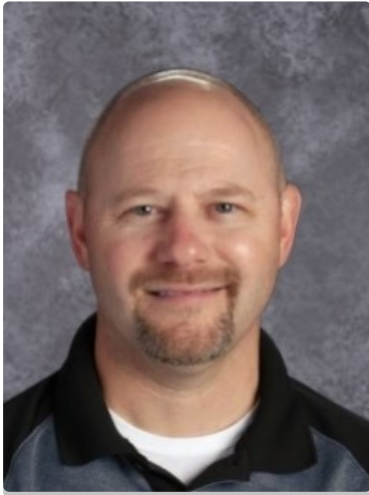


SHS Weekly News

April 16, 2021



Message from Mr. Kruse (Revised Edition)

Families and Students,

I hope all is well with you and your family. We have had a successful hybrid schedule session that has prepared us to welcome students back on an everyday basis. Starting, Monday, April 19th, 70% of SHS students will be attending in-person every day. Welcome Back!!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

M. J. Kruse

Attendance Office Message

Starting 4/19/21, we will be entering Phase 3 for students grade 9-12. Attendance will continue to be taken every day based on what option the student/family has chosen.

If a student has chosen in-person learning they are expected to be in the building attending classes each day.

If a student is unable to attend school they may use a parent excuse or a medical excuse(with documentation) to excuse their absence.

If there is an extenuating circumstance that requires a student who is scheduled for in-person learning to attend virtually this must be approved by administration through communication with the parent/guardian prior to the absence.

**Exceptions to the above are if the student is considered a close contact and is quarantining or has a positive COVID test.*

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](#).

School Photos

If you are looking for your student's photo packet and your student is virtual, please stop by the main office to pick them up. We also have proofs in the main office for virtual students if you are interested in purchasing photos.

April's Antiracist Resources

Please click [here](#)

It's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin

SASD families,

This week is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. At SASD, this means reviewing our tornado and severe weather drills with all students and staff, and encouraging families to prepare an at-home emergency plan with their students.

In order to minimize the number of students in a given space, this year we are substituting our normal tornado drill with a review of protocol in class. By the end of this week, students and educators will have reviewed what to do in case of a tornado or severe weather, where to go, and how to get there. We also want to encourage families to put a plan in place for emergency weather situations. Here are some resources to get you started:

- Here are some tips on [talking to children about severe weather](#)
- [Ready.gov/kids](#) has games, tips and tools for kids, teens, families and educators, including some resources in Spanish and other languages.
- FEMA's YouTube channel features [a variety of videos](#) for younger kids on severe weather, making a family communications plan and emergency kit and other topics.
- [Weather.gov/wrn/spring-safety](#) has a bunch of information, like this [video on thunderstorm types](#), for all ages on tornadoes and other springtime weather hazards.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has created [Ready Wrigley PDF activity books in English and Spanish](#) to help kids understand types of extreme weather and to help children learn the importance of being prepared.
- Dane County Emergency Management offers advice in [this document](#) for creating a [family emergency plan](#). You can also [sign up to receive emergency notifications](#) via text or email to be alerted to potentially life-threatening and public safety emergencies in Dane County.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Onsager

District Administrator

Luke Butz

Safety Coordinator

Families, You're Invited: A Virtual Event with Journey Mental Health

We've teamed up with Journey Mental Health Center to offer families an opportunity to learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on students, families, and the education community. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. This presentation is led by experts Nelsie Stern, LPC, and Kimby Shult Hughes, MS, MFT. This event is free and registration is required [here](#).

School Year Calendar

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

For Virtual to In-Person Students: What lunch looks like

We want to make sure our virtual to in-person students know what school lunch looks like as they join us on Monday, April 19:

- #1. Lunch is FREE and there is no sign-up needed. There is no need to add any money to your food account on Infinite Campus.
- #2. There are no a la carte items available. As an a la carte item, milk is not available.
- #3. Breakfast will not be served at school. If your student would like to receive a daily breakfast, learn more and sign up [here](#) if you have not done so already.

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

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 Testina

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. 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.

Please note the following as the test date approaches:

- 11th and 12th-grade students will not have school on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021.
- The test is in person at Stoughton High School. There is not a virtual option.
- Capacity in testing rooms will be below 20 students.
- 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.
- The Aspire test will be a full day of testing, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 3:15 pm.
- Students will use Chromebooks to test. Please make sure your student comes to school with their Chromebook fully charged.
- Students should bring a pen or pencil with them.
- 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](#).
- Lunch will be available in the cafeteria. Students may also bring their lunch.

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

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 11th & 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. *Virtual students, please make sure that you bring any necessary medications with you (epi-pen, inhaler, etc.) on May 11th/12th.*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

SJS Social Studies Department Chair

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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.schneeberger@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Lisa Schneeberger

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

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.**

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NORWEGIAN DANCER AUDITIONS:

Auditions for the Norwegian Dancers have been moved to the week of April 19th. All those interested in dancing or being a musician should come to the Dancer room on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th during your lunch time. You will learn three dances and get more information on what is required. Auditions will be held before school on Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd. Email staci.heimsoth@stoughton.k12.wi.us if you have any questions.

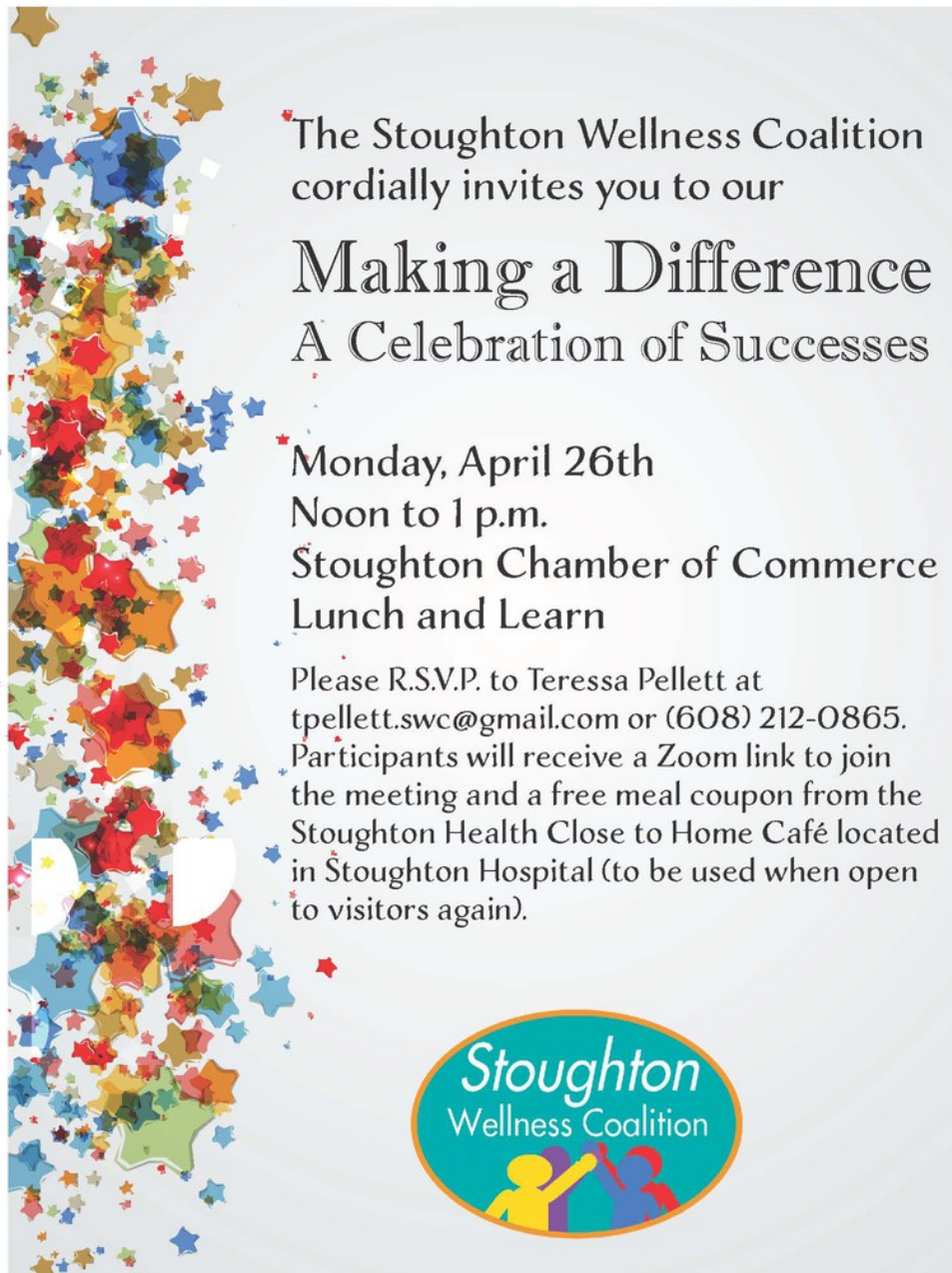


YEARBOOK UPDATE



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...

From the virtual desk of NHA:

"This method is amazing and WORKS! I absolutely love this approach.

I am going to carry it over to my job as well! Thank you for all the

examples and information. I will be recommending this class to everyone." (workshop participant)



Clear your schedule and get ready to learn how you too can transform your relationship with your children (and coworkers) using the Nurtured Heart Approach at our next 1.5-hour, virtual workshop being held on Tuesday, April 27th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Check out the [NHA April Workshop Flyer](#) for background information and a link to sign up.

In this week's musing, [20/20 Vision](#), I share how NHA has helped me understand that "the lens we choose transforms the way we look at things."

Reach out with any questions you have!

To your Greatness, Humanity, and Significance.
Amy Ruck



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