

Principal's Message

10/25/2020

Hello,

I can hardly believe that we are entering the last week of October, daylight savings time and the beginning of the Holiday season. Most important is that we are entering our sixth consecutive week of our Hybrid schedule! We have successfully tied together five weeks of students being in school and gained important momentum. The momentum gained from our consistent implementation of our schedule has helped students with connection to school, teachers and each other. It has helped students to establish routines and habits and provided for a flow of school to support their learning and their success.

The past few weeks have also allowed us to open and increase aspects of our school that are refreshing to see and hear, from the sounds of instruments and music from the band room, the Solidarity and Awareness initiative from our GSA, increased club activities, active education and learning as demonstrated in classrooms as well as continued and expanded use of our outdoor facilities and the start of student Morning Announcements. Students and teachers are adapting and finding creative solutions and ways for school activities and school culture within these COVID times. More to come!

The coming weeks will bring us to the end of our first academic quarter. Students are encouraged to connect, work and meet with their teachers for any challenges, concerns or required support for content or concept understanding and mastery as well as for completion of any missing assignments or assessments. Parents and guardians should consistently review PowerSchool and their students Google Classrooms to stay informed of academic progress so as to best support. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your students academic progress please contact their classroom teacher.

We are all doing this! Working together as a learning community of students, parents / guardians and educators. If we continue to do our part in school, at home and in the community adhering to public safety requirements and guidelines, we can hopefully maintain our hybrid model, in person learning and the many activities and interactions that make up a vibrant school culture. If we work together, communicate together and do our roles we will find the success and growth we seek for our students.

Here's to a good week and continuing to go forward. Go Spartans!

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Picture Day

Wednesday, November 18 - Thursday, November 19

Picture Day ID: EVTG633TM

Full Remote Students should call the Main Office at (781) 279-3810 to schedule an appointment time

SAT's

Due to our desire to maintain a COVID safe school setting which allows us to continue to do our part to provide and support in person learning Stoneham Public Schools has determined to remove Stoneham High School as a testing center for the November 7 SAT. This past Thursday the School Committee voted to cancel the November SAT at SHS for the reason of not wanting to expose our students and school facilities to the large number of overall students and the potential cross exposure of non-stoneham students. Our focus is to maintain the safest school setting so as to ensure student and faculty well being and to continue in person learning.

Our School Counselors are in consistent contact with regional and national School Counseling and College Admissions groups with all reporting that the higher education institutions have or are in process of reviewing standardized testing requirements for admissions to waive or make optional. Though this is not 100%, it is growing. Please contact your students School Counselor for any questions as you proceed with post secondary education considerations and applications. Our School Counselors also recommend viewing the website of [The National Center for Fair and Open Testing](#) as a resource for information and latest updates regarding College and Universities, SAT's and admissions.

We will continue to work with the College Board as well as the most updated local and state safety requirements to determine the possibility of providing SAT's in March and June.

Spartan Enrichment Organization

Are you interested in supporting education at SHS? Enrich our students' learning experience? Support teachers efforts to provide the best learning environment possible? The Spartan Enrichment Organization is a parent group doing just that..enriching the educational experience at SHS. If you would like further information about this vital organization and would like to get involved in some way please read more [HERE](#)

It does take a village and your involvement and support regardless of how much or little makes a difference

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The SHS School Council in conjunction with the Stoneham based Seventh Day Adventist Community Services are running their annual Thanksgiving food drive again this year.

As we can all imagine COVID will certainly have an impact on Thanksgiving and families this Thanksgiving and any contribution will be helpful.

Items needed:

Canned vegetables
Stuffing mixes
Mashed potato mixes
Pie crust and filling
Cake mixes
Flour
Vanilla extract
Quick bread mixes
Gravy

Items can be dropped off in the box in the front lobby of the high school and are due by Nov. 12th.

Thank you for your help!