



# Stoney Creek High School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### REGISTRATION

#### • August 22

Seniors; 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

#### • August 23

Juniors; 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Sophomores; 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

#### • August 24

Freshman Orientation/Registration  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### • August 28

Make-up; 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

#### ◆ September 5 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

First Day of School—Full Day

#### ◆ September 6

Make-up picture day

#### ◆ September 12

Freshman Parent Meeting 5:45 p.m.  
Senior Parent Meeting 5:45 p.m.  
HS Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m.

#### ◆ September 15

Homecoming Game; 7:00 p.m.  
SCHS vs. Troy HS

#### ◆ September 16

Homecoming Dance;  
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

#### ◆ October 12 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Picture Retake Day

## COMMON LINKS

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August 10, 2017

Dear SCHS Families,

Welcome to the sixteenth year of Stoney Creek High School. We are eagerly waiting to greet our 1600 students and get the 2017-2018 school year off to a great start.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide pertinent information to assist our students and their families. Please call if you have any questions.

Welcome to another positive year for the entire SCHS community.



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

Stoney Creek High School students are urged to develop regular attendance in their classes. Responsible attendance means attending all classes and getting to class on time. **Parents will call (248) 726-5710 to excuse a legitimate all-day absence from school. The call should be made on the day of the absence or by noon the day following the absence.** After that time, if no call was received, the absence will be "unexcused".

To report a late arrival or request an early dismissal call (248) 726-5735.

Attendance calls are recorded and time stamped on an automated phone recorder that answers 24/7. This system should accommodate parent's work/travel schedules. The Attendance Office is in A-210.

## BAND ENSEMBLE AND CHOIR PARENTS-

Welcome to the start of another exciting year in the music program. To honor the fact that we are a green school and to make the process much easier this year, we are doing all the music program registrations online. Please follow the links below to complete your student's registration for this coming school year as there will be no paper registration forms available. Band Ensemble members who have completed the online registration for Marching Band need to do nothing further.

ny questions, contact Erin Moran (Choir) at [vpchoralaffairs@schsmusic.com](mailto:vpchoralaffairs@schsmusic.com) or Tammy Watson (Band) at [vpbandaffairs@schsmusic.com](mailto:vpbandaffairs@schsmusic.com).

For Band Ensembles:

<https://goo.gl/forms/GaGzs9QGCjMnOL903>

For Choir Groups:

<https://goo.gl/forms/FWj6gyHCdHmRDllr2>



### **BUS ETIQUETTE**

Transporting students in the Rochester Community School District is an involved and complicated task. It requires the cooperation of everyone to make it successful. Parents should establish guidelines with their children for the following:

- The route they should take between home and the bus stop.
- Proper attire for the weather.
- Conduct on the bus.
- Conduct at the bus stop.

Once again, some routes will be combined with Hart Middle School students. It is critical that bus behavior be appropriate. Loud, boisterous, or profane language, indecent conduct, throwing of articles, or anything that could distract the driver or injure others will not be tolerated. Any of the above behaviors may result in a disciplinary action.

***Students, who need to ride a bus other than the one they were assigned, must obtain an authorized permission form from the main office or Transportation. Notes to the bus driver or the school will not be accepted as authorized permission.***

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We hope to make transportation to and from school as safe and enjoyable as possible.

### **BUS SCHEDULES**

Your child's bus schedule will be available in Synergy after 12:00 p.m. on August 25, 2017.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

**\* Attention Students and Parents \***

Due to an increasing problem with students using cell phones during the school day, we will have tighter enforcement of cell phone issues using the Rochester Community Schools Code of Conduct.

The following procedures were implemented for the 2010-2011 school year and will remain the same for the 2017-2018 school year.



**Students may NOT use cell phones to call or text during class time.**

We view classroom instruction as a sacred part of the learning environment and cell phone use during class time is disruptive to the learning process and disrespectful to the teacher and fellow students. If a student is caught using their cell phone during class time they will be issued the following consequences.

**1<sup>st</sup> offense – The student's phone will be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the Attendance office and released only to the parent or guardian.** The student will be placed on Step 1 of the student Code of Conduct.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense –** The student's phone will be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the Attendance office and released only to the parent or guardian. The student will be placed on Step 2 of the student Code of Conduct.

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense –** The student's phone will be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the Attendance office and released only to the parent or guardian. The student will be suspended from school and placed on Step 3 of the student Code of Conduct.



### SCHS Class Hours

1st	7:30 am - 8:32 am	
2nd	8:38 am - 9:37 am	
3rd	9:43 am - 10:42 am	
4th	10:42 am - 11:13 am	1st lunch
	11:19 am - 12:20 pm	Class A
	10:48 am - 11:16 am	Class B
	11:16 am - 11:47 am	2nd Lunch
	11:47 am - 12:20 pm	Class B
	10:48 am - 11:49 am	Class C
	11:49 am - 12:20 pm	3rd Lunch
5th	12:26 pm - 1:25 pm	
6th	1:31 pm - 2:30 pm	

### 2017-2018 PTSA Meeting Dates

7 pm in the Media Center

- Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018
- Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Tuesday, April 10, 2018
- Tuesday, May 8, 2018

### DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

**Dress appropriately**, not offensively to others.

No clothing with innuendoes (*i.e., pictures /symbols relating to inappropriate topics*).

VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN CONSEQUENCES FROM THE STEP SYSTEM.

*If a student is sent to the office, a parent will be contacted. A repeat violation of Dress Code Guidelines will result in placement on the Step System.*

- Tops/Shirts

- \* No low-cut tops/shirts
- \* Tank Tops allowed (straps must be 2" wide)
- \* No open back/halter
- \* No one shoulder/single shoulder
- \* No off-the-shoulder
- \* No spaghetti straps

- No undershirts/underwear showing

- Skirts/Shorts

- \*No Short Shorts

- No bare midriffs

- \*Shirts must be able to be tucked into pants

### FORGET SOMETHING? NEED SOMETHING FROM HOME?

Again this year, we have no office assistants. If your student has a need to reach you for something at home, they are welcome to use the telephone in the office.

If you are able to accommodate them, please **remind them via text** to pick the item up at the security desk located outside the media center. **The office staff is not able to interrupt class time.**

### FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

The form may be obtained online; <http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/pages/84958/free-reduced-lunch-application-2017-2018>

### IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has a severe medical condition that could affect him/her during the school day, please be sure to complete the medical information section on your child's emergency card.

If your child needs to take over-the-counter or prescribed medication during the school day, these forms can be found at <https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/stoney-creek-high-school/pages/66934/medication-forms> and must be completed and on file in the Attendance Office. The physician and parent/guardian must complete the form before the medication can be dispensed. A parent/guardian (*not the student*) must bring medication to the Attendance Office, and it must be in the original prescription bottle with the Student's name/dosage labeled. If you have questions regarding this procedure, please call the Attendance office at (248) 726-5735. Students may not bring medication to school unless this procedure has been followed by a parent/guardian.



### **KAISER STUDIOS**

Once again this year, Kaiser will not be providing pre-printed order envelopes. You may access their website for the online picture form from the school's website.

When you visit the website, you will be given two options. You may print the order form and return it with cash or a check (*made payable to Kaiser Studio*) on Picture Day, or you may order online using a credit card. All credit card payments must be processed through Kaiser's secure website.

<https://preorder.kaiserstudio.com> The School ID Code for Stoney Creek High School is **SCHS0822** (*this is not case sensitive*). This pre-order option will be available for two business days after Picture Day.

### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

The Main Office is located to the left as you enter the building from the north side of the campus. The Main Office is where students can come to ask questions, and obtain forms i.e., physicals, medication forms, etc.

The office of the Principal is located in the main office. The Principal's secretary, Mrs. Cross, and the school bookkeeper, Mrs. Kwasek, are also in the main office.

Mrs. Coakley and Mrs. Gleason are secretaries to the Assistant Principals, and are located in A-209. In addition they are the Attendance secretaries.

The Assistant Principal for Gr 10 & 12 is Mr. May, his office is A205. Mr. Shelson is the Assistant Principal for Gr 9 & 11; his office is A204.

The Counseling Office secretary is Mrs. Rawa and the Registrar is Mrs. Paulus.

### **PARKING & STUDENT DROP-OFF**

*When dropping off students, please use the loop at the south end of building between the auditorium and the pool. **Do not use the parking lot nearest the Cougar Stadium as a drop off for students.*** This lot is for staff and special education students only.

*Stoney Creek High School Junior Class student parking areas are located on the south side of the school. Reserved Senior Class student parking area is the upper lot near Sheldon Rd and the lower lot near Sheldon Rd. Seniors may also park in the lots on the south side of the school. All student vehicles must display the parking pass at all times.*

*All late arrivals should park on the south side of the building. Students may be 'buzzed in' using the Auditorium entrance.*

*Staff Parking/Visitor Parking Area (Lot "A") is located at the north side of the building nearest the Cougar Stadium. No student parking is permitted in the staff lot.*

*Parking regulations are enforced at SCHS and failure to observe regulations may result in loss of parking privilege and/or placement on the Step System.*

*Permits are required for all staff and student parking at SCHS and must be displayed at all times. Drive Safely!*

### **PEANUT ALERT**

To protect the health of students with severe allergies to peanuts and/or tree grown nuts, please do not bring snacks, lunches or other food items containing nuts or peanuts into the school. Thank you.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Professional Development days have been an integral part of the continuous process of learning for Rochester High Schools since 1994. This professional development time is set aside so that staff members can take an active part in improving education for our students. Over the years topics such as critical thinking, teaching techniques, interdisciplinary teaching, business/school partnerships, writing throughout the curriculum, technology use in the classroom, and other school improvement topics have been covered at our professional development meetings.