

# SHS Weekly News

November 1, 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Friday, Nov. 1

No School-Professional Development for Staff

7:00 pm Varsity Football Level II Playoffs vs. Monroe

7:00 pm Beauty and the Beast in the PAC

### Saturday, Nov. 2

TBD Girls Varsity Volleyball WIAA Sectional @ Elkhorn

1:00 pm Girls Var Swimming Conf. Meet South

7:00 pm Beauty and the Beast in the PAC

### Sunday, Nov. 3

2:00 pm Beauty and the Beast in the PAC

### Monday, Nov. 4

### Tuesday, Nov. 5

### Wednesday, Nov. 6

### Thursday, Nov. 7

7:00 pm Fall Choir Concert in the PAC

### Friday, Nov. 8

### Saturday, Nov. 9

1:00 pm Girls Varsity WIAA Sectional Swimming @ Baraboo



## **Bullying Intervention and Communication Skills Workshop: Knowledge and Tools for All Parents**

Bullying and other types of mistreatment impact student achievement and are harmful to young people's social and emotional development. These are challenging issues for families to address, especially since parents/guardians or other adults are often unaware of the incidents that are happening.

Join us at the SASD District Office (320 North Street) on Tuesday, November 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative workshop to gain an increased understanding of emotional and physical violence- especially relational aggression and cyberbullying- and their impacts.

This workshop will equip parents/guardians with knowledge and skills to respond effectively when they or their children witness or hear about mistreatment. Through a series of hands-on activities, parents/guardians will learn how to use communication skills and strategies to encourage their children to talk with them about difficult issues. This workshop is for any parent/guardian of school-aged youth (K-12). Interested community members are also welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be several door prizes. There is no fee for this event. If you plan to attend, please complete this [google form](#) to RSVP. If you have questions, please contact Anne Fimreite at [anne.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:anne.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us) or 608-877-5511.

## **SASD snow/cold weather cancellation protocols**

School district staff take decisions to delay, close, or dismiss school due to inclement weather conditions very seriously. As with most decisions that affect literally thousands of people, it will impact individuals differently. You may be interested in knowing what goes into the decision.

The most important consideration in the decision is children's safety. Can we safely transport children to and from school – and at what point in time is it the safest?

Many people and factors are involved. The process begins as early as 4 a.m. when Karen Johnson, Stoughton Area School District Coordinator of Transportation, and myself confer about weather conditions with information from national and local weather services. County and municipal road crews are contacted to assess road conditions and the extent to which they will be safe to travel at the time students are to be transported. A driver travels a rural route and is consulted for his/her input as to the safety of travel on the road. If plows are able to have snow removed from the majority of bus routes, and there is no concern for high winds or a rate of snowfall that would prohibit keeping the

roads clear, buses can operate safely. Few vehicles are safer than buses in winter driving conditions. If it is determined we cannot safely transport children to school, or cannot safely transport children home from school, then schools will be delayed, dismissed early, or closed. Our intention is that the final decision to close or delay school will be made by 6 a.m. at the latest. The district will use its Emergency Notification system, as well as local news outlets, to spread the word about school closings.

For cold weather, the main indicator is the wind chill factor. If the wind chill factor generates a Wind Chill Warning (-35 sustained wind chill) we will close for the day, or consider a delayed start if the warning will be lifted in the mid-morning hours. We will consider closing schools with a Wind Chill Advisory at negative 25 degrees.

A decision to dismiss school early depends on additional criteria. This decision requires that notice go out to the public at approximately 11 a.m. in order to provide reasonable notice to parents. This is an important matter in our community as the employment rate among our families is high and literally hundreds of young children have no one at home in the afternoon to accommodate an early dismissal. Their safety from early dismissal to the point at which parental supervision is available is considered. In addition, we have excellent county and municipal road crews. Normal dismissal schedules allow more time for them to do their work clearing all roads in our 100-square-mile district and improving conditions for safe travel.

While district staff has the responsibility to alter the school day due to weather, no decision of ours overrides your judgment as a parent. If parents have a sincere concern for the safety of their child, they can certainly keep their child home or pick them up from school early.

In the end, please rest assured that the ability to safely move our nearly 3,000 students to and from school is the primary determinant for closing, delaying, or dismissing school early. That safety is determined with input from many professionals who are committed to the safety of children – a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

How can you help as a Parent and Community Member?

- Please take a moment now to make sure we have the most up to date contact information for you and caregivers who wish to receive school closing announcements through [your Infinite Campus Portal account](#)
- Talk with your family about emergency weather procedures in the rare event that schools are closed early
- With wintry weather approaching, remember to slow down and drive safely, especially in school zones. Our custodial and maintenance crews work hard to remove snow from parking lots and sidewalks as quickly as possible
- Please help our students to remember to dress for the weather

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

Dr. Tim Onsager  
District Administrator  
Stoughton Area School District

## Winter Sports Team Meetings

Winter Sport Athletes - there will be an important player/parent meeting for all winter sports teams on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m.

**Locations:**

BBB - PAC

GBB - Main Gym

Cheer - Room 428

Dance - Room 426

B Hky - Small Cafe

G Hky - Multi-Purpose Room

Boys Swim - Room 424

Wrestling - Large Cafe



## Stoughton Vikings College Athlete Night

Stoughton Guidance Office and Athletic Department will be hosting a joint presentation to help answer the question:

**"Am I ready for college athletics?" or "What should I expect?"**

**When:** Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm  
**Where:** Stoughton High School Large Cafeteria  
**Who:** Any student athlete who is interested in college athletics  
**Why:** Understanding the eligibility and recruiting process

Understanding the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics of higher GPA's, attendance rates and lower discipline problems it is the vision of the Stoughton Athletic Department to encourage our athletes to join and participate in sport programs at their school of choice.

Being part of these teams helps students engage and connect in deeper with their school. Students who are part of a team have advocates and a support system, with similar goals as themselves.

This joint presentation will help current SHS students understand the academic requirements, the basics of the recruiting process and registering for the NCAA clearing house.

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## Safety Drills

Dear Families:

At the Stoughton Area School District, the safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priorities. That is why we practice a variety of safety drills throughout the school year: so that our students and staff know how to keep themselves safe in different kinds of emergencies.

Consequently, we wanted to let you know that during the first week of November our District will be working with the Stoughton Police Department to conduct active threat drills in all five Stoughton schools to ensure the safety of our students and to align with annual State requirements on school safety drills.

**During these drills, our staff will be communicating with our students in an age-appropriate manner. Students will NOT be asked to practice any countering strategies during the upcoming exercises, and there will NOT be a simulated “shooter” during these drills.**

Stoughton High School is tentatively scheduled to have its active threat drill on Tuesday, November 5.

In preparation for these drills, our staff have been trained on how to prepare students to make this drill as smooth and stress-free as possible. Our staff will also have age-appropriate conversations with our students before and after the drill so they have a chance to ask questions. The drills will take place under the supervision of school staff and Stoughton police, and your child(ren)’s building principal also will send out a message to families as soon as the school’s drill is complete.

It is unfortunate that we even have to talk about training for an active threat, but these kinds of safety drills help us evaluate our emergency operations plan, improve our response skills and prepare our students and staff so that we know what to do in the event of an actual emergency. If you would like resources to talk with your child(ren) at home about any of these types of issues, [I am including this link to a site that we believe could be helpful](#). You can also feel free to reach out to your child(ren)’s principal if you have any questions about our safety program or the upcoming drills. Our District staff are here for you.

Sincerely,  
Tim Onsager  
District Administrator

## **Outstanding Educator**

Maggie Heck has overwhelmingly won the New Teacher of the Year for the Wisconsin Marketing Education Association. This honor was voted on by all marketing teachers in the state. Maggie demonstrates dedication and devotion to marketing and business education that is noticed by all stakeholders. In addition to this prestigious award, Maggie also contributes to that organization by being on the board of directors as their secretary. Maggie is an outstanding educator, leader, and influencer in marketing and business education. Her leadership is invaluable and she adds great things to her profession.



## Applying With Host A Family



### Program Description

Host A Family matches families in need with sponsors to provide holiday gifts, all done anonymously. Host A Family is volunteer-run, non-profit organization where donations go directly to families in need. Today, with the ongoing assistance from DCHS, schools, churches, various organizations, many families, and dozens of volunteers, the HAF program now serves more than 300 families in need in its program area including the school districts of Stoughton, Oregon and McFarland.



### Program Requirements

- You must reside with your children/dependents (18 and under) within one of the following school districts: McFarland, Stoughton or Oregon and be struggling financially.
- If hosted, you must be able to pick up your gifts at LakeView Church in Stoughton on Friday, December 13 or Saturday, December 14. Times will be posted closer to the event.
- You must consent to the anonymous posting of gift requests and thank you note to the [hostafamily.org](http://hostafamily.org) website to facilitate host matching.
- You must provide address verification, an ID, and if requested, identification for the dependents living with you.



### Applying

To receive gifts from Host A Family please complete and submit an online application. Go to <https://hostafamily.org/apply/login.asp>

Your application will be reviewed and you will notified that you have been hosted with a postcard mailed to the address provided on the application form about a week before the scheduled gift pickup.

The deadline for applying is November 15, 2019. If you apply after November 15th we will do our best to match you with a host but there is no guarantee.

To claim your gifts at the arranged pick up in December, you will need:

1. The POSTCARD mailed to you
2. A PICTURE ID and
3. PROOF OF ADDRESS (a bill mailed to you, a rental agreement, school documentation)
4. You may be asked for identification for the dependents you list on your application.



## Madison WI Request Toys

Toy Distribution will be held at the Alliant Energy Center Dec 18-20

Nov 1st- 15th we will open up the online registration.

To register to receive a toy

<https://madison-wi.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx>

All documents listed on the Registration Instructions and Application link will need to be brought to the toy distribution.

Contact the local Toys for Tots Coordinator via email or phone for additional information.

**Local Coordinating Officer:** Sgt Nicholas Hultman

**Email:** [toysfortotsmadison704@yahoo.com](mailto:toysfortotsmadison704@yahoo.com)

**Phone:** 608-241-2022 ext 5012

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**34th Annual Koats for Kids! 2019**

Coats and Accessories Available for All Ages

**Distribution Location**  
Community Action Coalition for South Central WI, Inc (CAC)  
1717 N Stoughton Rd. Madison, WI 53704

**From**  
(Tuesday) October 15 - (Thursday) November 7, 2019

**Distribution Days and Hours**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10-3pm  
Thursdays 10-7pm  
Saturdays 10-3pm

For more information call CAC 608-246-4730  
For information about volunteering use ext.241  
or visit [VolunteerYourTime.org](http://VolunteerYourTime.org)

**ID REQUIRED**  
Registration requires one of the following forms of identification for each individual (including children) in need of a coat.  
Photo ID Card  
Social Security Card  
Insurance Card  
Referral from another agency  
Medical Card



## Senior Photo Information

Senior parents,

The yearbook is ready to start collecting senior photos. Photos will be accepted until January 31st but we hope to see most of them by October 31.

Here are a few pointers to make sure that the photos will print successfully. These are recommended guidelines that work well in a yearbook but there is room for flexibility.

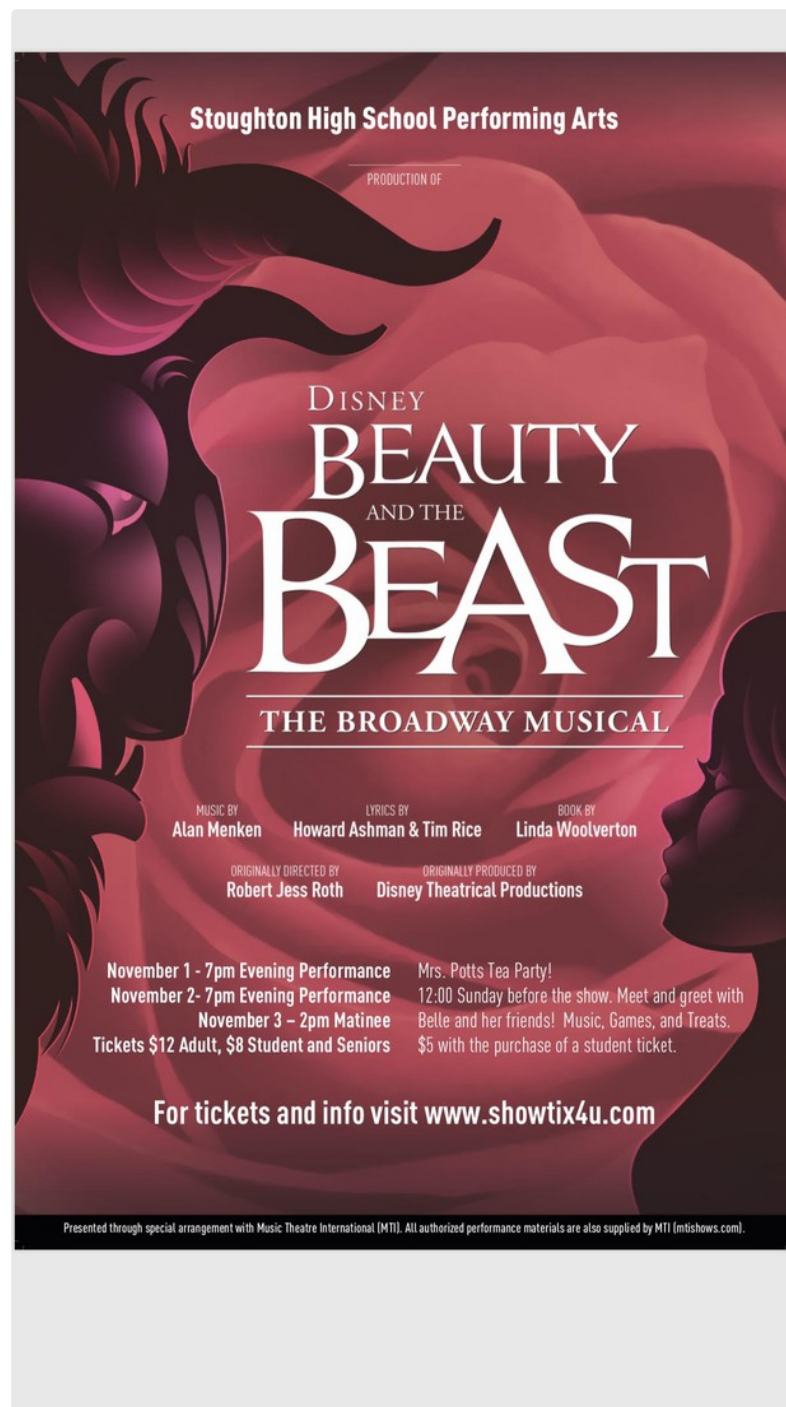
Ideally, we need...

- 300 DPI high-resolution image
- Vertical orientation
- 2.25 x 3.25 or 2.5 x 3.5 inches
- Head should measure approximately 1.5 in
- No hands if possible
- Jpeg format

Email photos or questions about photos to [adrienne.stahl@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:adrienne.stahl@stoughton.k12.wi.us) or [shsyearbook20192020@gmail](mailto:shsyearbook20192020@gmail.com)

Thank You

19-20 SHS Yearbook Staff



## AP Exam Ordering

If you have a student that is enrolled in an AP course, you should have received an email from me about two weeks ago and your student was given a letter in class. But since there are several new rules this year, I thought a reminder would be useful.

### A. ORDERING AN AP EXAM THIS YEAR IS A 4-STEP PROCESS.

1. Students are required to create an account at [myap.collegeboard.org](http://myap.collegeboard.org) and it is through their account that they will indicate that they want an exam ordered.
2. Parents will need to go to Infinite Campus and pay for each exam that is ordered. Currently, you will see a fee listed for each AP course your student is in. Only pay a fee if an exam is ordered. For example,

if your student is in two (2) AP courses, then you will see two (2) exam fees owed. If your student only orders one (1) exam then only pay one (1) of the fees. The other fee will be removed by December 1, 2019. If your student qualifies for free/reduced lunch, there is no fee listed for them because of **Wis. Stat. sec. 120.12 (22) Advanced placement examinations, which states that any student that qualifies for free/reduced lunch will have their exam fee paid by the district. If you have questions about fee payment, you may contact me - email is best but you can leave me a voicemail and I will return your call as soon as I can.**

3. I will print off a list of exams ordered and a list of fees paid on November 8, 2019. I will compare the two lists.

4. On November 14, 2019, **I will order exams** for any student that is on both the "order me an exam" list and the "I have paid my fees" list. Just because a student indicates they want an exam ordered on their myap account, does not automatically mean one will be ordered. There needs to be a payment for each exam ordered. Anyone that is not on both lists will not have an exam ordered for them. It is possible to order exams after November 14, 2019, but the CollegeBoard will charge an additional \$40.00 late fee.

B. Speaking of the CollegeBoard. They are the ones that determine the exam dates and times. These are nation-wide testing dates and I cannot change them. Before your student orders an exam, make sure there are no conflicts with the testing dates.

C. There is a \$40.00 cancellation fee. If your student orders a test and then decides not to take it, you will be refunded the difference (\$54.00) in June after the AP exams are completed regardless of when the student decides they are not taking the exam.

Lisa Schneeberger

AP Coordinator

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877-5763

## 2019-20 AP Exam Schedule

**MORNING EXAMS:** 7:30 am – 12:30

**AFTERNOON EXAMS:** 12:30 – ending time depends on the exam (can be anywhere from 3:15 to 4:15)

WEEK 1:	Morning		Afternoon
Monday, May 4, 2020	US Gov't & Politics		Physics C: Mechanics
Tuesday, May 5, 2020	Calculus AB & Calculus BC		German Language & Culture
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	English Lit & Comp.		
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Chemistry		
Friday, May 8, 2020	US History		

WEEK 2:	Morning		Afternoon
Monday, May 11, 2020	Biology		
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	Spanish Language & Culture		Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	English Lang. & Comp.		Music Theory
Thursday, May 14, 2020	World History: Modern		
Friday, May 15, 2019	Computer Science Principles		Statistics

## Academic Coaching

We will again be offering Academic Coaching, for students after school on Mondays and Thursdays, in the LMC from 3:25-4:25 pm. Please contact Mr. Last at 877-5735 or by email at [rob.last@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:rob.last@stoughton.k12.wi.us)

## Outstanding Student Fees

Please check your Infinite Campus Portal to see if your child may have any outstanding class fees. You may pay through your portal or send cash or a check to your student's teacher.



## High School Contact Information

Main Office: 877-5600

Attendance Office: 877-5600

Mr. Kruse, Principal: 877-5601

Ms. Hrodey, Assoc. Principal: 877-5605

Ms. Schoemer, Assoc. Principal: 877-5603

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