

SHS Weekly News

April 9, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. Apr. 9

B-Day

8:00-11:00 am Senior Class Group Photo's taken

Mon. Apr. 12

A-Day

Tues. Apr. 13

B-Day

Wed. Apr. 14

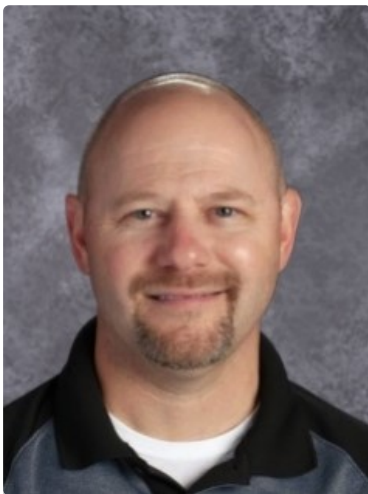
A-Day

Thur. Apr. 15

B-Day

Fri. Apr. 16

A-Day



Message from Mr. Kruse

Families and Students,

Welcome to the 4th quarter...things are moving fast at SHS!

Fourth-quarter started this week and we will begin in-person learning for all students five days a week on April 19th. Our current daily schedule will remain the same, 1st period will continue to start at 9:00 am and 7th period will end at 3:15 pm.

There are many activities throughout the 4th quarter and all needed information will continue to be detailed in our weekly SHS E-News. There will be sections in each E-News describing how SHS plans to approach these events.

This E-News will contain information on:

- **Academic Awards**
- **Senior Honors**
- **Athletic Awards**
- **Prom**
- **Graduation**
- **Testing Information**
- **Senior Class Group Photo**

SHS plans to provide these traditional high school experiences for students while at the same time following guidelines and safety procedures. These events will need to be modified to minimize the inherent risk that comes with being held during the pandemic.

In many situations, in order to hold the event, follow guidelines, and provide for physical distancing, we will only have students in attendance. Our goal is to provide the experience for the students and allow them to have that experience as a class or student body. SHS understands that these events are also very important to families and friends...therefore most events will be live-streamed for viewing.

Due to the multitude of extra-curricular activities and possible weather-related re-scheduling, some of the events that have been traditionally held in the evening, will be completed and live-streamed during the school day.

This will give students the chance to participate in all activities without pitting events against each other.

Please reference the following sections of this E-News for more information. As each event date gets closer more details will be addressed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

M. J. Kruse

Covid-19 Vaccine Update

As you may know, children as young as 16-years-old are now eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination. Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) is currently utilizing the [Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry](#) to help schedule vaccination opportunities for those interested. On April 8th, we were informed that PHMDC is expecting more of the Pfizer vaccination starting next week, which is the vaccine that can be given to 16 and 17-year-olds. If you have an eligible student and are interested in getting them vaccinated, you can register them on the [Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry](#).

REMINDER: We Introduced Speak Up, Speak Out

Before spring break we introduced Speak Up, Speak Out districtwide at SASD. SUSO is a Resource Center with a threat reporting system (or tip line) available to students, families, school staff, and community members. It runs 24/7 and is completely free. To view the materials we presented, click [here](#). Learn more at speakup.widj.gov or on our [flyer](#).

Plus, if you caught the news this week, you may have seen NBC15's story about Speak Up, Speak Out. Check it out [here](#).

School Meals Reminder - Preparing for Phase 3 - RB and HS

Per the USDA, meals are free to all students until the end of the 2020-21 school year and we want to make the transition to Phase 3 on April 19 as smooth as possible.

If you are currently signed up for meals and [are changing learning models](#) on April 19, you should have received an email from Jenny McKenna asking for your meal confirmation.

If you are currently signed up for meals and [are not](#) changing learning models, your meals will remain the same.

If you are not signed up for meals and would like to, please visit our [website](#) OR see below to read through our options by grade level and learning model:

VIRTUAL VIKINGS GRADES 6-12 may participate in weekly onsite meal pick up
Onsite pick up will include breakfast and lunch for 7 days. Students must [SIGN UP HERE](#).

IN-PERSON VIKINGS GRADES 6-12 may participate in option 1 and/or option 2.

Option 1 - Onsite pick up will include lunch for Saturday and Sunday and breakfast for all 7 days. Students must [SIGN UP HERE](#). If you are currently picking up meals please just respond to the email you receive from Jenny McKenna.

Option 2 - Daily onsite lunch for all 5 days of the week Sign up is **not required**. Note that breakfast is not served in the building.

School Year Calendar

The 2021-22 School Year Calendar is now available. Please [click here](#) to be directed to our calendar web page.

END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

SENIOR CLASS GROUP PHOTO

The annual Senior class group photo will be taken as individual photos and a composite will be created to maintain the tradition.

The breakdown for the photos will be as follows:

April 8th – A Day Students and Virtual Learners (A-L)

8:00 – Virtual Learners (A-L)

9:00 – A Day Students (w/ last name starting with A, B, C)

9:30 – A Day Students (w/ last name starting with D, E, F)

10:00 – A Day Students (w/ last name starting with G, H, I)

10:30 – A Day Students (w/ last name starting with J, K, L)

11:00 – A Day Students “Last Call” (any attending student who did still needs photo)

April 9th – B Day Students and Virtual Learners (M-Z)

8:00 – Virtual Learners (M-Z)

9:00 – B Day Students (w/ last name starting with M, N, O)

9:30 – B Day Students (w/ last name starting with P, Q, R)

10:00 – B Day Students (w/ last name starting with S, T, U)

10:30 – B Day Students (w/ last name starting with V, W, X, Y, Z)

11:00 – B Day Students “Last Call” (any attending student who did still needs photo)

Students will report to class and will be dismissed by PA announcement to report to the pool lobby.

Virtual Learners will enter Door #24 (Devonshire Lot) starting at 8:00 am to have the ability to be back for virtual classes starting at 9:00 am.

Save the Date - Junior and Senior Prom

Prom has always been a special event and this year will be just as special.

SHS junior and senior students are invited to attend. SHS junior and senior students may bring one guest who is attending high school (if the guest is not an SHS student there will need to be administrative approval).



Date and time: Saturday, May 22nd - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Stoughton Country Club, 3165 Shadyside Drive, Stoughton

Ticket sales: Monday, May 10 - Friday, May 21

Additional COVID guidelines and additional prom details coming soon.

*The current COVID activity is low, a change in disease activity could prevent us from hosting the activity

ASPIRE Testing

9th and 10th-grade students will be taking the **Aspire test on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021**. This test is an early high school version of the ACT. It gives students critical feedback on their academic strengths and areas in need of improvement. It also provides indicators of college readiness, as well as an estimated ACT score. Encourage your student to do their best, and please avoid making appointments on this day. Students perform better after a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast. Contact

FORWARD Testing

The Wisconsin Forward Exam will be administered to students who are in grade 10 at the high school level each spring. Students will be completing the portion of the Forward Exam in Social Studies. The Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career-ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year. Students will utilize their Chromebooks to access the state test. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can.

The Exam includes:

- Multiple-choice questions: the student selects the correct answers from answer options;
- Short answer questions: the student provides a brief explanation in response to the question;

Students must bring their charged Chromebook to their Ancient World History class in order to complete the online assessment. Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and/or English language learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured. Sample items can be found at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>

10th-grade students will take this test in their Ancient World History classes on **May 4th** and **May 5th**. Students who are Virtual or need to complete make-up time will be invited to do so on **May 1th & May 12th** from 7:45 - 8:30 am in the Large Cafetorium. These students will need to access the school from the back entrance #21.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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A/P Testing Information

This year almost all of the AP exams are being offered in a digital format. The exceptions are the World Language exams and Music Theory - they are only being offered as pencil-paper exams. The CollegeBoard provided us with three testing window options. The testing window that was selected by the district was selected for two reasons: 1) to allow teachers the most time to teach their college-level curriculum and the students the most time to learn this college-level material considering the different schedules the district has been working under this year and 2) this testing window offered all of the exams we offer as digital exams.

I would like to be able to offer more information about the digital exams at this time, but I cannot as the information coming from the CollegeBoard is changing weekly (the next update is due out April 8th). Students will receive more information from their AP teachers in May.

One question that has come up that I will address here is: "I do not want to take the exam anymore - how do I cancel it? Will I get my exam fee refunded?" The answer is: You cancel your exam by not taking the exam. Once the exams are completed on June 11, I will compare the list of exams ordered

(paid for) to the list of exams taken and any student that paid for an exam but did not take the exam will receive a full refund. The refund will be pushed back to families through Campus Portal.

AP Digital Exam Schedule - Week 1:

Monday, May 31
MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, June 1
11:00 am = English Literature & Composition
3:00 pm = Computer Science A

Wednesday, June 2
11:00 am = US History

Thursday, June 3
11:00 am = US Government
11:00 am = World History: Modern
3:00 pm = Psychology

Friday, June 4
(these are all pencil/paper exams)
8:00 am = Spanish Language
12:00 pm = German Language
12:00 pm = Music Theory

AP Digital Exam Schedule - Week 2:

Monday, June 7
11:00 am = English Language & Composition
(Because this exam is after graduation and there is an earlier digital testing option, students will be given the choice of testing today or May 26 at 11:00 am.)

Tuesday, June 8
The exams that are scheduled for this day are exams we do not give.

Wednesday, June 9
11:00 am = Calculus AB and Calculus BC
3:00 pm = Physics 1

Thursday, June 10
11:00 am = Chemistry
3:00 pm = Statistics

Friday, June 11
11:00 am = Biology
(Because this exam is after graduation and there is an earlier digital testing option, students will be given the choice of testing today or May 27 at 11:00 am.)

If you have any other questions, you may contact me via email:
lisa.schneeberaer@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Senior Honors/Awards Programs

Event: This event is for seniors who have earned scholarships. Only those scholarships that have been communicated to the high school will be awarded. Students earning scholarships that are being awarded on May 12 will receive a notification from the Counseling Services Office.

When: May 12th, 9:30 am

Where: Performing Arts Center (Students Only)

Summary of the Program:

- **Students will need to report to the PAC at 9:00 am for a brief rehearsal prior to the ceremony.**
- This will be a live event, **but only students** will be in attendance in order to meet the COVID capacity of the PAC.
- Scholarship Presenters will be school staff.
- Students will be physically distanced in the PAC and will come to the stage to receive their award.
- All participants will be required to wear masks.
- Semi-formal dress is expected (no athletic shoes, pants, shorts, or jeans).
- The program will be streamed live on our website once established.

Academic Awards & National Honor Society

When: May 19th- 9:30 am

Where: Performing Arts Center (Students Only)

Summary of the Program:

- This will be a live event, **but only students** will be in attendance in order to meet the COVID capacity of the PAC.
- Students will be physically distanced in the PAC and will come to the stage to receive their award.
- All participants will be required to wear masks.
- The program will be streamed live on our website once established.

Athletic Awards

When: June 16th

Where: TBD

More information to follow as the event gets closer

Graduation & Rehearsal

Graduation Rehearsal:

When: June 4, 9:30 am

Where: Collins Field

All Seniors participating in the ceremony must be at Rehearsal

Graduation:

Event: Commencement Ceremony for all graduating Seniors who choose to participate.

When: Sunday, June 6th - 1:00 pm

Where: Collins Field

Open to all family and friends

Summary of the Program:

- If weather permits, we will have the full graduating class together for this ceremony.
- Students will be seated on the field, physically distanced from each other.
- All participants and guests will be required to wear masks.
- The program will be streamed live on the District website.

Inclement Weather Instructions:

We make every effort to conduct an outside graduation ceremony. If we must move the ceremony indoors, a decision will be made by 10:00 am on the day of Graduation and posted on the District website.

***If the ceremony is indoors, only Graduates will be in attendance. The ceremony will be live-streamed to the community at 1:00 pm.**

World Language Department News

¡Hola! Guten Tag! Hello from the World Language Department!

Spanish and German classes are off to a great start for the second semester! Here's a look at what we've been working on.

Level 1: Students in Spanish and German one just finished their third unit for the year, and we are about to embark on our last one: Geography. We are very excited to start this one, as we will be able to tie in everything we have learned throughout the year to learn about the different countries and cultures in more detail. We will explore similarities and differences between countries outside of the US both geographically and culturally using vocabulary from our past units of clothing and personal identity, school and free-time activities, and family and food.

Level 2: Students in level 2 finished investigating travel habits around the world and have now started the shopping unit. They are exploring how culture influences where and why we shop and what we buy, along with looking at some sustainability practices found in other parts of the world. They are also using authentic texts, such as supermarket websites from the target culture, to make comparisons to their own shopping habits. Now students are able to express themselves in the past tense in the target language, in addition to present and future tenses.

Level 3: Students in German and Spanish 3 just finished their unit on education and careers. In addition to talking about their own future plans, students researched a country outside of the United States. They looked at how various factors influence the education and career opportunities available

in that country. Students completed a choice writing or speaking project about the information they learned. For the last quarter of the year, students in level 3 will be exploring the food culture of the target language countries.

Level 4: We just completed our unit on political conflicts in German and Spanish-speaking countries. Students studied various wars, dictatorships, revolutions, and protests and have completed cultural comparisons between these conflicts and conflicts in the United States. Spanish 4 students even read an entire book in Spanish! Next, students will look into common uses of personal technology around the world and investigate the positive and negative influences they have on daily life.

German & Spanish 5/AP: We have been working on our third AP theme of "Science & Technology" focusing specifically on technological advancements in our world. Students have learned to discuss past and present inventions throughout the world and also explored future technologies and ideas, such as improvements in data security and genetic modification. Students have spent a lot of time reflecting on their own lives and the effects that advancements in science and technology have in other countries, as well as comparing cultural ideas about science and technology with the United States. Our next unit will be the AP theme of "Beauty & Aesthetics".

Graduating Senior?

Any seniors that will be taking the UW Placement Exams for Spanish or German that would like more information should see their teacher! More information and practice tests are available online at the following sites:

Spanish: <https://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/spanishtest.html>

German: <https://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/germantest.html>

National German Exam Award Winners

Congratulations to our 2019 AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) National German Exam award winners!

- Gold Award winner (Top 90% in the USA) was **Amy Schlicht**.
- Bronze Award winners (Top 70% in the USA) were **Max Fitzgerald & Annaliese Skerpan**.
- Achievement Award winners (Top 60% of the USA) were **Piper Grant, Greta Nashold, Jovanna Saimi, and Evelyn Collins**.

SHS Band News

Over the last few months, SHS Band members have been exploring drumming and ensemble techniques by playing tunes on buckets. Students have been learning new tunes that explore different timbres. Ensemble members have also been exploring percussion parts for pep tunes that have been a part of our repertoire for years. Click on the [link](#) to hear a short piece from rehearsal earlier this week.

While working outside of school, students have been preparing for the annual Band Variety Show which will be fully virtual this year. The show will be premiered on YouTube in May - watch for more details!



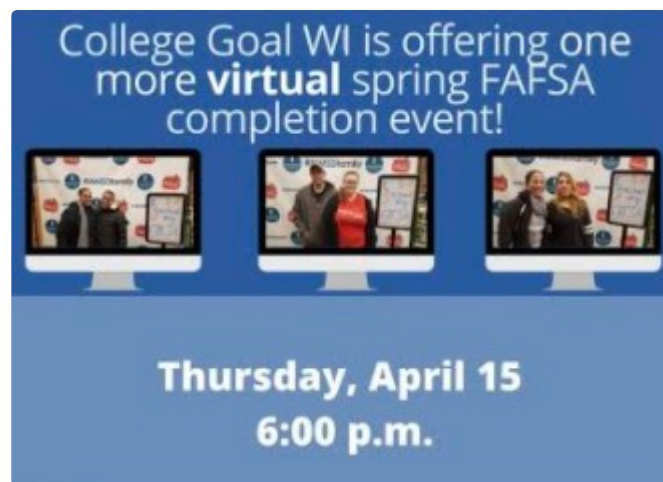
YEARBOOK UPDATE



Yearbook has extended the purchasing window for the 2020-2021 yearbook to May 1. Use this [link](#) to place your order today.. With so many activities moving to spring, we had to postpone our publication date so we could build an amazing yearbook for you. Don't miss out on this historic book documenting a year like none other.

Here is the link again...<https://store.shopyearbook.com/stoughtonhs>

Counseling News



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2021 SUMMER WORKBOOK FOR JUNIORS



We are now accepting order requests for the upcoming 2021 Summer Workbook now through **Friday, April 16th**. The 2021 Summer Workbook will provide your students with all the information they need to successfully apply to a UW System campus for Fall 2022. Please forward the following link on to any students interested in ordering a Workbook. Please note: bulk orders are not available this year.

[Workbook Link](#)

Click to open



Norwegian Dancer Try Outs

PRACTICES for Norwegian Dancer Tryouts will be held during lunch, the week of April 12th.

Virtual Students, email staci.heimsoth@Stoughton.k12.wi.us to set up a before school time to learn the dances.

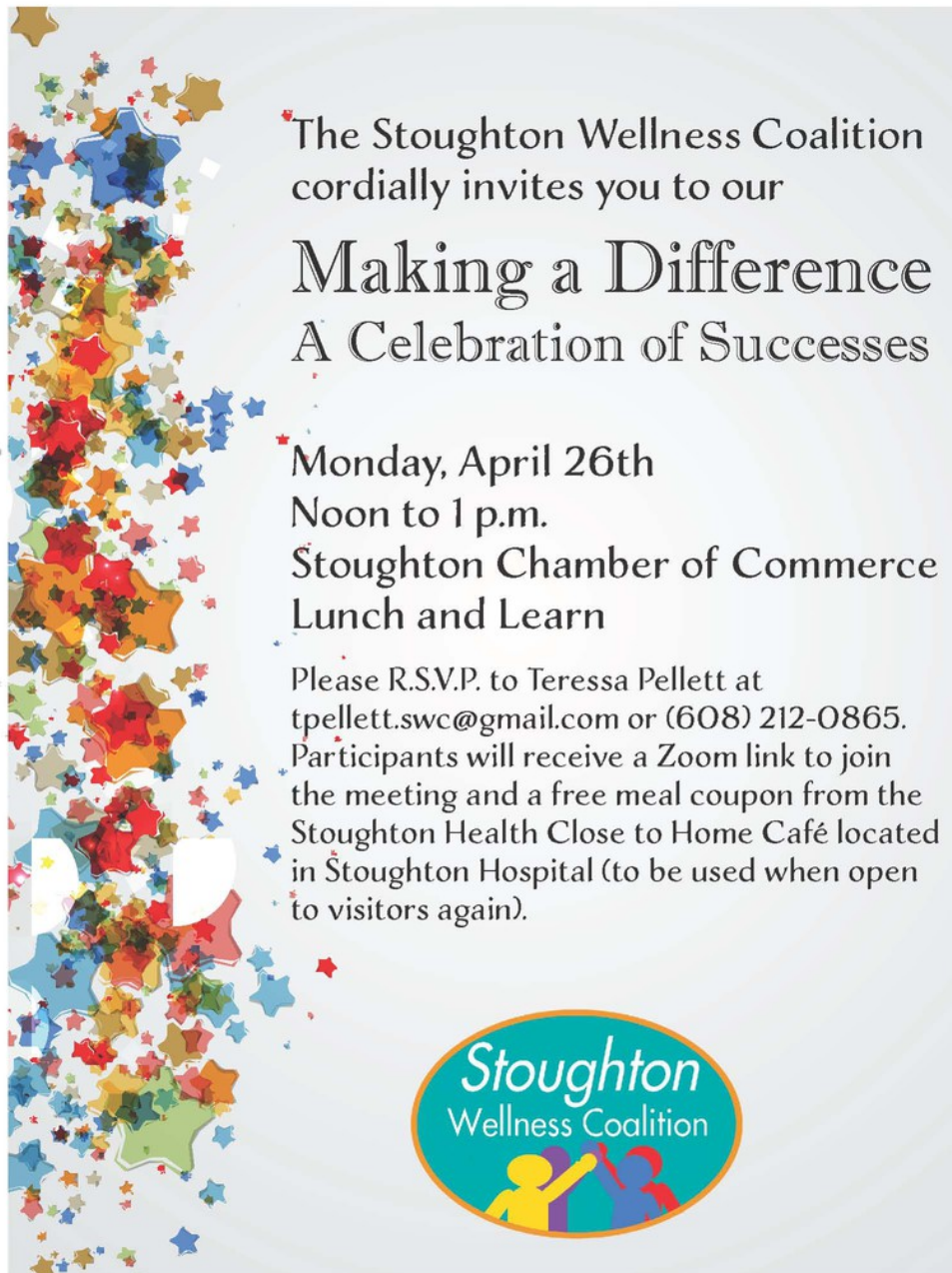
Students interested in trying out to be a keyboardist or violin player, please also come during your lunch time to get more information!!

All practices and tryouts are held in the Dancer Room. Wear shoes to dance in!

TRYOUTS will be held on Thursday and Friday morning the week of April 12th at 6:30am.

Virtual Students will set up a tryout time via email with Ms. Heimsoth





Nurtured Heart Approach Message

Greetings...

This is an invitation to join us for some learning around The Nurtured Heart Approach! This [NHA April Workshop Flyer](#) has all the deets for our 1.5-hour, virtual workshop being held on Tuesday, April 27th from 6:00-7:30 pm. We would LOVE to see you there!



Alternately, sign up for the workshop directly @ [NHA April Sign Up](#). Still, wondering what the impact of NHA? Check out this [NHA Overview](#) for some stories from folks who have been practicing and reaping the benefits of NHA.

To your Greatness, Humanity, and Significance.
Amy Ruck



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