

April 25, 2021

Hello,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable April Vacation and are well rested for the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year. As we enter our last academic quarter we have an active academic calendar with SAT, MCAS and AP assessments as well as many exciting extracurriculars such as our Spring sports season, Musical and Carnival Ball Productions, art installations, mural paintings and a Stress-Less Day of enrichment and community. It will be a fast and busy quarter and students are reminded and encouraged to actively engage with their teachers for any extra help and support during afternoon extended academic sessions.

Our final quarter also includes a return to full in person learning with grade nine starting on Wednesday, April 28 and all grades on Monday, May 3. It will be our first time together as one school under the same roof since last March and the first time for our ninth graders to experience Stoneham High School with all students and grades present.

This event in itself is a significant transition that will have some people excited and others anxious. Excited to be with peers, friends and teachers and anxious about COVID and implications for school and activities. Either feelings and all others are normal and fine. We ask that you support and respect each other and to please utilize your teachers, counselors and administrators for any concerns you may have.

As you return to school keep it simple and do as you have throughout the school year; Correctly wear a mask at all times, wash / sanitize hands frequently, follow the transition routes in school and socially distance as best possible. School expectations, rules and schedule are exactly the same, the only difference is that we are all in together rather than cohorts.

The return to in person learning also brings students of the Class of 2021 together for their final quarter in Stoneham High School. Plans are underway for events and activities for the Class of 2021 such as Powder Puff Football, Senior Celebration and Senior Parade to name just a few.

As you can see, there is much going on and much to look forward to. With this in mind we ask for your continued diligence with adherence to COVID Safety Guidelines during and after school hours. We want all events and activities and in person learning to run as planned and for all students to have the opportunity to attend and participate. Wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing makes a difference.

We have come this far...Keep it going SHS...Spartan Strong!

### **Communication**

- [4/26/2021 Day 3a](#)
- [4/16/2021 Day 2b](#)
- [4/15/2021 Day 2a](#)
- [4/14/2021 Day 1b](#)
- [4/13/2021 Day 1a](#)
- [4/12/2021 Day 5b](#)

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

April 26: Spring Athletics Begin

April 27: SAT's / Class of 2022

- Grades 9, 10, 12 attend school as their cohort is scheduled
- Students in Class of 2022 not taking SAT are expected to attend school as their cohort is scheduled

April 28: Grade 9 attends school for return to In Person Learning

- Grades 10, 11 and 12 attend school based on their cohort schedule

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 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

## 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.

## Academic Recognition / Q3

**Great job Spartans!**

• [High Honors HERE](#)

• [Honors HERE](#)

### **SAT Test Day Information**

Test day, 4/27, [Information HERE](#)

### **Return to Full In Person Schedule / Updated School Calendar / Safety**

#### **• Return to Full In Person Schedule**

##### ○ **April 28**

- **Day 4a**
- **All grade 9 attend in person**
- **Grades 10 - 12 follow hybrid schedule**

##### ○ **April 29**

- **Day 4b**
- **All grade 9 attend in person**
- **Grades 10 - 12 follow hybrid schedule**

##### ○ **April 30**

- **Day 5a**
- **All grade 9 attend in person**
- **Grades 10 - 12 follow hybrid schedule**

##### ○ **May 3**

- **Day 1**
- **All grades attend in person**

#### **• 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](#)

#### **• Campus Safety**

- As we prepare for a full return to in person learning we should prepare for an increase in walking and driving traffic for arrival and dismissal times. Please plan accordingly to allow for a timely, safe and orderly process.
  - Adjust travel times to avoid traffic and being tardy
    - Students may enter SHS at 7:45am
  - **Pay attention to increase student walkers**
    - **Watch crosswalks**
  - **Pay attention to increase in car traffic**

### **Full Remote**

- **Full Remote Options**

- **SHS Full Remote**
  - **Eligible students**
    - **Those students currently in the Hybrid Learning Model who have opted not to return to Full In Person**
    - **Students placed on COVID related quarantine**
      - **Must have School Nurse approval**
- **TECCA Full Remote**
  - **Only those students previously enrolled in TECCA Full Remote**
    - **These students remain with TECCA for remainder of 2020-2021**

- **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 13, SHS will hold a Stress-Less Day. This day, still in development, is an idea initiated from our SOAR Club and quickly supported by other clubs and school organizations such as Student Council, GSA, National Honor Society and Peer Leaders. The day is aimed at having SHS students and faculty engage in and lead enrichment based activities that encourage community and promote well being.

Currently students and faculty members are developing a wide ranging activities list inclusive of the ideas and interests of our students and faculty. In lieu of classes, students will select the activities (4) they will wish to participate in for this day.

This is a required school day for all students with the goal of coming together as a community and engaging in stress - less activities.

More info and details to follow.

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

### **MCAS / Class of 2022**

DESE has approved a change of the ELA and Math MCAS graduation requirement for the Class of 2022. As with the Science MCAS, the ELA and Math, as a Competency Determination (CD) for graduation, has been waived for the Class of 2022.

An alternative CD will soon be announced and will be in line with the Science CD, with students demonstrating achievement through successful completion of identified courses in English and Math.

However, students in the Class of 2022 who wish to be considered for the The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, the Stanley Z. Koplak Certificate of Mastery or for the State Seal of Bi-literacy are still required to complete the ELA and Math MCAS.

Please speak with your student/s regarding this option.

Class of 2022 students who wish to take the Spring 2021 ELA and Math MCAS must register. A survey to register will be sent to all members of the Class of 2022. Only students who wish to take the Spring 2021 ELA and Math MCAS need to complete the survey and registration.

The survey will be sent to all Class of 2022 students in an email this evening at 6:30pm and will remain open until Wednesday, 4/28, at 12:30PM

### **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](#)

### **SEO / Spartan Enrichment Organization**

[April Newsletter HERE](#)