

# The Spartan Spirit

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## MCAS

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The ELA MCAS took place on March 27, 28 and 29, 2018. March 27 was the ELA Long Composition and March 28 and 29 consisted of open response and multiple choice questions. The sophomores and English teachers have worked diligently in preparation and students were well prepared for this test. Here are some tips for students that apply to all standardized tests:

- Try to get at least 8 hours of sleep the night before the exam.
- Eat a healthy breakfast on the morning of the test.
- Bring number two pencils and erasers.
- Bring water and snacks to eat during the break.
- Answer all questions- it is better to try to answer than to leave a question blank!
- Read all questions and answer choices carefully.
- Choose the BEST answer that satisfies all conditions of a question.
- Eliminate answer choices that you know are incorrect.
- Answer all parts of open response questions.
- Review all work before passing your test in.
- Stay calm! You've got this!

Good luck to all students taking the next set of MCAS tests!

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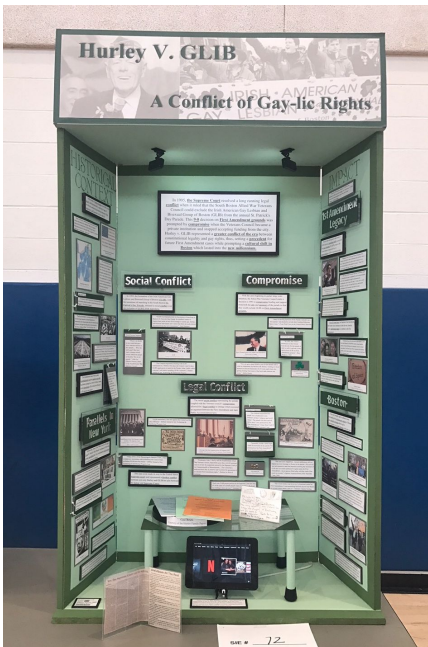
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## SHS Academics

### National History Day

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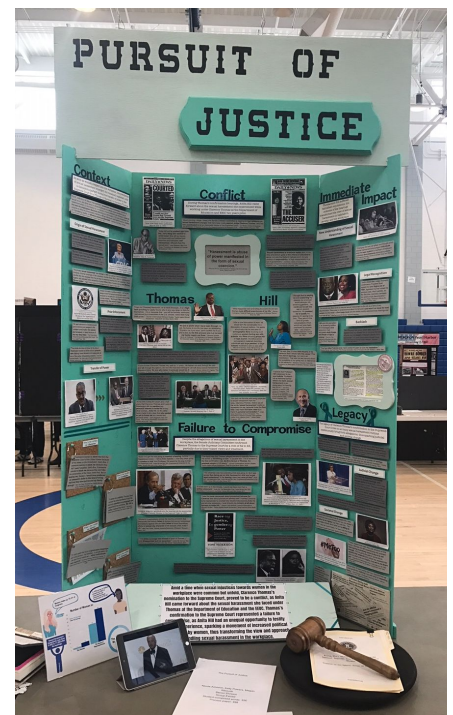


Throughout the winter, many students have dedicated many hours of work to their National History Day projects. In January, 37 students boasting 20 unique projects between them were chosen to represent Stoneham High School at the Greater Boston District Contest on Sunday, March 4. Following in the footsteps of many successful Spartans in years past, many students placed in the top three in their category, advancing to the Massachusetts state contest to be held on Saturday, April 7. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History" and students created projects pertaining to this theme.

Our students showed great success in the senior category, advancing 9 projects out of the total 27 projects moving on. Izac Qian and Sydney Shepherd won first and third place respectively in the senior individual performance category. Eli Yoder took first in the senior individual documentary category, while Gaby Berniac took third in the senior individual

website category. The Spartans especially dominated the senior exhibit category, both individual and group, winning 5 out of the 6 spots available. Angela McKenzie, Annalisa Eramo, and Walter Conway placed first, second, and third respectively in the individual exhibit category, while in the group exhibit category, Nicole Aronson, Kelly Powers, and Megan Ribaldo took first prize and Jillian Flynn and Maeve Haughey received second place. Additionally, Czenil Santander received an honorable mention and the Frederick Douglass award for her exhibit on Nannie Helen Burroughs.

Over the past few years, Stoneham High School has had many students win awards at the state and national competitions under the guidance of the social studies program supervisor, Mrs. Sampson, and the assistance of our librarian, Mrs. Connelly. We would like to congratulate these students and wish them the best of luck as they move forward in the National History Day process!



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**SHS Student Life**  
**Foreign Language Week**  
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From March 5 to March 9, the Stoneham High School community celebrated National Foreign Language week. Events that occurred ranged from the French Club soiree (which was open to all) showing the movie “The Little Prince” (“Le Petit Prince”) on March 5, followed by a media contest and cake contest. Originally, the Foreign Language Club attempted to hold a cultural celebration on March 8 which was moved to March 14; however, the celebration was inevitably cancelled because of the snow storms that hit our community. Despite the fewer activities this year, the Foreign Language Club continued to decorate the school with different posters and the community still celebrated despite the reduced activity and time. The spirit of Foreign Language Week continued to echo through the foreign language classrooms in the following days, as many students who had initially created pastries and cakes for the cultural celebration were allowed to share their baked goods with their peers.



**Carnival Ball**

Written by Gianna Egitto and Alison Beaton

Carnival Ball this year was a major hit! The theme was “Talk Shows” and each grade put on their best performances. This year’s freshmen rocked it out with Kelly and Ryan with “American Idol Previews,” while the sophomores talked the night away with Ellen. Tweeting up those funny tweets, the juniors performed their best Jimmy Kimmel. However, by far, the seniors take home the win with Jimmy Fallon, showing their appreciation, reenacting their funny “Mad Libs,” and belting it out with their “Lip Sync Battle.” The Court’s recreation of “Mean Tweets” aroused the audience and they awed friends and family while looking beautiful and elegant, ending the show with the traditional waltz. The teachers’ act was missed but hopefully they can bring it back next year. Nevertheless, the Peer Leaders and the RISE put on a wonderful and enjoyable dance on Friday to Shakira’s “Waka-Waka.” This year’s hosts, Marc Aronis and Mike Reilly, anchored a magnificent show. Mr. Carino produced another successful Carnival Ball and thank you to all who were involved with the 2018 Carnival Ball!



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## **SHS Arts**

### **Drama Club**

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The Stoneham High School Drama Club has had a very eventful month. Although their Winter Festival production of “Missing,” written by Reza de Wet, did not move on to semi-finals, several students received awards. Congratulations to Grace Gill for receiving an acting award for the role of Gertie, and to Shannon Tracy, Sydney Shepherd, and David Levine for receiving lighting awards. The spring musical will be the new, Broadway version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's “Cinderella.” Auditions were held after school on March 19 in the auditorium. The show will take place on both Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12. Both shows will be at 7 p.m. and tickets will be \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. Also, during the week of the show, tickets will be sold at both first and second lunch for only \$5. Good luck to all students involved in the show!