

# The Spartan Spirit

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## New Administration Team

Written and Edited by Alison Beaton

I had the pleasure of interviewing our new principal, Mr. Bryan Lombardi, and our new assistant principal, Mrs. Sarah Auger.

Mr. Lombardi used to work at Northampton High School. When I asked him why he applied for this position, he said he wanted a position in Eastern Massachusetts at a school with an enrollment rate that allowed him to interact and know the students. He said he was also seeking a school with a vision of improvement and change to best meet the needs of all students and provide skills and content knowledge for success in today's world. I also asked him how he likes Stoneham and he said "Great."

We have a very creative and motivated staff and a positive and involved student body." Mr. Lombardi also said he enjoys interacting with students and seeing them in action. In his words, this is "the best job!"

Mrs. Auger is our new assistant principal and she is excited and ready to take on a leadership role here at SHS. I asked her why she chose to apply for the vice principal position at SHS and she stated that she was the school psychologist for seven years and she wanted to grow personally and professionally. Mrs. Auger wants to help students with self-esteem and help them make good choices. She has been at Stoneham High School for eight years and is excited to continue to work with faculty, students, and their families. Lastly, Mrs. Auger said being an assistant principal is something she always wanted to do because she wants to incorporate discipline as an educational tool for students.

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## SHS Life

### Clubs at SHS

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**Yearbook Club** meets every Tuesday morning with Mr. Von Sneidern, Ms. Nims-Henderson, and Chef O'Connor.

**Interact Club** meets every other Wednesday morning to discuss community service projects such as "Cradles to Crayons" with Chef O'Connor.

**Foreign Language Club** meets every other Friday morning with Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Hechenbleikner to plan for Foreign Language night in the spring.

**Youth Action Coalition (YAC)** meets every other Friday morning with Mr. Healey to fight substance abuse.

**Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)** meets Thursday mornings with Mr. Eppskier to include the LGBTQ+ community and plan to go to Boston Pride in June.

**Drama Club** is starting to plan for its play "Check Please," the spring musical, "The Addams Family," and Drama Festival.

**Art Club** meets Thursday afternoons with Ms. Rebentich so students can express their creativity.

**Community Club** meets once a month for breakfast or movie nights so students can make new friends.

**Newspaper Club** meets once a month on Thursday mornings with Mrs. Brooks to plan out the monthly school newspaper.

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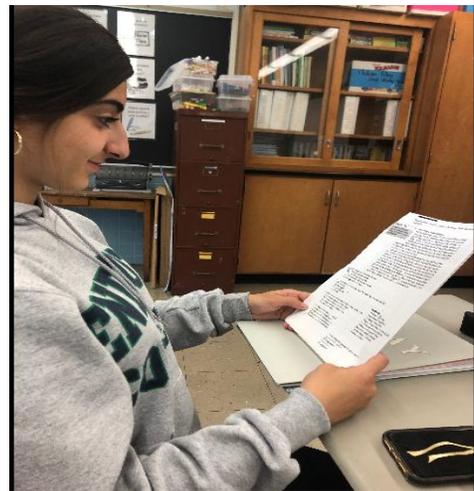
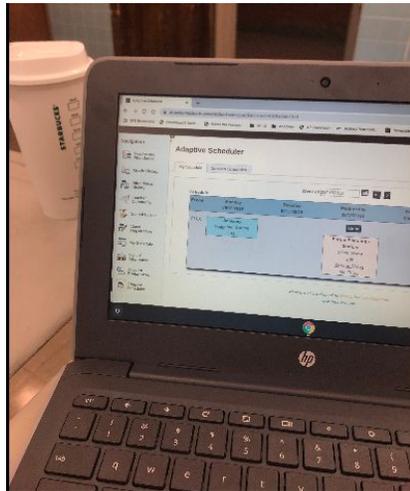
### New Schedule and FLEX at SHS

Written by Isabella Sylvester

Edited by Alison Beaton

This year at Stoneham High School, the students and staff have experienced many changes from the new administration to the addition of a new schedule and FLEX block. The question is, are the changes made to help students become more productive or are they causing a heavier workload and more stress? At times, students have felt overwhelmed due to extra work teachers have been assigning because classes meet fewer times a week. The new schedule is hard to memorize, and I have found myself in the wrong block at times! Although it is an adjustment to sit through longer classes, students overall seem happier with more time to complete work in the classroom and with the built-in FLEX. Many of my peers and I feel that, overall, the new schedule is beneficial to getting more work done in the school day and less homework to complete after sports and activities.

Images of students using adaptive scheduling during FLEX time:



Isabella Guarino

## **SHS Academics**

### **College Application Process**

Written by Emily Daly  
Edited by Alison Beaton

The college application process has officially started for the class of 2020. Seniors are starting to consider where they want to apply for college and what they're interested in studying. They have started to ask teachers to write their letters of recommendation. Guidance counselors have started coming into all of the senior FLEX blocks to talk about high school transcripts and Naviance. Guidance counselors have also started to talk with seniors about starting the Common Application, which is an important part of the application process. The college application process can be very long and tedious at times, but you can always go to the guidance counselors for advice. Get started early because deadlines are approaching!

### **PSAT**

Written by Vera Bowerman  
Edited by Alison Beaton

The PSATs are just around the corner, taking place on October 19, 2019, at 7:45 a.m. for sophomores and juniors who have signed up. Don't worry though, for it isn't too late to sign up! You can still go to the guidance office and see Mrs. Polizzi. There is a fee of \$30.00 (though fee waivers are also available). Many benefits of taking the PSATs include exposure to SAT-style questions, timing, and set up of the SAT. A free SAT study plan is customized for you based on your areas of strength and weakness shown on the exam, and there are potential scholarship opportunities. In addition, your scores are not shared with anyone but you. If you are planning to take the PSATs, the school has provided a number of prep books, but if you were unable to get one, there are many great websites that can help you like the Khan Academy. I wish you all the best on these: good luck!

## SHS Sports

**\*The Spartan Spirit is looking for sports journalists. If you are interested in sports, journalism, and seeing your name in print, please contact Mrs. Brooks in room 101.**

Below is a list of the fall sports teams and captains. An update on their progress and current stats will be provided in the next issue!

**Cheerleading** - Autumn Bardell, Diana DiTullio, Isabella Miller, Olivia Yancey

**Boys' X-Country** - Alec Worthern-Sluz, Luca Perrett, Sean Overlan

**Girls' X-Country** - Catherine Seibold and Amy Ryan

**Field Hockey** - Victoria Limone, Kaitlyn Oro, Tess Flammia

**Football** - Deshawn Chase, Seth Russell, Michael Driscoll

**Golf** - Christopher Burns and Matthew Marchant

**Boys' Soccer** - Alexander Joyce, James Kotowski, Kevin Sarkis, Michael Surette

**Girls' Soccer** - Samantha Caldarelli, Amanda Calderelli, Marie Hardiman

**Swimming** - Aleksey Guilmain and Anna Nicoletti

**Volleyball** - Isabella Guarino and Ashley Young

Volleyball Car Wash from Sunday, September 15:



Volleyball Team



Morgan Schofield, Diana Riley, and Isabella Gurarino