

12/12/2021

Good evening,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable weekend. We enter our final full week before the Holiday Break. This week will bring us our second week of Winter Sports competitions, a variety of Club activities and our Holiday Concert on Wednesday, 12/15. As always there is much going on for students and much to plan for.

The end of Semester 1 is a few school weeks away and with so many school activities, holiday celebrations and the Holiday Vacation it is easy to put things off. Students should be encouraged to thoughtfully utilize remaining FLEX block opportunities to connect with their teachers and support their academic success as needed.

Wishing everyone 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

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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

Wednesday, 12/15: Winter Concert; SHS Auditorium, 7:00pm

Thursday, 12/23: Half Day Dismissal; 12:15PM

Friday, 12/24 - Friday, 1/31: School closed / Holiday Break

Friday, 1/14: Half Day Dismissal; 12:15PM / District PD

Peer leaders / Our School Community

The Peer Leaders will be focusing on treating their classmates with respect and understanding. They will be facilitating activities that ask students to put themselves in someone else's shoes and understand

how their actions and words affect others. There will be an emphasis on how to effectively stand up and speak up when you see someone acting inappropriately.

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.

Counselor's Corner: Scholarships Available

All Students

Northeast Metro Tech is hosting a 12-week Saturday Exploratory Program for any student interested in exploring the world of vocational education, as well as pursuing opportunities in the Engineering fields, or any other technology driven career pathway through CAD and Robotics.

The program runs for 12 weeks with each career-technical exploratory lasting 4 sessions.

The sessions will run 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm on the following dates:

Session 1 : January 8, 15, 22, 29

Session 2: February 5, 12, 26, March 5

Session 3: March 12, 19, 26, April 2

This program is FREE to all students. Registration is due January 4, 2022.

For more information or to fill out an application, please contact your school counselor or stop by the Guidance Office.

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.massafcio.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

Athletics

[The Week in Sports 12/13 - 12/19 HERE](#)

Spartan Enrichment Organization (SEO) / December Newsletter

December Newsletter [HERE](#)

Junior Class Fundraiser

Stoneham High Poinsettia Fundraiser



Why purchase a poinsettia plant?

- Donate one to a family in need (we deliver them)!
- Give as a holiday gift (to grandma or nana)!
- Show appreciation to your favorite teacher!
- Bring as a hostess gift!
- Decorate your space!

Order Information:

- \$10 per plant (comes in a foil wrapped 4.5" pot w/ multiple blooms)
- Pay with Venmo (see below)
- Record your name in the Venmo comments section
- Pick up plants in SHS lobby at 2:50 p.m. on Thursday December 16th

Proceeds will be given to Stoneham families in need. Quantities limited (200 total).

Email kvonsneidern@stonehamschools.org w/ questions.



SHS Athletic Booster Club Fundraiser

Only two weeks left in our Stoneham Booster Club Fundraiser.
Please help us reach our goal.

You can help by visiting our online fundraising store and sharing:

- Visit Store:
 - Please click the “Go to Fundraiser” button below to visit my fundraising page.
 - Selling gourmet popcorn via the online store and I would truly appreciate the support
- Sharing:
 - You can help share this fundraiser via email, text and social media by clicking the “help by sharing” icons found on the fundraiser homepage after clicking “Go To Fundraiser” below.

Go to Fundraiser: <https://wefund4u.com/fundraiser/stonehambc21/c/367874>

Thank you so much for your support!

New High School Building Project

Starting Monday, 12/ 6 to Monday, 12/13 a Thermal Conductivity Test will be initiated. The testing area is in the Student Parking Lot vicinity and will be clearly marked and cordoned off.

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>