

Principal's Message
December 3, 2018

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

Thank you to all parents and guardians who helped us to have two successful events for our students. The semi-formal dance was wonderful, thanks to the efforts of the class officers and their faculty advisors. As for the Super Bowl game, we received many compliments about the respectfulness of our band, cheerleaders and football team. These groups of students and others who attended the game certainly represented Stoneham well!

Photographers from Lifetouch Studios will be at SHS on **Tuesday, December 4**, in the auditorium from 8-10 am to take photos of any student who missed picture day or who needs a retake. Please let your student(s) know if you wish for their school photo to be taken again. In addition, Lifetouch Studios and Shutterfly are offering limited online purchase specials before December 20. Please go to mylifetouch.com or ask your student to pick up a flyer in the school office for more information.

From many years, the Senior Holiday Party for the Town of Stoneham was held at Montvale Plaza. As you probably know, Montvale Plaza was sold and torn down. The Senior Party is going to be at SHS on Wednesday, December 5, from 1-4 pm. All SHS students are going to be released at noon that day so that our cafeteria will be available for the celebration. Some of our students will help serve the guests. SHS students **will not** be dismissed early on December 6.

Please join the SHS Booster Club for their December meeting on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 pm in the SHS Cafeteria. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be approximately one hour.

The SHS Student Handbook has been updated recently and is available online under the "Parent Resources" on the SHS website, which may be found at www.stonehamschools.org. The handbook is available in print in the SHS Office. Please be advised that this revised handbook includes updates/revisions to the school code of conduct.

Postural Screening will take place Wednesday, December 12, for all freshmen. Female students are asked to bring a bathing suit top, or equivalent, on the day of the screening. This will help nurses conducting the screening to have a more accurate observation of the student's back. If your freshman is currently receiving treatment for a spinal problem, please inform the school nurse, in writing, prior to the screening date. Our school nurse, Mrs. Malzone, may be contacted at smalzone@stonehamschools.org or 781-279-3810 x1317. Please feel free to call her with any questions.

Here is a scholarship opportunity for seniors. Each year the AFL-CIO offers a Labor History Exam for seniors who wish to compete for AFL-CIO scholarship opportunities. All interested

seniors are eligible, while students who have a labor union affiliation may be eligible for additional opportunities. Registration is ONLINE ONLY at www.massflcio.org/scholarships. Online registration must be completed by Friday, December 14. The exam will be given at Stoneham High School on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

The Stoneham Council on Aging, along with the Stoneham Senior Center, is sponsoring the 5th annual "Socks for Seniors" drive. Their goal is to provide all seniors in need (shut-ins, nursing home residents and elderly housing residents) with a warm pair of socks for the holidays. We will be working with Stoneham volunteers and local programming to sort and deliver to those in need in our community. There is a drop box in the front lobby and all donations will be accepted through December 14. Thank you for your continued support!

There will be a free performance of *A Christmas Carol*, with refreshments, on Saturday, December 8, at 1:00 pm. The show will be at 431 Main Street and is sponsored by the Friends of the Stoneham Library.

I hope you have a good week.
Donna Cargill
Principal
Stoneham High School