

Principal's Message
March 25, 2019

Dear Stoneham High School Families,

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. Please be sure your student's ChromeBook is charged. Sophomores will be taking the MCAS in the social studies classrooms. Sophomores are asked to bring the following: a CHARGED ChromeBook, a mouse from home (if possible) for the ChromeBook, a small snack, water, pens and a highlighter. Phones and I Watches or the equivalent must be turned in to the teacher supervising the test. Sophomores will report directly to the social studies corridor both mornings. Room assignments will be posted in several areas in the social studies hallway. 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 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 by March 27. 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

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.

The Woburn SEPAC is holding a College Fair on Wednesday, March 27, from 6pm until 8 pm at the Woburn Memorial High School Cafeteria. The fair is open to all students. The schools that have been invited have been recommended as having programs that are supportive of students with disabilities. There are also representatives from non-academic, post-high school programs. Colleges and programs attending include:

Bridgewater State University
Curry College
Johnson and Wales University
Lesley University
New England Tech (RI)
Quincy College
University of New England (ME)
Westfield State

Berkshire Hills Music Academy
Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
Salem State University
AANE Lifemap
Northeast ARC
Easter Seals
Asperger's/Autism Network

The Stoneham Public Schools and Stoneham SEPAC are sponsoring a workshop for parents entitled, *From School to Home and Back Again: Executive Function Skills across the Day* by Kristen Jacobson from Cognitive Connections. The workshop will be held Monday, April 8, from 6-8 pm in the Stoneham High School Library. Please see 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.

West Point, along with Army ROTC, and the New England Battalion will host an information session in the Boston area on Friday, March 29, 2019. The session goes from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Robinson Hall, Room 109, Northeastern University, 336 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA. They will address a number of topics, to include admission to a Service Academy and the large number of college scholarships available. Any student interested in West Point, ROTC or a career in the Army should attend!

Lawn signs are now available in the SHS Office or by contacting Lisa Gallagher at lgall3565@gmail.com. Signs are \$10 and all proceeds go to the All Night Graduation Party.

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 a start dates of April 6. 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.

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