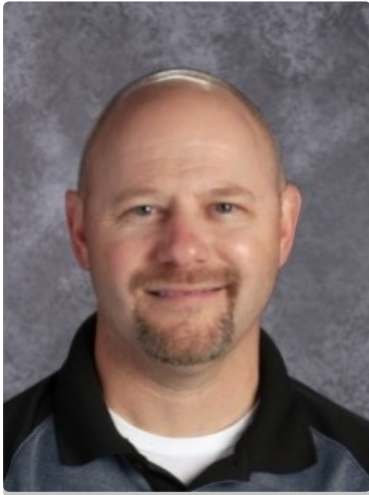


SHS Weekly News

April 30, 2021



Message from Mr. Kruse

Families and Students,

Wow, what a week! ASPIRE testing is almost complete and the alternate sports season is winding down. Meanwhile, Spring activities are cranking up and, May is going to be a month full of activities, learning, and fun.

As we start this last stretch, please be mindful that if a student tests positive for COVID or is considered by our District Health Professional to be a COVID close contact...the student will not be allowed on campus or be able to participate in activities/athletics during their established quarantined time. Quarantine may be up to 14 days. After their quarantine period is completed, students will only be allowed back to school or activities when they are symptom-free. This would include all school-related activities including Prom, Awards Programs, and Graduation. During quarantine, students will only attend school virtually if possible based on their health.

As the weather gets warmer and family and friends begin to gather more, please be safe and minimize your possible exposure.

Have a wonderful weekend.

M. J. Kruse

Preventative Measures for Students while Off Campus

Students, 14-day quarantines are not fun, especially when you are unable to see friends and attend school in person. Please take the following measures to reduce your chances of having to quarantine:

- When going off-campus for lunch, get your food to go and find a park or green space to eat outside, more than 6 feet apart. When you are not eating, wear a mask.
- While studying with friends or classmates, Zoom is the best option. If you cannot use Zoom and must study in the same space, set up on opposite sides of the room or table.
- When riding in the same vehicle with others, not in the same household, wear your masks. You can also roll the windows down for increased ventilation. There is a high probability of

transmission if you take your mask off while eating in a space where you are not 6 feet apart from others.

- As the weather warms up, commit to finding outdoor activities to hang out with your friends, such as hiking, picnics, or going on walks or bike rides, with masks on. Choosing outdoor activities rather than indoor activities, including eating in close quarters, is a safer and smarter option.

April's Antiracist Resources

Please click [here](#)



Shoe Drive

- Student Senate is having a shoe drive through May 7th for the Soles 4 Souls organization. Please consider donating new or gently used shoes at the donation boxes near the LMC. Each shoe donated earns you 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize! Contact Mrs. Kasberg or Mrs. Arnold with any questions.

END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

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

Prom Guest [Form](#)

MAKE UP ASPIRE TESTING

9th and 10th-grade students took the Aspire test on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021. This test is an early high school version of the ACT. The results give 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.

The make up schedule will be as follows:

Monday, May 3rd from 9 to 11:15 am

Tuesday, May 4th from 9 to 11:15

Wednesday, May 5th from 9 to 9:45 am

Please note the following as the test date approaches:

- The test is in person at Stoughton High School. There is not a virtual option.
- Students must wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Any family, virtual or in-person, may opt-out of the test.
- To opt-out, email High School Principal Mike Kruse: mike.kruse@stoughton.k12.wi.us.
- Please make sure your student comes to school with their Chromebook fully charged.
- The Mathematics test allows the use of a calculator. There is a calculator embedded into the test, but students may bring their own calculator. Calculators must meet the following guidelines: [ACT calculator policy](#).

Contact Andrew Burke at andrew.burke@stoughton.k12.wi.us if you have any questions .

FORWARD Testing

10th-grade students will be taking the FORWARD Test during the first two weeks of May. Those students who are attending school in person will take the test in their Ancient World History classes on Tuesday, May 4th & Wednesday, May 5th, 2021. We are asking Virtual students (and in-person absent students) to come in during the Virtual Learning Support Time on Tuesday, May 11th, and Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 to complete the tests. There are two tests - one will be given each day.

Please note the following as the test day approaches:

- May 4th and May 5th will be ASYNCHRONOUS Workdays for Ancient World History Virtual students on these days. NO Zoom class for Ancient World History ONLY on those days.
- Students will use Chromebooks to test. Please make sure that your student comes to school with their Chromebook fully charged. (Just like for the Aspire Test)
- Any family, virtual or in-person, may opt-out of the test.
- To opt-out, please email Mike Kruse: mike.kruse@stoughton.k12.wi.us
- Virtual students will have an opportunity to take this test on May 11th AND May 12th (2 tests - 2 dates) at 8:00 am-8:45 am
- Students may enter the high school on May 11th & 12th starting at 7:45 from the back of the school, door #21.
- We ask that Virtual students please sign up to take the test on May 11th and May 12th to help ensure adequate spacing is planned out. Sign up [HERE](#).
- Makeup day & time for those students who miss class on May 4th -5th will be the same as it is for the Virtual students - May 11th & May 12th from 8:00 am - 8:45 am

Also, please 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 Kris Adams at kris.adams@stoughton.k12.wi.us if you have any questions.

STAR Testing

Stoughton High School will be implementing the STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments from May 3 through May 14th, 2021.

Testing will take place during Language Arts and Math classes in grades 9, 10, and 11.

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.schneeberger@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Lisa Schneeberger

Senior Honors/Awards Programs

Event: This event is for seniors who have earned scholarships. Only those scholarships awarded through the high school will be awarded.

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 live-streamed through our district Youtube Channel so that anyone can watch. After the ceremony is over, the video will also be posted, so it can be viewed at any time.
- Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA3kM3zRx_w9XGMHTJXTucg/live

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 and we will be in the PAC. The ceremony will be live-streamed to the community at 1:00 pm.**



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>

Nurtured Heart Approach Message

Greetings...

One of the most difficult "asks" in the Nurtured Heart Approach is to change the way we look at behavior from "our children are choosing to misbehave" to one that understands that they haven't learned the skills necessary to handle a situation...yet. When you are able to teach your children the skill that they are missing by providing rich, colorful, descriptive evidence every time you see them being successful (stand 2 of NHA), you are building their inner wealth and making them believe in their greatness!



Reach out with any questions you might have!

To your Greatness, Humanity, and Significance.

Amy Ruck

**IN MY WORLD
THERE ARE NO
BAD KIDS, JUST
IMPRESSIONABLE,
CONFLICTED YOUNG
PEOPLE WRESTLING
WITH EMOTIONS AND
IMPULSES, TRYING
TO COMMUNICATE
THEIR FEELINGS
AND NEEDS THE
ONLY WAY THEY
KNOW HOW.**

JANET LANSBURY



SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF STOUGHTON ATHLETICS!

REDEVELOPMENT OF COLLINS FIELD



VIKING GOAL



Replacing natural turf with artificial turf so every Stoughton High School athlete and member gets to safely play or perform on Collins Field!

CURRENT PROGRESS

This project is made possible by generous donations from Stoughton Trailers and the support of the Stoughton community.

This is estimated to be a \$1.1 million project. Stoughton Trailers donated \$500,000 this school year to help make the new field a reality. The SASD Board of Education also committed up to \$250,000.



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\$750 K

\$500 K

\$250 K

PROJECT TIMELINE

There is still approximately

\$350,000 
to be raised!

Fully funded by:

July 1st, 2021

Construction to begin:

June, 2022

Completion by:

August 1, 2022

COMMUNITY BENEFITS



A redeveloped Collins Field not only benefits the Stoughton School District and its students, it also benefits the Stoughton area as a whole.

- Allows practices and competitions regardless of natural elements that currently cause delays or cancellations
- Opportunities such as soccer playoff games and band competitions
- Additional events provide revenue generated through food, lodging, transportation, and shopping at Stoughton area businesses
- Community groups and organizations such as Stoughton Youth Soccer, Stoughton Youth Lacrosse, and Stoughton Youth Football will have the opportunity to host events and competitions without the fear of damaging the surface
- Events and competitions tend to bring in even more people from outside communities



HOW TO DONATE


Check Made out to SASD: SASD or Stoughton Area School District

Mailed to whose attention: Business Services Office - Jenny McKenna

Mailing Address: 320 North St, Stoughton, WI 53589

Tax ID info the donor will need 39-6004688 (our federal ID number)

Please indicate in memo that the donation is for the Collins Field upgrade project


**USE THE QR
CODE TO
GET MORE
INFORMATION
ON OUR
WEBSITE!**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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Covid Reminder

If a student tests positive or is a close contact with someone who has tested positive, they can not participate in any school-sponsored activities on or off of campus.



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