

1/23/2022

Hello,

Tomorrow, with the start of the Third Quarter and Second Semester we enter the second half of the school year. There are many matrix to gauge a successful school year and so far with the continued weight of COVID in our daily lives we have been able to provide a supportive learning environment alongside a diverse range of extracurricular activities. In that measurement I find success.

With our continued efforts and commitment to adhering to safety, I am confident we will continue with the success of Semester One.

At the same time I am absolutely aware of the tremendous impact these times are having on our faculty and students. I am aware that as we navigate learning with all the implications brought on from COVID some aspects of school normalcy, tradition, teaching methods, technology use, etc. have been changed, canceled, or may never return to how it was. However, two things are certain, two things are constant. One, learning is a need, learning is lifelong; you always need to learn. Two, learning requires work, it requires some form of action.

I share this to remind our students that their learning requires their direct involvement and action. Action of engaging in the learning process with work completion, active and ongoing engagement within their courses and their teacher and consistent use of FLEX block opportunities to support learning needs.

The mid-year is a good time for students to reflect on their school performance and to identify the actions which supported their success. It is also a time to identify actions that would support improvement. Carry forward actions that support success and add those to assist. Teachers and School Counselors are always available to support your learning.

Here's to a good start to the second semester and continued success for all of our students.

Have a great week!

Communication

We kindly ask that you utilize the following links as first resources to find the information you are seeking prior to contacting the Main Office.

[SHS Handbook Here](#)

Daily Bulletin

- New

- [1/24/2022](#)

- Old

- [1/21/2022](#)

- [1/20/2022](#)

- [1/19/2022](#)

[5 Day Schedule HERE](#)

[SHS School Year Calendar HERE](#)

SHS Web Page:

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

FaceBook:

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

Save the Date

Monday, 1/24; 1st day of Quarter 3 / Semester 2
Thursday, 1/27; Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, 2/2; Q2 / S1 Grades due by 3:00pm
Monday, 2/7 - Wednesday, 2/15; Teacher Course Recommendation Period
Wednesday, 2/9; Faculty Meeting / 3:00 - 4:00pm
Monday, 2/21 - Friday, 2/25; School Closed / Winter Vacation

Updated School Year Calendar

 [2021-2022 SHS School Year Calendar : Updated 9:...](#)

2022-2023 Course Selection

The course selection process for the 2022-2023 school year will begin over the next couple of weeks before Winter Vacation

- Prior to Winter Vacation students and parents can expect to receive the 2022-2023 Program of Studies
 - Upon receipt of the Program of Studies we encourage all students and parents / guardians to read and review to assist with the course selection process.
- During this time students will also meet individually with each of their teachers for course recommendations.
- Students, utilizing their teachers, school counselors and parent / guardians to assist in course selection, are encouraged to select courses that provide them academic rigor and challenge as well as those courses of personal interest and passion.

Counselor's Corner

Interested in the medical field?

- **Lahey Hospital and Medical Center is offering a summer program in Medical Research.**
 - Selected students will receive a Certificate in Medical Research as well as a monetary stipend.
 - There is a 20-30 hour/week commitment from June 27 - August 19.
 - Interested high school students are encouraged to apply.
 - The application (along with the parent consent form for minors) is due by February 11, 2022.
 - [Application HERE](#)
 - [Parent / Guardian Consent HERE](#)

Attention Seniors

- **Honey Dew Donuts** will be offering one scholarship to a deserving college bound student of the Class of 2022.
 - Preference for this scholarship will be for any student who is employed at Honey Dew Donuts.
 - If you are a member of the Class of 2022 and currently working at Honey Dew Donuts, please see your school counselor ASAP

All Parents

- MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) is offering a variety of upcoming webinars related to college planning and financing. More information and registration here:
 - <https://www.mefa.org/events>

SAT / PSAT Information

- **SAT test dates at SHS**
 - March 12, 2022
 - Registration deadline February 11, 2022
 - June 4, 2022
 - Registration deadline: May 5, 2022

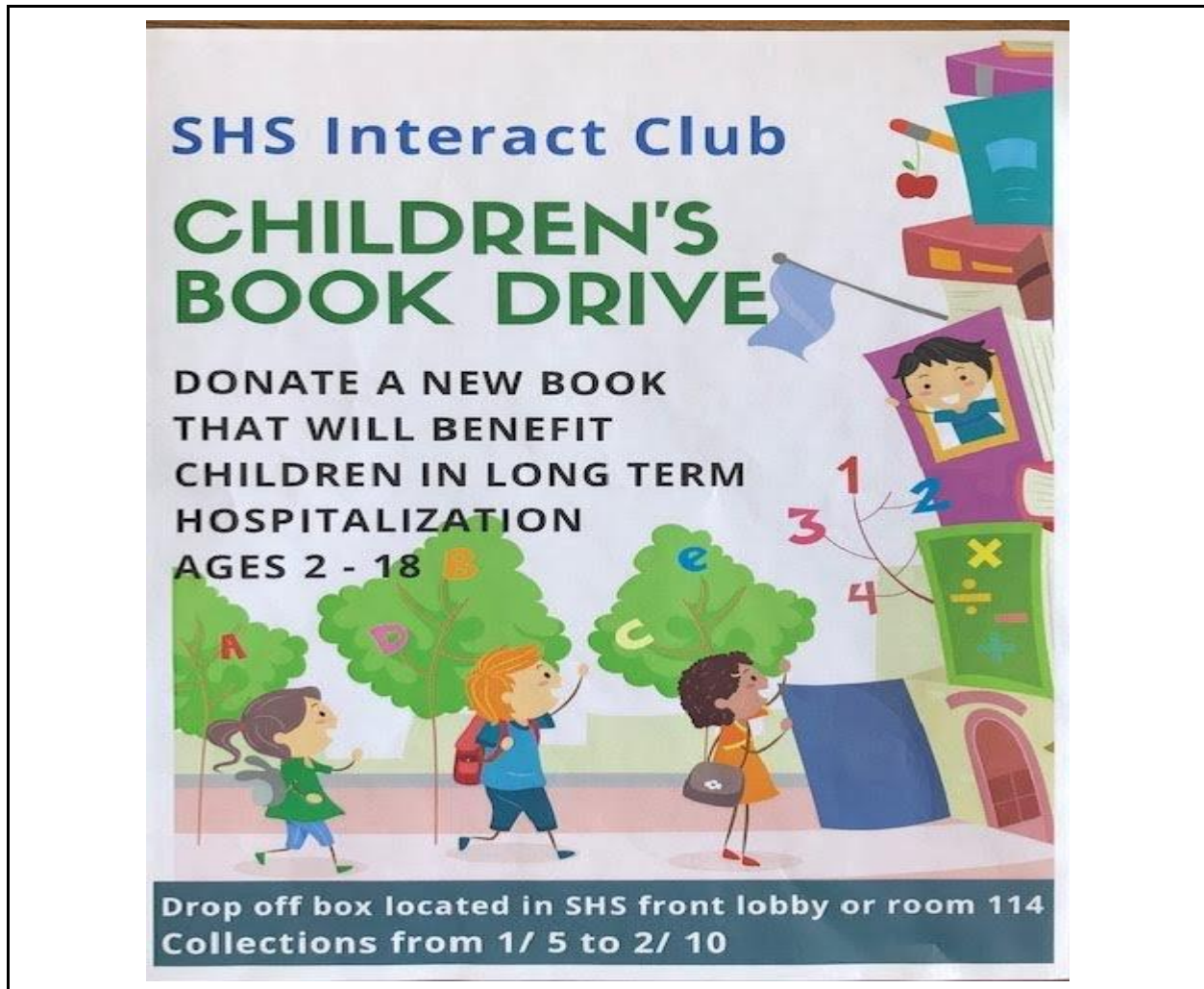
Athletics

Week in Sports 1/24/2022 - 1/30/2022 [HERE](#)

Picture Retake

Picture retake day will occur Thursday, 1/27.

Interact Club / Children's Book Drive



National Honor Society / Application Process

Recently, some decisions have been made about the practices of the National Honor Society and what is in the best interest of our students. This includes how and when student GPAs are calculated in order to qualify for the 4.1 GPA requirement.

We have shifted the timeline of when this calculation occurs to after the first semester of Junior and Senior year. We believe this will provide a more accurate report of the current GPA, taking into consideration the rigorous schedule in which many students are currently enrolled.

The goal of this shift creates an equitable process for our students that allows us to best acknowledge their achievements.

After students are identified based upon the 4.1 GPA requirement they will receive an electronic letter inviting them to start the process of joining the National Honor Society. Students will then complete the application process which is based upon how they have met the criteria for the four pillars identified by the constitution of the National Honor Society.

These four pillars are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The application will ask students to provide evidence of these pillars in their daily life as well as a written personal statement addressing how they embody these four pillars.

Spartan Enrichment Organization (SEO) / January Newsletter

[January Newsletter HERE](#)

Students: Winter Work Opportunities

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

- Stoneham DPW
 - 16 Pine Street
- \$15 per hour
 - Apply in person
 - Must be 16 years of age or older

Parent / Guardian Support

Stoneham Coalition for A Safe and Healthy Coalition: Join us for this year's *Parent University*, a fun, half day event for parents with students of any age that provides knowledge and advice from community experts through a series of free workshops focusing on student's educational experience and well-being

More information on the *Parent University* can be found here:

- <https://www.stonehamcoalition.org/parent-university>