

The Spartan Spirit

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ALICE

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ALICE: Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate

The Stoneham High School students and staff participated in ALICE training this past month. It is important to be prepared for any type of emergency. Hopefully, we do not have to deal with a school shooter or intruder of any kind, but thanks to our training, we are better prepared in case of such an emergency.

The basis of the drill was to instruct the members of Stoneham High School on how to handle threats such as intruders or active shooters. During our drill, Mrs. Cargill presented the students four different scenarios that each class had to then decide on the best methods possible for the scenario. Mrs. Cargill also told students that they will keep practicing different parts of ALICE for the future. A huge thank you to the Stoneham Police Department, NEMLEC STARS and our school administration and staff who instructed us on what to do.

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SHS Sports
Spring Sports
Written by Angela McKenzie

The warm weather is rolling in and it's officially time for spring sports. Let's take a look at how the Spartans will shape up in the coming months!

Baseball: The SHS baseball team is looking to make a strong impact on the Middlesex League. In the opening days of their season, they have struggled to secure their first win. However, with strong leadership and a great pool of talent, they are sure to obtain a position in the postseason.

Lacrosse: Both the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams are poised to have a championship season. With both teams bringing in stellar athletes from the boys' and girls' hockey teams looking to repeat winter season success, the two teams are sure to emerge as strong teams.

Softball: A new coach and a new season could promise a new ideal for the Spartans. Like the baseball team, the girls have yet to secure their first win but are still swinging for success and hoping for a postseason.

Tennis: Despite little success during last spring season, both sides of the tennis team are hopeful for success in the 2018 season. On the girls' side, sophomore standout Stephanie Lee is a promising asset who will hopefully lead the way for the team in scoring. On the boys' side, leadership from the seniors is expected to boost the team this season!

Outdoor Track: After securing both the cross country and indoor league championships, the outdoor track team is on track to secure the running triple crown. There is promise on both the boys' and girls' side for dominance at the league and state levels. Additionally, individual efforts put forth by the athletes are sure to ensure a long, prosperous postseason.

SHS Voice

Op/Ed

Should We Celebrate Earth Day?

Pro-Earth Day

Written by Lindsey Rodrigues

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day is becoming increasingly important as our combustion of fossil fuels, our great consumption and disposal of products, and our continued use of herbicides and pesticides are destroying our environment. Although we should always take care of our environment and make conscious choices to preserve its beauty, Earth Day helps us remember our reliance on the Earth and that it is truly our one home. Earth Day is also a chance for those who usually do not think of the environment to take a day and reflect upon their actions. Some may argue that Earth Day is an unnecessary event. Their arguments may be that everyone should always be environmentally conscious or that Earth should not have a holiday. Yes, everyone should always consider the environment in their daily lives, but sometimes we forget, and Earth Day allows us to dedicate one day out of our busy lives to conserve the environment. If anything, Earth should be celebrated everyday. It literally supplies us with everything we need. Without it and without the environment contained upon it, we would not be here. Earth Day is essential because it educates us about our environment and promotes environmental protection. In honor of Earth Day, there was a Stoneham Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the Stoneham Common.

Against Earth Day

Written by Heer Patel

Earth Day is the one day of the year that I see my community remember the importance of the Earth and acknowledge why it is crucial to preserve our world. While appreciating the Earth is a great thing, I am against Earth Day because that is the only day that people feel the need to acknowledge the environment. For this one day every year, people will go on social media and post about the importance of our planet, but then the next day they will be back to throwing their trash on the side of the street and forgetting to recycle. People should learn to appreciate Earth on a daily basis instead of thinking of Earth Day as the one day they need to go out of their way to do anything for the environment. So celebrate the Earth! But do it everyday instead of just one day out of the whole year.

SHS Student Life

April Vacation

Written by Grace Mullane

Edited by Juliana Choi

While April may bring rain showers, it also brings spring break! This year, SHS students had some very exciting plans for their week off from school. Seniors finally looked forward to being able to relax as they begin to commit to colleges, while the juniors began to go on college tours as they consider their future plans. Sophomores anticipated a week of relaxation after taking the English MCAS and awaiting the math and Biology tests later in the year. While Spartans were not be in school, many still participated in school activities such as sports and drama. SHS students also reported fun vacation plans to amazing destinations. Everyone is eager to spend time with family and friends and to have a week away from the demands of school. With the spring season in full bloom, April Vacation is a busy week for Spartans!

SHS Junior Prom

Written by Czenil Santander

Edited by Juliana Choi

As the winter season comes to end, prom season begins! On Friday, April 6, Stoneham High School held their 2018 Junior Prom at Indian Ridge Country Club. The junior class was dismissed early that day in order for them to have enough time for preparation and pictures. Although only juniors were dismissed, a handful of students from the other classes were invited by their peers as dates, and joined them later in the day. Students arrived at the country club at 7 p.m. to be greeted with energetic music and an Italian-style buffet. Professional pictures were also offered at the event. From 7-11 p.m., students enjoyed a night of dancing, food, friends and fun. It was truly a night to remember!



SHS Arts
Spring Musical
Written by Gianna Egitto
Edited by Juliana Choi

Salagadoola mechicka boola bibbidi-bobbidi-boo! This year's spring musical production is *Cinderella*. The showing of the play was changed to May 11 and 12, so please do not forget to buy tickets and show your support for the SHS Drama Club! *Cinderella* is going to be full of magic, singing and dancing, led by the beautiful Isabella Childs, who is playing Cinderella, and Ross Blauvelt, playing the charming Prince Topher. The process is proceeding very well, as the costumes have been picked out for each character, the art department is wrapping up their big set pieces, and the scenes are being glued together to complete the musical. However, when this year's spring musical comes to an end, the Drama Club will be saying goodbye to the seniors: Marc Aronis, Hannah Boussy, Jared Ciccia, John Drohan, Jack Kruse, Khadidja Ramdani, Mike Reilly, McKenzie Schmidt, and Jess Su. Join the Drama Club in watching their performance of *Cinderella*, and feel free to sit back, relax, and sing along! *Put 'em together and what have you got? Bippity-boppity-boo!*



Teacher Feature

Written by Alison Beaton

I did a Teacher Feature on our school nurse, Mrs. Sandra Malzone:

A. Beaton - How long have you been a nurse?

Mrs. Malzone - 28 years.

A. Beaton - Where did you go to school?

Mrs. Malzone - Salem State University.

A. Beaton - Did you ever work in a hospital or doctor's office? And was there a certain field you were in?

Mrs. Malzone - I worked at Lahey Clinic, then became a community health nurse in Melrose. I also worked at Central Elementary School for three years before coming to the high school in 2014.

A. Beaton - What do you dislike about nursing?

Mrs. Malzone - There has been an increase in the amount of paperwork that needs to be completed.

A. Beaton - Do you feel nurses are underappreciated?

Mrs. Malzone - I believe that in today's society, there is a high level of respect for nurses.

A. Beaton - Why/How did you end up as the SHS nurse or in a school setting?

Mrs. Malzone - After having children, I wanted to get back into nursing; however, I did not want to work nights required in the hospital setting. It was suggested to me that the schools needed substitute nurses. For two years, I substituted in all the Stoneham Public Schools. After Mrs. Ricupero retired from Central School, I became the full time nurse. When the Central Elementary School closed, I became the full time nurse at SHS. By far, it is my favorite job and I enjoy working with the students and staff at SHS!