11/7/2021

Hello,

The second academic quarter of the year begins after a busy weekend for SHS Athletics with first round advances for our Football and Boys and Girls Soccer teams. Congratulations and continued success in the next round. A big thank you to our Volleyball Team who concluded a successful season after a positive representation of SHS in a first round tournament loss.

The next month will bring us MIAA State Tournament athletic games, Spirit Week, Spartan Day, the start of Winter Sports and to start December, our Fall Production of James and The Giant Peach. Add into this Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Break and you have a shortened month of school days with many activities that need to be balanced with student's academic work and engagement in their learning. To best enjoy the many upcoming activities, as well as other planned SHS Club events and FLEX enrichments, students are strongly encouraged to thoughtfully and strategically schedule academic support with their teachers and to make effective use of the FLEX block to support their learning and a strong second quarter.

Have a great week. GO Spartans!!!

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

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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, 11/8; Start of Quarter 2

Thursday, 11/11: No School / Veterans Day

Wednesday, 11/17; 8th Grade Parents Night, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday, 11/18; Picture Day

Wednesday, 11/24; Half Day Dismissal / Thanksgiving Day Break Thursday, 11/25 - Friday, 11/26; No School / Thanksgiving Day Break Monday, 11/29; Start of Winter Athletic Season Wednesday, 12/1; Parent / Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Driving / Drop Off & Pick Up

In support of maintaining an orderly and safe student drop off and pick up system we ask all parents and guardians to follow the established traffic routes and adhere to the following.

- Please do not stop and drop off along the route until you reach a space on the front sidewalk.
- Please do not cut across open parking spaces to jump ahead of any line.

These considerations reduce distractions and elements of surprise during a time of high traffic with both cars and student foot traffic.

Parent / Guardian / Teacher Conferences

Five minute Parent-Teacher Conferences will occur on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm with both in-person and remote options.

- Each conference will be for 5 minutes with a scheduled 2 minute transition between all meetings.
- The number of appointments you may make is not limited, but only 1 per teacher.
- Teachers will let you into the meeting upon the scheduled start time.
- Parents / guardians will schedule their conferences through SignUp Genius.
- We will release the *SignUp Genius* link and directions for registration within the next two weeks.

Health and Wellness Committee

Stoneham Schools Wellness Committee is looking for parent and community member representation.

- This committee will be meeting this year Nov 15, 2021, Dec 6 2021, Jan 10th, Feb 7th, March 7th, April 11th (if needed), and May 16th (if needed).
- All meetings run from 3:15PM-4:15PM.
- Meetings this year will take place with an in-person and virtual option.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Assistant Superintendent David Ljungberg (dljungberg@stonehamschools.org) or Health Teacher Patrick Healey (phealey@stonehamschools.org).

Classroom Needs

Infant Carriers

Looking for "gently used" infant carriers/car seats for the Child Development Real Care Baby project. Seeking 4 - 10 carriers.

If you can help please contact Ms. Strout at nstrout@stonehamschools.org

Supports SHS Drama Club

Tacos and Drama Club!!!! Eat a meal and support SHS Drama November 17, 2021. 5:00pm - 7:00pm

- Taco Cartel
- Further details **HERE**

Athletics

Winter Sports Registration and Winter Sport Meetings

- Opens Monday, November 1 st
 - Online registration through FamilyID
 - https://www.familyid.com/organizations/stoneham-high-athletics
 - FamilyID, physical and payment must be completed and received by the Athletic
 Office no later than 11/29
 - No student will be permitted to participate in any Winter Sport tryout, practice or competition without a complete registration packet

Winter Sport Athlete and Coaches Meeting

- Tuesday, November 9th
 - o After school in the gymnasium
 - o Mandated for all Winter Sport Student Athletes

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
 - No student will be permitted to participate in any Winter Sport tryout, practice or competition without a complete registration packet

Drama Club Fall Production / James and The Giant Peach / Show Dates

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

Thanksgiving Food drive

Stoneham High is collecting Thanksgiving food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

If you are interested in donating, there is a box located in the front lobby of the high school.

Items must be donated by Nov. 10th.

Needed items:

Flour Sugar

Vanilla Condiments and Dressing

Baking Powder and soda Gravy

Vegetable oil Jellies/Jams

Stuffing mix Canned fruit for pies

Cranberry Sauce Jiffy pie crust

Cocoa Mix Packets/Boxes of mashed potatoes

Canned goods: green beans, corn

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Information / Parents

Advanced Placement May Test deadline is November 15. A \$40 late fee is applied after November 15.

Further information including for those students qualifying for financial assistance can be found: <u>AP</u> Testing FAO **HERE**

Counselor's Corner

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:
 - o https://www.mefa.org/events

SAT / PSAT Information

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

YearBook / Senior Picture UPDATES

The deadline for Prestige sittings is November 15th

- Prestige Portraits will come to SHS on Friday, November 12th from 9:00am 2:40pm
 - o 40 Appointments available
 - For appointments parents/students should email Mr. Von Sneidern; kvonsneidern@stonehamschools.org
 - o \$20 fee
 - Checks should be payable to Prestige (no cash).
 - Refundable once students return the proofs.

Information for Josten's picture upload link and other important Yearbook information and deadlines can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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

Supporting our Veterans

StonehamChamber of Commerce Stoneham Veterans Day Support, Honor, Run 11/11/2021 at Stoneham Town Hall 11:00am <u>Flyer and more info HERE</u>