

11/28/2021

Good evening,

I hope this message finds you rested and in good spirits from the Thanksgiving Holiday Break. We enter the beginning of December with our Drama Club production, excitement for the beginning of the Winter Sports season, a Semi-formal dance for grade 9 and 10 students, and a variety of planned activities from our extracurricular clubs. Add in the anticipation of the holidays and we have a busy three and a half weeks. Parent/guardian - Teacher conferences will be held this Wednesday, December 1. Further details are provided below. Conferences will provide parents / guardians with up to date feedback and information regarding their student's academic and learning progress. Parents/Guardians and students are reminded and encouraged to utilize FLEX block opportunities to support academic success and to address any concerns or needed support for their learning.

Drawing upon the community theme of Thanksgiving and the pending holidays, as well as our desire to create a truly inclusive learning community, I share with you a concern that we will be working to address. It has been shared by students and faculty of observable incidents of language use, particularly in hallways and larger student gatherings, that would be defined as derogatory, slurs and hate speech. Whether the use of derogatory language is direct or indirect it all has a negative and harmful impact on individuals within our community as well as our community as a whole.

Words, language and / or statements that are derogatory, are a slur or fall within the definition of hate speech will not be tolerated at Stoneham High School. We are well beyond the message of, "watch your language" and will respond vigorously whenever an incident of this nature occurs. Over the next few weeks Student Leaders from team Captains to Peer Leaders to Class Officers will help speak with fellow students about our school culture and how to support an inclusive community where all students feel welcome, accepted and respected. Teachers will utilize teaching moments within their curriculums to connect with an inclusive community.

I ask parents / guardians to assist in the establishing and maintaining of our inclusive school culture and to speak with their students about the power and impact of language and types of speech supportive of a positive and inclusive community. We are a school of encouragement, acceptance, support and respect for ALL students and members of our community.

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

○ [11/29/2021](#)

• Old

○ [11/24/2021](#)

○ [11/23/2021](#)

○ [11/22/2021](#)

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, 11/29; Start of Winter Athletic Season

Wednesday, 12/1; Parent / Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

- Half day student dismissal; 12:15pm

Friday, 12/3; James and The Giant Peach, 7:00pm

Saturday, 12/4; James and The Giant Peach, 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Friday, 12/10: Grade 9 and 10 Semi-Formal; SHS Cafeteria, 6:00 - 10:00pm

Parent Conferences / Wednesday 12/1/2021

School schedule

- Half day schedule / Students dismissed at 12:15pm

Parent / Guardian Conferences / 5:00pm - 8:00pm

- In Person and Remote Meetings

- If in person

- Please arrive on time
- Wait outside of assigned meeting location
- Teacher will let you into the classroom

- If Remote

- Please arrive on time
- Click on GoogleMeet link for individual teacher
- Teacher will let you into the meeting

- [Remote meeting links HERE](#)

Rise and Shine Card Company

The High School Rise students are sharing a brand new video to show us how they make the cards for the Rise & Shine Card Company!

- [Check out the video here!](#)

Cards are available for purchase and support material costs and program activities. If interested please contact Mr. Roberts at kroberts@stonehamschools.org

Seal of Biliteracy / Seniors

Seal of Biliteracy: For all seniors who may qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy (guidelines [here](#)), please register using this [link](#) by Friday, December 3rd. Even if you aren't sure if you qualify you may still fill out the registration form and the coordinator will get in touch with you. Also, please join the Seal of Biliteracy Google Classroom by using the join code [jutiafm](#), announcements will be posted here. For more information, you can email or see Mrs. Mills in room 234, or see any World Language classroom teacher for a QR code to more information.

Counselor's Corner: Scholarships Available

Seniors

All seniors who are seeking a college degree or job training are eligible to compete in the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Scholarship Awards Program, with awards totaling over half a million dollars. To qualify, students must register for an examination consisting of multiple choice questions and an essay related to labor history. A study guide is available online. There is a firm deadline of December 17, 2021 to register for the exam, which will be administered between Jan. 31 and Feb. 4, 2022. Further details will be sent out following the registration deadline. All registration is online at: www.massafclcio.org/scholarships

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

Drama Club Fall Production: James and The Giant Peach / December 3rd and 4th

James and The Giant Peach
Performance Dates:
Friday, 12/3; 7pm
Saturday, 12/4; 2pm and 7pm

Tickets:
Adults / \$12
Students / \$9
Children 5 and under / \$5

Athletics

First day of winter sports

- Monday, November 29
- FamilyID, physical and payment must be completed and received by the Athletic Office no later than 11/29
 - Online registration through FamilyID
 - <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/stoneham-high-athletics>
 - No student will be permitted to participate in any Winter Sport tryout, practice or competition without a complete registration packet

Student Recognitions

Quarter One Honor Rolls

- **High Honors;** A minimum of five “A”s and no grade lower than a “B” in all subjects.
 - **High Honors List** [HERE](#)
- **Honors;** A minimum of all “B”s in all subjects.
 - **Honors List** [HERE](#)

Massachusetts HOBY Leadership Seminar Selection

- Congratulations to sophomore **Nicole D'Souza**, who has been selected to represent Stoneham High School at the Massachusetts HOBY Leadership Seminar, to be held on the campus of Bentley University in June, 2022. Participants will take part in hands-on activities and hear powerful presentations from innovative and passionate speakers while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in their community.

MassSTAR Citizenship Conference Selection

- Congratulations to sophomore **Ariana Montenegro**, who has been selected to represent Stoneham High School at the MassSTAR Citizenship Conference, to be held in May, 2022. The workshops, speakers, and activities planned for this conference aim to demonstrate to students

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

SEO / Spartan Enrichment Organization

[November NewsLetter HERE](#)

COVID Vaccination Clinic @ SHS 12/9/2021

As recently shared by the Superintendent, Stoneham Public Schools will be holding a COVID Vaccination Clinic at Stoneham High School on **Thursday, December 9.**

To help facilitate this clinic, Stoneham High School will have a 2:30 pm early dismissal.

If you have any questions regarding the clinic and vaccinations please connect with Sandra Malzone, Lead Nurse, Stoneham Public Schools at smalzone@stonehamschools.org

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>