

Principal's Message  
March 11, 2019

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

On Monday, March 11, at 6:30 pm, Stoneham High School and District administrators will host an information session about the new daily schedule at Stoneham High School. The meeting will take place in the Stoneham High School Library. Students and staff will begin with this schedule in August. We hope you will attend to learn about the rotation of classes, what a FLEX period is, and how students will benefit from a redesign of instructional time.

The next meeting of the SHS Booster Club is Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Cafeteria. All are welcome! Please come and support all high school athletic teams.

Thank you to all who attended Carnival Ball last Friday or Saturday! Our students and staff worked hard last week to create an entertaining show!

Teachers updated student grades in PowerSchool at the end of the school day on Friday, March 8. Please check your student's progress at your convenience. If you have any questions about logging into PowerSchool, please contact Mrs. Polizzi in the SHS Guidance Office. Questions about your student's progress in a class should be directed to the teacher.

Our Drama Club will continue to participate METG Drama Fest Competition in the semi-final round on Saturday, March 16. They will perform *The Yellow Boat*, at Andover High School Collins Center, at 1:30 pm. 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. Tickets will be available throughout the day at the Collins Center Box Office. Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted (Visa, MasterCard, American Express). There will be a 3% fee added to all credit card purchases.

All students who will attend SHS next year have completed course selection. You will receive a separate email from me with instructions for how to view your student's elected courses in PowerSchool.

Vision, hearing and BMI screening will take place on Thursday, March 14, for all sophomore students during physical education class. Students who wear glasses should bring them to the screening. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Malzone, at 781-279-3810 x1317.

Parents and guardians are invited to *Conversations over Coffee*, an opportunity to learn more about the challenges facing students and meet with SHS Health Education Staff. The first session will be on the morning of March 21, from 8-9 **am**, in Room 137 of Stoneham High

School. The topic for the hour will be, "What Is a Vape or Dab Pen?" Please see the attached flyer for more information.

April 2 is World Autism Day! SHS students and staff are asked to wear blue on that day.

On Friday, April 5, the Junior Prom will be held at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover from 7:00-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$65.00 per person and will be on sale from Monday, March 18, through Monday, March 25, during both lunches. Checks should be made payable to *SHS Activity Fund*. There will be a pre-prom assembly on April 5 and all juniors will be dismissed at 12:49 on the day of the prom. If you have questions, please contact Briana Nims Henderson, Junior Class Advisor, at [bnims@stonehamschools.org](mailto:bnims@stonehamschools.org).

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 set-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