

Principal's Message  
February 25, 2019

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

All students who will attend SHS next year have completed course selection. Once all the selections have been processed, parent and guardians will receive a confirmation of student course selections. If you have a question about a course or a level, please wait until you receive confirmation of your student's elected courses. You will be provided SHS staff contact information with the confirmed course selection.

There will be a school council meeting on February 26, at 6:00 pm, in the SHS Guidance Office.

There will be a meeting right after school on Thursday, February 28, in the High School Gymnasium for any student interested in signing up for spring sports. Students will meet briefly in the gym and then meet with coaches in a designated classroom.

To register for spring sports:

Go to our school website: <http://www.stonehamschools.org>.

Under schools, scroll down and click on Stoneham High School.

Go to department, scroll down and click Stoneham Athletics.

Registration information will be on this site.

If you have questions, you may contact the SHS Athletic Office at 781-279-3810 x1314.

The SHS Drama Club will be competing in the Massachusetts Educational Theater Group Drama Festival this weekend. They will perform *The Yellow Boat* by David Saar. *The Yellow Boat* is the story of Benjamin, who was born with congenital hemophilia and died in 1987 at the age of eight, of AIDS-related complications. Although a tragic story, the performance is a celebration of Benjamin's art with plenty of color and movement. There will be a free showing on Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 pm, in the SHS Auditorium. The Drama Club will compete at Wayland High School at 11:15 am on Saturday, March 2 (please arrive 15 minutes early). Admission is \$12 for the day and includes the SHS performance as well as all other shows for the day.

The next meeting of the SHS Booster Club is Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Cafeteria. All are welcome! Please come and support all high school athletic teams.

On Monday, March 4, from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Winchester High School Library (80 Skillings Road, Winchester), the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Central Middlesex will offer a panel presentation entitled, *Starting the Conversation: College and Your Mental Health*. The presentation will be directed to both students and their parents. The emphasis will be on encouraging families to be proactive and to start the conversations about mental health and handling potential difficulties before students leave home. It is prudent to understand privacy laws and what can be shared. These conversations are important even if a student does not experience a mental health condition. They may see a friend in distress and they may be better equipped to assist. The event is free and open to high school and college-age families in Middlesex County and surrounding areas. It is co-sponsored by NAMI of Central Middlesex, the

Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community and Winchester High School. More information can be found at [namicentralmiddlesex.org](http://namicentralmiddlesex.org) or speak with Jennie at 978-692-2908, or see the attached flyer.

For the ninety-second time, the Town of Stoneham will celebrate Carnival Ball. On Friday, March 8, at 3:15 pm and Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 pm, the students of SHS will perform for family and friends. Tickets for the Friday matinee (no reserved seating) are \$5.00, while tickets for the Saturday grand performance (reserved seating) are \$10.00. Please see the SHS website for additional information.

Senior Parents/Guardians: the Stoneham High School All-Night Graduation Party is a tradition that happens on the night of graduation. This wonderful celebration began more than twenty years ago. This year, graduation is on Friday June 7. Doors to the All-Night Party will open at 10:00 pm. with no admittance after 11:00 pm. Students will be released at 5 am on Saturday, June 8. Students who wish to leave before 5 am will only be allowed to leave if a chaperone speaks to a parent or guardian. The party includes a DJ, Hypnotist, Artists, Activities, Photo Booth, Refreshments, and much more! Tickets are \$35.00 and scholarship tickets are available. Each student will receive a gift bag, including an All Night Party T-Shirt, monogram towel, and Stoneham mementos. Parents and guardians of seniors will receive a mailing during the first week of March. Please read, sign and return the acknowledgement of the rules **and** t-shirt order form to school. Both forms are printed back-to-back on one sheet. The committee is looking for parents to help with decorations, chaperones and selling signs. Please call or email Lisa Gallagher ([lgall3565@gmail.com](mailto:lgall3565@gmail.com) or 781-632-2050), if you would like to volunteer.

Parents and Guardians of freshmen, sophomores and juniors: the Stoneham High School All-Night Graduation Party (ANP) is a tradition that happens on the night of graduation. This wonderful celebration started more than twenty years ago. This year, graduation is on Friday, June 7. The All-Night Party Committee is in need of parent/guardian volunteers to help make this night a success. The decoration committee, graduation sign sales committee, and se- up and clean-up committees are all in need of volunteers. This is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved with the ANP before your student's senior year. Please call or email Lisa Gallagher ([lgall3565@gmail.com](mailto:lgall3565@gmail.com) or 781-632-2050), if you would like to volunteer.

Is your student interested in exploring a trade? Northeast Metro Tech is offering free, four-week Saturday sessions for area high school students in Grades 9-12 who would like to learn more about vocational career options. Students may choose one two or three sessions. Options include automotive, cosmetology, culinary, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and several more! There are three sessions to choose from, with start dates on March 9, and April 6. The session dates are March 9, March 16, March 23 and March 30. The final sessions will take place on April 6, April 13, April 27 and May 4. Interested students should make an appointment with their counselor, or see Mrs. Polizzi, guidance secretary, for more information.

Please see the attached flyer about a performance of *End of the Line*, a play about the opioid epidemic and paths to recovery that will take place at the Greater Boston Stage Company on March 18.

Enjoy the week!

Donna Cargill

Principal

Stoneham High School