

Hello,

Spring is officially here and has started off perfectly with this weekend's weather. It is a welcome change and certainly adds to the optimism of more social openness and return to normal patterns and events in our collective society.

Each week seems to bring more news for schools returning to full in person learning and associated events and activities , of increased vaccination opportunities and of changes in COVID safety guidelines which seem to move further towards normalcy. Combined with the warmer weather, these changes with our response to the current pandemic conditions can easily make us drop our guard. Now is not the time as the consequences of dropping our guard impact us all.

This past week Forty two (42) students were quarantined as a result of contact tracing from seven (7) positive COVID cases. This also led to eleven (11) teachers being quarantined. These quarantines are for many days and have a significant impact on student learning, school activities and our ability to adequately and safely staff our needs.

This past week should serve as a strong reminder that we still need to be strong, focused and diligent with adherence to COVID safety guidelines. Now is not the time to jump ahead with all the recent news and the natural inklings to gather, especially with the warmer weather. Stay strong! If we break down now learning and school events will be impacted.

COVID is still very much a part of our reality and maintaining a safe learning environment remains a top priority at SHS. The more we do our part the more we are able to continue to deliver an ever improving learning environment for a positive and successful completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

Go Spartans! Mask up, socially distance, wash up and follow stated gathering guidelines!

The more you do, the more we can do at SHS!

## Communication

- [3/22/2021 Day 3a](#)
- [3/19/2021 Day 2b](#)
- [3/18/2021 Day 2a](#)
- [3/17/2021 Day 1b](#)
- [3/16/2021 Day 1a](#)
- [3/15/2021 Day 5b](#)

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

## Mark Your Calendar

**April 2: Good Friday; 12:30 Dismissal, no afternoon extended sessions, School closed at 12:30.**

April 7: Quarter 3 Ends

April 8: Quarter 4 Begins

April 19 - 23: School Closed / April Vacation

May 6 & 7: ELA MCAS

- Testing @ SHS; Grades 10 / 11
- Asynchronous learning remote schedule; Grades 9 / 12

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

May 27 & 28: Math MCAS

- Testing @ SHS; Grades 10 / 11
- Asynchronous learning remote schedule; Grades 9

### Health Office / COVID Updates

**Many allergy symptoms are on the [COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist](#)**

- Now is the time to contact your child's pediatrician.
- Come up with a plan to handle your child's allergy symptoms:
  - Daily medication
  - Nasal
  - Sprays
  - Eye drops
  - etc.
- It is possible to have Covid-19 and other health conditions at the same time.
- Please review the Covid-19 symptom checklist every day before you bring your child to school.
  - [COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist](#)
- Call or email us before sending your child to school with any symptoms on this list.
  - 781-279-3810 x1317
    - Sandra Malzone RN
    - Angela Celli RN

### Course Selection Dates and Directions

**Student Course Selection Dates**

- March 16 - 26
  - **Grade 9: 3/23& 24**
  - Make up: 3/25 & 26

- Course selection is remote
  - Portal open over the course of two days per grade
  - Instructional class time will not be used for course selection
  - Students select courses during their free time or the scheduled daily extended class time.

**Course Selection Directions**

- [Directions for Course Selection HERE](#)

**2021-2022 Program of Studies**

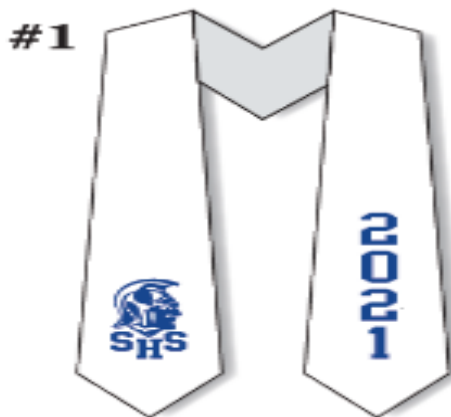
- [SHS 2021 - 2022 Program of Studies HERE](#)

**Senior / Class of 2021 Graduation Information**

**Graduation caps/gowns/stoles/masks**

Cost per student

- \$33.00
  - Include's
    - Royal Blue Cap/Gown and Tassel: \$16
    - White Stole w/blue Spartan-2021: \$12 (sample below)
    - White Mask w/blue Spartan-2021: \$5
- Extra's
  - Extra Tassel: \$3.50
- **Students who are eligible or think they might be eligible for a cost reduction/waiver should contact their counselor.**



**Payment will be expected the week of May 24 - 28**

**Senior Events**

Planning for all events are in process. Further information will be shared as determined

- June 1: Senior Awards Night
- June 2: Senior “prom” / Senior Celebration

- June 3: Senior / Senior Family Picnic
- June 4: Graduation

**Meetings and discussions with the Senior Class Officers and Class Advisor are ongoing in the planning of “prom” and the Senior Picnic. We are awaiting further details from DESE for graduation guidelines to support an outdoor commencement for the Class of 2021.**

### **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 9 & 12 all test dates**
  - **Attend courses remotely / Asynchronous Work and Activities**

#### **AP:**

- May 5 - 24
  - [Specific content test dates HERE](#)

#### **SAT:**

- April 27
  - Class of 2022 / Grade 11 only
  - In person / school based

### **Student Fundraiser**

Looking for all of the fun of an Easter Egg Hunt without any work?  
Let SHS Students be your Easter Bunnies!!

Support the James Carino Memorial Fund  
by ordering candy-filled eggs to be hidden in your front yard the night before Easter Sunday.

Deadline to order is March 31st

so hop to it!!

Thanks for your support

A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT  
THE JAMES CARINO MEMORIAL FUND

EGG My YARD!!

SURPRISE STONEHAM KIDS ON EASTER MORNING WITH A  
FRONT-YARD FULL OF CANDY-FILLED EGGS!!

- SCAN THE QR CODE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
- LET SHS STUDENTS BE YOUR EASTER BUNNIES
- SUBMIT A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE SHS ACTIVITY FUND
- DROP OFF CHECKS TO THE MAIN OFFICE AT STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

ORDERING OPTIONS

\*15 EGGS- \$15

\*30 EGGS-\$25

ORDERING DEADLINE: MARCH 31ST

DELIVERY DATE: APRIL 3RD



**SEO / Spartan Enrichment Organization**

[March Newsletter HERE](#)