

Principal's Message

11/22/2020

Hello,

There has been much said about 2020 and all that it has brought upon us, I think we can all agree it has been a difficult year in all aspects of our typical lives and routines. From shutdowns to partial openings to hybrid and remote learning to sports without fans and special life moments and celebrations caught through windows and Zoom, nothing is untouched by the pandemic. This holiday is no different. This will certainly be a Thanksgiving like no other, however, despite all the challenges this past year there is always something to be found in family, friends and health to be thankful.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Communication

Daily Bulletin:

[11/23/2020 Day 5 Full Remote](#)

[11/20/2020 Day 4 Full Remote](#)

[11/19/2020 Day 3 Full Remote](#)

[11/18/2020 Day 2 Full Remote](#)

[11/17/2020 Day 1 Full Remote](#)

SHS Web Page: <https://www.stonehamschools.org/schools/stoneham-high-school/index>

faceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/Stoneham-High-School-113064453732609>

Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following students of the Class of 2023 who have been selected to represent Stoneham High School at leadership training programs this year:

HOBY Representative: Sydney Vallone

HOBY Alternate: Natalie Minsk

MassSTAR Representative: Giovanni Gomez

School Spirit

The pandemic and subsequent health safety requirements and the recent transition to Remote Learning has certainly impacted our attempts with traditional school community and spirit activities. Unique situations require us to be different and unique in our thinking and in what and how we do things. With that in mind I am happy to share that the Student Council has organized a Remote Spirit Week for Thanksgiving week.

Students are encouraged to dress up according to the theme for their remote classes each day.

The themes are as follows:

- Monday, 11/23 - Vacation Day
- Tuesday, 11/24 - Decades Day
- Wednesday, 11/25 - USA Day

Teachers will fill out a Google Form during each class to count which class has the most participation.

Schedule for 11/25 / Half Day / Dismissal @ 12:15

Wednesday, 11/25
Early Release @ 12:25

Day 2

- 45 minute classes
- One 5 Minute transition / break
- Two 10 Minute transitions / breaks

Schedule

B block: 8:50 - 9:35

- Transition / Break (5)

C block: 9:40 - 10:25

- Transition / Break (10)

F block: 10:35 - 11:20

- Transition / Break (10)

G block: 11:30 - 12:15

Remote Parent - Teacher Conferences

Remote Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday, 12/2/2020
 - 4:00 - 5:30
 - 6:00 - 7:30
- Conference Sign up
 - Please follow the link below to find sign-up information and times for you to reserve a time to meet with your student's teachers.
 - In the comment box of the sign-up, please enter your student's first and last name.
 - The number of appointments you may make is not limited, but only 1 per teacher.
 - Teachers will be accepting you into their meetings based on your signup times.
 - Be sure to leave yourself adequate time to sign out from one meeting and sign in to the next.
 - We want to respect everyone's schedules so please adhere to the 5 minute meeting time (2 minutes are built in to allow for transitioning).
- Once the signups are closed, we will be sharing a document with you of all the teachers and their meeting links.
- Sign up window open: 11/22 - 11/30
- Sign up Genius link: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73372D702A3CDE4C53-parent

Full Remote By Choice / TECCA

Important update for students in Full Remote By Choice / TECCA. Please follow the link below for information regarding Semester Two and the deadline for those students who wish to change back to the Hybrid schedule at SHS. [Link HERE](#)

TECH HELP / SUPPORT

Reminder for any help / assistance with your chromebook or connectivity please contact tech support at: helpdesk@stonehamschools.org

School Council

Happy to announce Kerry McIntyre as the School Council Parent Representative for the Class of 2024. Kerry has been involved with the supporting and working with Stoneham Public Schools since the the start of her oldest child's education at Robin Hood. She served on the PTO Board of Robin Hood and Stoneham Central Middle School. We look forward to working with her and her contributions to the School Council and Stoneham High School

School Council Members:

Parent Representatives:

Class of 2021: Nancy Heard-Costa

Class of 2022: Rebecca Pouliot

Class of 2023: Jeri Solomon

Class of 2024: Kerry McIntyre

Community Member: Robert Daniels

Student Representatives:

Class of 2021: Open, TBD

Class of 2022: Vera Bowerman

Class of 2023: Maya Ibrahim

Class of 2024: Open, TBD

COVID Updates

Stoneham Public Schools

COVID 19 Hotline

781-435-6151

Please call this number immediately to report a positive COVID test for a student or staff member or if a student or staff member has been in close contact with a COVID positive person. The CDC defines close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test date). If the student or staff tests positive or is a close contact of someone who has tested positive, such as a family member, they should NOT come to school. After you leave a message on the COVID hotline a Stoneham Public Schools staff member will be in touch with you shortly to discuss next steps.

Reminders of Important COVID Information

1. Every staff and student should review this [COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist](#) each day before coming to school.
2. The Town of Stoneham has created a [Town of Stoneham COVID Dashboard](#) that provides up to date information about town and school COVID cases. This dashboard will be updated weekly on Mondays and Thursdays. The information about the number of cases in the school system may not exactly align the schools reports as some Stoneham staff may reside outside of Stoneham.
3. Currently the Town of Stoneham is following the state guidelines on travel and anyone traveling to a high risk state must quarantine for 14 days or present proof of a negative COVID test prior to the return to school. Please visit the following website for details: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form>. The town is currently discussing updating this guidance and that information will be shared when available.
4. Testing sites are available throughout Massachusetts. The following link lists the many Stop the Spread COVID-19 Testing Sites in Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

5. There has been some confusion between the meanings of isolation and quarantine. To clarify:
 - a. 10-day isolation keeps someone who is sick (or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms) away from others, even in their own home. The public health department will determine how long a symptomatic person must isolate but anyone with a positive test will be required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days.
 - b. 14-day quarantine keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others. This is to ensure that the close contact does not develop symptoms during this time or continue the spread of the virus. It is recommended the close contact test 4-5 days from last exposure. Even if you receive a negative test you will be required to quarantine the full 14 days. This is due to the incubation period of the virus. When quarantining, you should be separate from other family members. Here is a link to the the CDC : [When to Quarantine](#)
6. Free breakfast and lunch is available for all students to pick up on school days between 11:00am - 12:30pm at the rear door of the High School cafeteria by the side parking lot. On Wednesday, November 25th from 10-11 AM any family can pick up 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for the holiday break from any of the 5 Stoneham Schools.
7. There are several resources for groceries and food:
 - a. <https://www.firstchurchstoneham.org/outreach/>
 - b. <https://stonehammemorialchurch.org/community-services/>
8. General COVID-19 Education
 - a. [Stop the Spread of Disease Poster \(6 ways\)](#)
 - b. [Stop the Spread of Germs Video \(1 minute\)](#)
 - c. [COVID-19 CDC Fact Sheet](#)
9. Handwashing :
 - a. [Handwashing Video for younger students.](#)
 - b. [Your Health is in Your Clean Hands](#)
 - c. [Handwashing Poster](#)
 - d. [Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizer \(2 pages\)](#)
 - e. [Stop Germs: Wash your Hands](#)
 - f. [Germs Are All Around You](#)
10. Face masks or cloth face coverings:
 - a. [CDC Face Masks Link](#)
 - b. [Poster on Safely Wearing Face Masks \(CDC\)](#)
 - c. [Cover Your Cough \(CDC\)](#)
11. Social Distancing:
 - a. [Poster for Social Distancing](#)
 - b. [Poster Social Distancing for Middle and High School Students](#)
 - c. [Video for Teens on Social Distancing \(30 seconds\)](#)
12. Other Important COVID Information Websites
 - a. Stoneham Board of Health: <https://www.stoneham-ma.gov/154/Board-of-Health>
 - b. Commonwealth of Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>