

April 5, 2020

Greetings,

I hope this mail finds you and all members of your household safe, healthy and in good spirit considering this public health crisis.

I believe that you have received Superintendent Macero's announcement that beginning on Monday, April 6, Stoneham Public Schools will begin remote learning. As he shared with you remote learning will be a requirement for all students. Teachers will be reviewing the previous curriculum as well as moving into new curriculum. Students will be required to complete assignments as designated by their teacher. Learning may take place in multiple options such as assignments emailed, instructional videos, or interactive lessons through Google Hangout and Google Classroom.

For Stoneham High School, teachers will be posting their lessons and educational activities and assignments for their individual class twice weekly. Teachers will check in daily on student progress and if necessary communicate feedback. Also, teachers will have (three) 1- hour sessions for office hours where students and or parents can set up times to talk. Specific information for each class will be forthcoming by your students' classroom teacher(s).

Below in the section labeled Quarter 4, you will find links to specific information regarding the new weekly class schedule, student expectations and requirements and how students will receive credit for their completed work and assignments.

The schedule is designed to provide students the opportunity to develop a daily routine and structure to support their learning. Given our current circumstances we understand that the schedule times may not work for everyone. To accommodate schedule conflicts the assignments, projects, activities, teacher or support videos and lessons will all be posted on the teachers GoogleClassroom and available for access at any time. Please note that if a teacher chooses to provide live virtual instruction that it will occur only during the assigned class period. If a student cannot access the live virtual class during the scheduled class time a similar lesson or activity will be posted for them to access.

This is new for all of us; students, parents, teachers and administrators. We are, as they say, building the plane in flight. We are also, in keeping with the plane analogy, building a new runway for when the time comes to land, for as seamless as possible return to our normal and established practices and procedures of Stoneham High School. We continue to ask for your patience as every decision is focused on equity and what is in the best interests of students as well as to limit any negative impact on their learning, progress and ambitions.

As parents/guardians, you play an important role in this process. We will not be able to do this without your support!!

Here's how you can help:

- As best you can, we know the challenge, set the expectation for your student to

- Attend their classes during scheduled times
- Engage and communicate with their teachers as required and needed
- Complete all assigned course work
- If something is working well for your student's learning; share it with the teacher
- If your student is struggling with something, share it with the teacher, their school counselor or their support professional
- Share feedback in a constructive, solution-oriented way.

Quarter 4

**Student Expectations, Requirements and Grading [HERE](#)
Academic Class Schedule [HERE](#)**

Communication

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2020-2021 Course Selection Process

Information and directions [HERE](#)

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College Board Update [HERE](#)

Books On The Move

"These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone." – Roald Dahl

To keep our students connected with reading, and to provide them with a limitless number of places to go, all from the safety of home, the Stoneham Central Middle School and Stoneham High School are pleased to announce a weekly "Books On the Move!"

Students and or parents can browse our library catalog, find books they are interested in and then fill out a Google Form to request books. The deadline to request books is every Sunday

by 8 pm. On the immediate Tuesday, from 10 am to 12 pm, the book orders, which have been wrapped in plastic by glove wearing library staff will be available for pick up. Students will be notified via email of the specific time and the procedure for picking up their books. Students may keep the books for as long as they need, but when they are done, there will be a dropbox at school.

High school books will be available curbside at the main entrance. For book requests of the High School, please use the following link to reach the form:

[High School Book Request Form](#)

[High School Video refresher on how to search Destiny, our online book catalog](#)

You can browse either school's catalog by following the link below and selecting the appropriate school: [Access the High School and Middle School Library Book Catalog Here.](#)

Spring Musical

It is after much thought and discussion that we announce that our spring musical, The Addams Family, will be canceled and rescheduled for a Fall 2020-2021 school year production.

However, we are very pleased to announce that in lieu of a full musical production, we will be moving forward with the planning and production of a Cabaret show.

The Stoneham High School Drama Club production team will be working with actors and crew members to create a video rehearsal that includes music and scenes from Addams family and other musicals. Students will communicate with production staff via email, video recordings and GoogleHangOut. Crew members are also encouraged to create set designs, lighting designs, production posters, props, and costume designs. Photos of these designs will be included in the video as well.

Our hope is to be able to perform a live performance if schools are reopened in May. If that is the case a date will be set and communicated to our community. All creative student design work will be displayed in the lobby for all to see. However, if that is not possible, we will be prepared to share a "Cyber Cabaret" through various virtual social platforms as well as Stoneham TV.

More information about our cabaret and fall production will be shared as soon as possible.

We would like to thank you for your support during this difficult time and look forward to bringing you our Cabaret Show either at SHS or right in your home!

Athletics

Hey Spartan Fans,

Here are some updates regarding Spring Athletics. Please keep in mind that these updates are based on current information and, as we know, are subject to change with our evolving public health crisis.

The MIAA has determined that if schools reopen for May 4th, we would have a modified spring season along with a state tournament. However, if schools remain closed beyond May 4th, the likelihood of the MIAA running a tournament will be very low. The Middlesex League Athletic Director's have agreed that no matter when we return, as long as we return, we will do everything we can to allow a modified season and even think about creative ways to run our own tournament or even reach out to other leagues.

Please note, if there is no spring season, We will offer the following options:

- 1) Reimburse any athlete that has already paid the spring user fee.
- or
- 2) Transfer the user fee to that student's next season's sport.

Lastly, a very important message for all of our athletes. I am sure you have noticed that the town has locked up access to many parks and playgrounds. SHS has recently locked our tennis courts and softball fields. Our hope is to leave the SHS track open and available for all of you and our community to continue to use. We all need to continue to get outside and not only keep our bodies healthy but also our minds. The problem is, there have been many complaints about small groups of students gathering together to workout. This must STOP. You must workout alone or with family members only. If it continues we will lose access to the best place in town to work out. Social distancing is of the utmost importance at all times, so please Spartans train hard, but train alone.

We miss all of you, stay Spartan Strong

Counselors Corner: Resources for parents and students

Parent Resources

- [Social Distancing / What parents may be seeing / hearing](#)
- [Supporting Teenagers and Young Adults During the Coronavirus Crisis](#)
- Good articles and free webinars. Free subscription. Once parent's subscribe they are provided with numerous resources to help them support their child.
<http://familyaware.org/covid19/>

- NAN Project: [Resource Guide for Caregivers, Teachers and Staff](#)
- Mental Health Crisis Support [HERE](#)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communication Tool [HERE](#)
- Multilingual resources on COVID-19 [HERE](#)

Student Resources

- NAN Project: [Resource Guide for Young Adults](#)