

August 3, 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have had a wonderful Summer and that this message finds you well rested and excited for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We have been busy planning for your return and are excited and look forward to welcoming you back for a year of learning, growth and personal success.

This letter is meant to provide information to allow for a positive transition to the start of the school year. Enclosed you will find information regarding student academic schedules, the school day academic schedule and academic calendar, Student-Parent Handbook, class meetings, Chromebook pick up, upcoming save the date activities and new faces at SHS.

We are eager to welcome back our returning students and the incoming Class of 2026. The past two years have certainly been impactful for all of us in the Stoneham High School community and the next two years, though not as disruptive and certainly not as scary as the pandemic, will certainly be impactful in its own way with the building of our new high school in full swing. Either way, we have shown as a student body, as a faculty and as a community that we have the academic and social skills, the growth mindset, positive attitude, kindness and community spirit to face and successfully overcome challenges and adversity.

It is certainly a relief to start the school year without COVID being the main topic of planning and worry. However, realistically we need to accept that aspects of COVID are still with us and will continue with infections and quarantines and the subsequent impacts on work and school. Though masks and other safety guidelines are no longer mandated, we still must be cognizant, flexible and supportive of members of our community who may be impacted by COVID or for those who will continue with wearing masks.

Though we have seen much student and overall school success these past two years there is a strong common feeling that the constant focus, attention and impact of COVID has minimized consistent and important messaging for our students with regard to student academic, behavioral and overall expectations for high school age students. This year we seek to re-establish norms, routines and expectations which promote student academic success and build upon our positive and inclusive learning environment.

As stated above we are excited and eager for your return and look forward to working with all of our students for their optimal learning, growth and success. There are many academic and extracurricular opportunities and support for our students. Your learning, growth, steps to your dreams and future await; it only requires your active participation. Here's to a fun, positive, rigorous, creative and engaging school year.

In addition, we are holding a *Meet the Administration* on Wednesday, August 24, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the SHS Auditorium. This is an optional meeting with an informal Q and A format for parents.

*"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."  
—Abigail Adams*

Sincerely,  
Bryan Lombardi  
Principal

## Start of School

### Mandatory Class Orientations and Chromebook pick up schedule

The following are required meetings for all students on the day their class is scheduled.

- Grade 9: Wednesday, 8/24, 8:30am - 10:00am; Auditorium
- Grade 10: Wednesday, 8/24, 10:30am - 11:30am; Auditorium
- Grade 11: Wednesday, 8/24, 12:00pm - 1:00pm; Auditorium
- Grade 12: Friday, 8/26, 9:00am - 12:00pm. The following will take place during Seniors' Welcome Back Day:
  - Welcome back meeting; Auditorium
  - Chromebook pickup
  - Parking space painting
  - Lunch

### Chromebook Pick up

To receive a Chromebook all students and parents / guardians must complete the following forms and turn in on the day of their scheduled Class Orientation

- *Student Responsible Technology Use Guidelines form found [HERE](#)*
- *Stoneham Public Schools Parent / Guardian Photo Release Form found [HERE](#)*
- *Acknowledgement of receipt and review of Student - Parent Handbook [HERE](#)*

***Please print out, sign and bring with you when you when you pick up your Chromebook  
No Chromebook will be issued without all three of these completed forms.***

### Student Academic Schedules

Academic Schedules will be available for students on PowerSchool starting on Monday, August 15, 2022

### Course Changes

Course and level changes are discouraged. However, we acknowledge that at times course and/or level changes are necessary to best meet the needs of students. Therefore, changes will only be permitted for the following criteria:

- A prerequisite has not been met
- A course was made up in summer school
- To correct placement in an inappropriate academic level
- To meet high school graduation or college admissions requirements

If you notice any of the above schedule issues please contact your School Counselor as soon as possible to schedule a meeting. School Counselors will be available the week of August 22nd.

### SHS Student - Parent Handbook

We are sharing our recommended 2022-2023 SHS Student - Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

- Please note the following policy changes
  - Cell phone/earbuds are to be put away during all academic time.

### 2022-2023 SHS Academic School Year Calendar

The 2022-2023 SHS Academic School Year Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

**Please note that** our academic schedule is a continuous schedule regardless of snow days or other cancellations. If there is an unexpected school closure we will follow the next scheduled day as planned when school resumes. This calendar is also a live document and will be updated as needed. Please refer to it frequently to plan accordingly.

- SPS District Calendar [HERE](#)

## School Counselor Assignments for the 2022-2023 School Year

- A - E Mrs. Vaughn
- F - H Ms. Dillon
- I - O Ms. Ronayne
- P - Z Mr. Andrews

## Student Parking

The new high school building project has resulted in the loss of our former student parking lot and the making of a temporary parking lot. At this time the temporary parking lot is not yet complete and lined with spaces. This new temporary parking lot and our existing front parking lot are the only two areas for the parking of all SHS faculty, student parking and visitors. Upon an accurate counting of available parking spaces in the temporary and existing front parking lots combined with specific identification of spaces required for handicap access, visitors and all SHS faculty we will know exactly how many spaces will be available for student parking. Once we have determined how many available spaces we have for students we will communicate the availability for student parking. Our hope is that we will be able to accommodate all student drivers. If our spaces appear to be limited we will then utilize a process with priority to Seniors followed by Junior student drivers. We will communicate an update with details the week of August 15.

## FLEX Block

FLEX block provides students opportunities for academic support and enrichment activities and common planning time for teachers. Students should regularly and actively utilize FLEX to support their learning and academic success. Students should regularly seek out and schedule time with their teachers for any needed academic support.

- FLEX block is scheduled for the last period of each day in our two-day academic schedule. For the first three weeks of school, students will be reporting to their assigned FLEX advisor for each FLEX.
- Students will receive further details about FLEX Block at their orientation as well as the first day of school.
- Please note that, unless otherwise communicated, every Friday there is an early release with student dismissal at 2:16pm.

## Lockers

- Students will **not be assigned** a school locker. If you would like to request a school locker please contact Mr. Lombardi or Ms. Auger.
- Student - Athletes participating in Fall, Winter or Spring sports will be assigned an athletic room locker.

## Save the date

Wednesday, August 23rd: Athlete / Parent/Guardian / Coach Meeting: 6:30pm, Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 24th: Administration Meet and Greet: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Auditorium

- Optional meeting for all parents; Open Q and A format

Wednesday, August 24: Grade 9 Student Orientation and chromebook pick up: 8:30-10:00am, Football Field

Wednesday, August 24: Grade 10 Welcome back meeting and chromebook pick up: 10:30- 11:30am, Football Field

Wednesday, August 24: Grade 11 Welcome back meeting and chromebook pick up: 12:00-1:00pm, Football Field

Friday, August, 26th: Grade 12: Seniors Welcome Back Day, chromebook pick up, parking space painting and lunch : 9:00am - 12:00pm, Football Field

Wednesday, September 15: SHS Back To School Night: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**New Faces:**

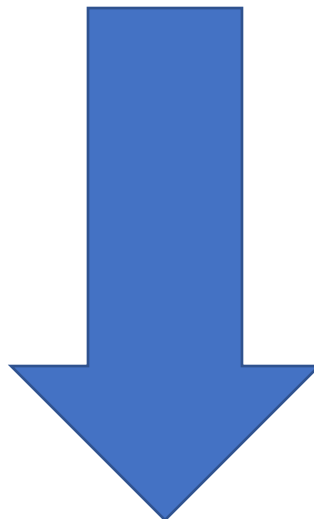
Please welcome the following new teachers and faculty members to Stoneham High School:

Michael Andrews School Counselor/Guidance Long Term Substitute  
Kiara Buchannan Mathematics  
Susannah Buzard Special Education/Long Term Substitute  
Emma Carleton Art  
Brigid Houlihan Special Education  
Talia Pepin English  
Karl Tenenholtz Mathematics  
Callie Wilhelmi Special Education  
Guiping Zhang Physics/Science  
TBD School Psychologist  
TBD World Language/Long Term Substitute  
TBD Health/Long Term Substitute  
TBD Special Education/Long Term Substitute  
TBD School Adjustment Counselor/Long Term Substitute  
TBD Special Education Coordinator

**Wednesday, August 31st / 1st Day**

Our first day is **Wednesday, August 31st**. Start time is **8:15** and all students are to report to their **first period / block A** course. It will be **Day One** of our two-day schedule rotation. The **Two-Day Daily schedule** is **below**; Students, I encourage you to take a picture with your phone for future reference and parents, I suggest posting the schedule on your refrigerator or an easy point of reference within your house.

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE IS BELOW  
YOU CAN TAKE A PICTURE AND SAVE TO YOUR PHONE



## SCHOOL DAY HOURS AND BELL SCHEDULES

School day hours: 8:15 - 2:50

- The building and cafeteria are open at 7:45am / Early Dismissal every Friday, unless otherwise noted, at 2:16pm

Key:

Transition between classes

Classes which meet Day 1 / 80 minutes in length

Classes which meet Day 2 / 80 minutes in length

Classes which meet every day / 50 minutes in length

Daily FLEX period / 55 Minutes in length

Time	DAY 1		DAY 2	
8:15 - 9:35	A Block (80 Min)		E Block (80 Min)	
Transition 9:35 - 9:39				
9:39 - 10:59	B Block (80 Min)		F Block (80 Min)	
Transition 10:59 - 11:03				
11:03 - 12:57	C Block (80 Min)  L = 30 Min	L1: 11:03 - 11:33 Class 11:37 - 12:57  L2: 11:47 - 12:17 Class 11:03 - 11:47 Class 12:21 - 12:57  L3: 12:27 - 12:57 Class 11:03 - 12:23	G Block (80 Min)	L1: 11:03 - 11:33 Class 11:37 - 12:57  L2: 11:47 - 12:17 Class 11:03 - 11:47 Class 12:21 - 12:57  L3: 12:27 - 12:57 Class 11:03 - 12:23
Transition 12:57 - 1:01				
1:01 - 1:51	D Block (50 Min)	1st ten minutes are for daily announcements	D Block (50 Min)	1st ten minutes are for daily announcements
Transition 1:51 - 1:55				
1:55 - 2:50	FLEX (55 Min)		FLEX (55 Min)	

Specific student lunch assignments will be announced and posted on the first day of school

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