

Principal's Message
March 18, 2019

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

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. Be sure to reserve tickets as they are going quickly. Ticket information is included in the attached flyer.

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.

Parents and guardians of sophomores: the English Language Arts portion of the MCAS will be administered on **March 26 and 27**. Please do your best to be sure your student arrives to school on time each of those days. Students may bring water and a small snack. We do not encourage dismissals on MCAS testing days. As usual, please encourage your student to get enough sleep the night before a test and to eat something for breakfast each morning of the test.

Junior Parents/Guardians: the guidance department is sponsoring a field trip to the National College Fair in Boston on Thursday, April 4. This is half-day field trip is open to all juniors. Permission slips were distributed in English classes and are available in the guidance office. The cost is \$10 for the bus, and fee waivers are available for eligible students. Interested students should register as soon as possible. The college fair is also open to the public from 6-8:30 pm on April 4. More information is available at www.gotomyncf.com

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.

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

There will be a College Fair in the Arlington High School Red Gym on April 1, 2019, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Those who attend will have an opportunity for individual question and answer time with representatives from colleges from all over the United States. For a list of colleges who will be there, please see Mrs. Polizzi in the SHS Guidance Office.

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.

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. **Last week, parents and guardians of seniors received a mailing last week.** 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 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 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 presentation of *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, a documentary recounting the inspiring and impactful life of Mr. Rogers, someone well known to most parents and guardians.

Please see the attached flyer for a Health and Wellness Expo and 5K Race that will be held on Saturday, April 6, at the Stoneham Town Hall.

Happy Spring!
Donna Cargill
Principal
Stoneham High School