

May 2, 2021

Hello,

Odd to be entering our final full month of school as we welcome back our entire student body for the first time of the school year. It certainly adds to an already exciting time of year. We are looking forward to our school community coming together to complete the year as one and with success for all students. Tomorrow we will start with a Day 1 schedule.

Tomorrow our students will enter Stoneham High School with our Blue Carpet Welcome! Students and households should plan morning routines accordingly as there will be a significant increase in car and foot traffic and congestion and delays may occur. Drivers are reminded to drive with caution and awareness.

As students return to school we remind them of the expectation of and importance of adhering to our COVID safety requirements and guidelines of properly wearing a face mask at all times upon entering the SHS campus, frequently washing and sanitizing hands and social distancing. Students have been doing a stellar job with wearing masks and should extend the same focus with walking in the hallways and stairwells and following the established traffic routes.

All academic hallways and stairwells are one way with only the Main Lobby and Cafeteria Hallway being both directions. If at any time, you are walking in the academic hallways or stairwells, and are facing another person, you are going the wrong way. Please turn around and simply go with the flow. Thank you!

Though, our last full month of school, there is still much work to complete. Students, please continue to engage with teachers and counselors for support as needed and to effectively utilize the afternoon extended sessions for your academic success.

Here's to a great first week back together.

### **Communication**

- [5/3/2021 Day 5b](#)
- [4/30/2021 Day 5a](#)
- [4/29/2021 Day 4b](#)
- [4/28/2021 Day 4a](#)
- [4/27/2021 Day 3b](#)
- [4/26/2021 Day 3a](#)

SHS FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/Stoneham-High-School-113064453732609>

SHS Web Page: <https://www.stonehamschools.org/schools/stoneham-high-school/index>

### **Mark Your Calendar**

May 3: All grades, 9 - 12, attend school for return to In Person Learning

- Updated school calendar; Day 1

May 5 - 24: AP Testing

### **May 6 & 7: ELA MCAS**

- **Testing @ SHS; Grades 10 / 11\***
  - **\*Only those 11th graders who have chosen**
- **Asynchronous learning remote schedule; Grades 9 , 11 and 12**

May 13: Stress - Less Day

May 21: Seniors / Class of 2021 last day of classes

May 27 & 28: Math MCAS

- **Testing @ SHS; Grades 10 / 11\***
  - **\*Only those 11th graders who have chosen**
- **Asynchronous learning remote schedule; Grades 9 and 11**

June 4: No School / District PD

### **Senior Events**

June 1: Senior Scholarships and Academic Awards

June 2: Senior Celebration

June 3: Senior Parade

June 4: Class of 2021 Graduation Commencement

## **Welcome Back**

On Monday, the SHS staff will be rolling out the Welcome Back Blue Carpet and cheering the students on as they arrive at school. We are excited to have everyone back in the building and hope to start the day with some Spartan Cheer

## **New 5 day Schedule (just no cohort A / B Days)**

[Five Day Schedule HERE](#)

### **Updated School Calendar**

- The SHS School Calendar has been updated ( May - June) to reflect the return to Full In Person.
  - [Updated School Calendar can be found HERE](#)

## **COVID Safety Updates**

1. **Reminder: No coffee / drinks / food are permitted in classrooms.**
  - Food is to be eaten in the Cafeteria or alternative areas when directed.
  - If a student requires water then they should discuss with their teacher and work within classroom expectations and safety requirements.

## **Full Remote**

### **SHS Full Remote start dates**

- Grade 9

- Begin Full Remote access April 28
- Access courses through GoogleClassRoom
  - Email teachers for any access questions or difficulties
- Grades 10, 11 & 12
  - Begin Full Remote access May 3
  - Access courses through GoogleClassRoom
    - Email teachers for any access questions or difficulties

### **Stress-Less Day**

On Thursday, May 13th, Stoneham High School will be participating in **Spartan "Stress-Less" Day**. This event was proposed by students in the 2020-2021 Civic Action class with the goal of promoting mental and physical health as well as providing students with an opportunity to learn and engage in our community without the stressors of grades or long-term academic commitment.

Together, Peer Leader and Civic Action students have dedicated hours to planning and organizing so this event could take place before the Class of 2021's last day of school. While the hard work of these students would be applauded during a normal year, it is especially noteworthy during this 2020-2021 school year of change and uncertainty.

On this day, SHS students will be able to choose from a collection of "stress-less" activities led by faculty and student leaders. These sessions will emphasize the importance of learning for fun, building community, and prioritizing overall health and wellbeing. Students can select from activities such as walking, jogging, baking bread, learning to play tennis, making sensory bottles, coloring, learning about hip hop, scrapbooking, or playing a friendly trivia game, to name a few. Additionally, all ninth graders will attend one session with their school counselor to learn more about what the school counseling department does. Through this opportunity, students will begin to develop a relationship with their counselor as well as become more familiar with the many resources we have to offer at Stoneham High School.

Our community will continue to adhere to Covid safety regulations throughout this event. Despite these restrictions, we hope this day allows us to come together and offer community support in a year particularly inhibited by isolation and distance.

Together, our community will unwind, "stress-less," and appreciate the many supports we have within our school. Thank you for your continued support!

This is a full school day with start time of 8:15 and dismissal at 12:30; School attendance is required.

### **SPARC (Spartan Peers Achieving Real Connections)**

The **SPARC Club** is looking for new Ambassadors to serve as mentors and advisers to the rising 8th graders for the upcoming new school year.

- SPARC Ambassadors will:
  - Be expected to attend training sessions this spring.
  - Participate in 8th Grade Step Up Day, Freshman Orientation (in August), and stay connected with the incoming freshman class in order to help them with their transition to the high school.

- All current sophomores and juniors are welcome to apply.
- Please see Ms. Polizzi in the Guidance Department for application information. Applications are due by 3pm on Monday, May 3rd.

## Athletics

[This week in Sports 5/3 - 5/9 HERE](#)

## Guidance Department Announcements / CLASS of 2022

### Juniors and Junior Parents:

- There are several upcoming virtual college fair opportunities.
  - Details here:
    - <https://www.collegefairguide.com/boston-national-college-fair>

## Senior / Class of 2021 Senior Activities and Graduation Information UPDATES

- **Latest updates**
  - [Senior / Class of 2021 Celebration and Graduation Updates HERE](#)

## Support Class of 2021

Support the Spartan Enrichment Organization (SEO) Class of 2021 Raffle! All proceeds will be used to support year-end activities for the Stoneham High School seniors planned for the first week in June commencing with graduation the weekend of June 4th. This last year has been difficult for all students but especially seniors, and we are excited to make year-end activities special for them even with challenging COVID guidelines. Check out the attached flyer to see the amazing raffles baskets and for all the details on how to purchase the raffle tickets!

[Gift Basket descriptions and raffle process information HERE](#)

## Spring Testing Dates

### MCAS:

- May 6 & 7 / ELA
  - Testing Grades 10 & 11\*
- May 27 & 28 / Math
  - Testing Grades 10 & 11\*
- All testing is in person / school based
- **No synchronous / In School Classes for grades and students not testing**
  - **Attend courses remotely / Asynchronous Work and Activities**
- **\*Please see below: MCAS / Class**

### AP:

- May 5 - 24

**SAT:**

- [Specific content test dates HERE](#)
- April 27
  - Class of 2022 / Grade 11 only
  - In person / school based