying in the air. The SHS director, Sean Perry, is finishing final cuts and perfecting the show in hopes to move on past the first round. Crew is making finishing touches to ensure the set is perfect. This year, the SHS Drama Club is performing “Missing,” originally written by John Kani. “Missing” is about a family living through the Dust Bowl in 1936. Every night for the past two years on the last night of August, a girl has gone missing. A blind constable enters to protect the family just as the circus comes to perform. If you like a good mystery, you should go see “Missing” as you cheer on the SHS Drama Club. The annual Festival will be held on March 3 at Norwood High School at 3:00 p.m. Break a leg!

SHS Student Life

February Vacation

Written by Grace Mullane

Edited by Juliana Choi

Students at SHS enjoyed an exciting February vacation. While it may be a break from school, students planned for a busy week. Seniors visited colleges for “accepted students” days and were eager to narrow down their choices of schools. Juniors just began visiting colleges and are feeling nervous about the looming college application process. Sophomores and freshmen looked forward to a week off from school and spending time with friends. Upperclassmen and underclassmen alike enjoyed time with family. With the beginning of the second semester, students appreciate this much needed time to relax. In fact, the most common plan for February vacation was to sleep late. After all, the students of SHS deserve a week off after a semester of hard work in academics and extracurricular activities.

NHS Induction

Written by Heer Patel

Edited by Juliana Choi

National Honor Society is a prestigious organization whose members make an outstanding commitment to scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students are selected based on those four criteria and the students who were selected were inducted into National Honor Society on February 12. As the new members are inducted into NHS, they must recite a pledge that repeats the values of NHS and what it means to be a member. Also during the ceremony, current members each light one of four candles. Each candle represents one of the values (scholarship, leadership, service and character). In addition, Mr. Cummings was granted honorary membership for his dedication to his students and exemplary teaching skills which have allowed him to teach students successfully how to love chemistry.



Character

Leadership

Scholarship

Service