

Principal's Message
October 1, 2018

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

Thank you to all the families who attended Back-to-School Night last week!

Parents, guardians and students are invited to attend a free seminar on paying for college, which will be held on Wednesday, October 3, at 6:00pm in the Stoneham High School Cafeteria. An experienced MEFA representative from Tufts University Office of Financial Aid will provide an overview of the college financing process, including types of financial aid, how to apply, and financing options for your family. You can download a copy of the seminar presentation in English or Spanish and explore other tools and resources to assist you in the college planning process at mefa.org. **Immediately following this presentation, we will invite parents/guardians of seniors to meet with their student's school counselor for an informational meeting regarding the college process.**

The students and staff of Stoneham High School will host an Open House on Monday, October 15, 2018 from **5:30-7:00** pm for current eighth graders and their families. Please note the earlier start time to allow parents and guardians to attend Town Meeting that evening. The Open House will consist of brief presentations in the auditorium at 5:30 pm, followed by tours of the school. All Grade 8 students who reside in Stoneham are encouraged to attend.

Vision, hearing and BMI screening will take place on Thursday, October 4, during Physical Education class for all tenth grade students. Students who have Physical Education second semester will be tested in February. Please contact Sandra Malzone, school nurse, at 781-279-3810 x1317 with any questions.

The students and staff of SHS had a successful evacuation drill last week. We made it to the Boys' and Girls' Club and back to school in very little time. Our students were completely cooperative during the walk and understand the importance of having on-site and off-site evacuation drills.

The first SEPAC meeting is October 2 at 7pm in the Stoneham High School Library. All parents and staff members are welcome!

On October 5 during the home football game, the Booster Club will be selling tickets for the \$10,000 Dollar Night Fundraiser. Each ticket is 100.00 and they will be on sale at the Booster Club Snack Hut. Please support the Booster Club! They provide financial resources that benefit all student athletes!

On Friday, October 5, at 7:30 pm a special presentation of *The Phantom of the Opera* will be held at Stoneham Town Hall, located at 35 Central Street, Stoneham. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at exploreboston.com. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Application forms for free and reduced lunch are available on the office counter and a PDF of the form is posted on our website. Please contact the office if you have any questions or difficulties with obtaining a form.

Please note SHS students will be dismissed at noon on Friday, October 5, so that staff may participate in professional development. Also, the building will be closed on Monday, October 8, for Columbus Day.

Enjoy the week!
Donna Cargill
Principal
Stoneham High School