

Stoney Creek High School Welcome to SCHS Class of 2025

Stoney Creek High School

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Dear Parent of the Class of 2025,

We are thrilled to welcome your sons and daughters into the Cougar family. We are deeply committed to offering a world-class education and providing each student with an exceptional high school experience.

The transition from Middle School to High School is an exciting and critical period in the lives of most teenagers as they adjust to new expectation, programs and environment. This is also true for the parent of a teenager.

It is our goal to help make the transition smooth through a variety of opportunities and mentorship.

We look forward to having you as part of our Stoney Creek High School community.

Warm Regards,

Brian Shelson Principal

Dates to Remember - for end of 2020-2021

March 8 & 9 Counselors visit Hart Middle

School 8th grade students

March 10 8th Grade Parent Night Virtual 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates for 2021-2022 to be determined

August Freshman Registration

August Freshman Orientation

LINK Crew Welcome & Activities

September Freshman Parent Night

September Curriculum Night



What Parents Can Do to Start Preparing Their Student for Stoney Creek High School



Update e-mail addresses on student's emergency card to ensure you receive updates via SchoolMessenger.

Review the school website for events to attend—athletics, band/choir events, theatre productions, etc. This may help familiarize your child about what extra curricular school activities that may be appealing to join.

On a personal note, parents should:

- ⇒ Take an active role in the choices your student makes in eighth grade about what classes he/she will take in ninth grade.
- ⇒ Join the <u>Parent Teacher Student Association</u> (PTSA) and take an active role in the transition process. Review the website for PTSA events and information.
- ⇒ Encourage your student to become involved in the school community (athletics, music, summer music theatre, band camp, clubs, etc.)
- ⇒ Stay involved with your student's teachers and attend school functions.
- ⇒ Become educated about the differences between the middle school and high school, in particular grades, graduation requirements, and credits, and discuss these with your teens.
- ⇒ Continue to encourage responsibility and organizational skills in your teen.
- ⇒ Encourage your teen to try new things and to view failure as part of life and a part of learning.
- ⇒ Value resilience over perfection.
- ⇒ Support your teen's efforts to become independent.
- ⇒ Maintain strong family connections with your teen.
- ⇒ Log into ParentVue on a regular basis to track your student's progress.



8th GRADE PARENT NIGHT



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

WHAT DO I DO IF?

1. My child is sick at home?

➤ Call the attendance line at 248-726-5710 and follow the prompts to excuse all absences.

2. My child gets sick at school?

> Students should come to the attendance office to call home. Please tell students not to text or call home from their cell phones, so we can monitor their health and safety.

3. My child needs to leave early for an appointment?

- ➤ Call the attendance line 248-726-5710 to request an early dismissal. Students should pick up their pass in the attendance office after 1st hour, but prior to departure.
- > Students may sign themselves out and meet their parent/guardian in the pick-up loop. If returning, students should sign back in at the attendance office.

4. My child arrives late to school?

- Students should sign in at the attendance office to receive a pass to class.
- Parent should call the attendance office to inform us of a student's late arrival.

5. My child forgot something at home?

Parent should bring all items to the table in the vestibule, outside the main office. Please inform your child that the item has arrived. Students should check for items between classes. (Items will not be delivered.)

6. My child has a Medical Action Plan?

- Turn in your child's Medical Action Plan, along with all medication authorized on the plan, prior to the start of school to the Attendance Office. Please ensure all forms have been signed by the parent and physician, and the medication has not expired.
- > Students are not allowed to carry any medication with them. If your child needs to take medication while at school, please complete the appropriate forms. Forms are available on the RCS website under the "Families/Community" link; scroll to the "Health & Wellness" tab, click on "Medical Action Plan" to access the appropriate form.

7. I am not receiving SchoolMessenger emails or automated notification calls?

> Contact the Main Office to verify/update your email address and/or phone number on your student's Emergency Card.

HOW DO I?

8. Get homework assignments when my child is absent?

➤ Please email the teachers directly. A link to email teachers is located in <u>ParentVue</u> under "Class Schedule". Click on the envelope to the right of the teacher's name to request homework. Assignments may be picked up in the Main Office after school.

9. Buy an "A-Pass" for athletics?

An "A-Pass" allows students to enter any athletic event with the Rochester Community Schools District for the school year (with the exception of District/Regional/State Finals and the Crosstown Showdown). "A-Passes" may be purchased during summer registration, in the Main Office or online.

10. Buy a yearbook, class pictures?

Yearbooks may be purchased during summer registration.

11. Join an afterschool club?

> Stoney Creek has many clubs open to all students. Clubs will begin advertising soon after school begins. Most clubs meet after school. To participate in a club there is a one-time non-refundable club fee of \$30.

12. Get help in a class?

> Start by talking with the teacher for help. Find a "Study Buddy". Upper classmen and National Honor Society students will help tutor students. In addition, the Counseling Center has a list of tutors available for hire.

13. Make an appointment with a counselor?

> Students can make an appointment to meet with their counselor by stopping in or calling the Counseling Center secretary at 248-726-5707. Parents should call the counseling secretary to schedule an appointment to meet with your child's counselor.

WHERE DO I GO?

1. Athletic Physical?

> Your own family doctor or see Athletics handout.

2. Lunch account?

Information will be available in August to create an account for your child's lunches.

3. School Spirit wear?

The school store, <u>The Cougar Den</u>, has a wide variety of spirit wear available.

Dear Future Cougars,

Congratulations and welcome to your home for the next four years! My name is Marena Haidar, and I am thrilled to welcome you to Stoney Creek. As president of the Stoney Creek Student Council, I have been blessed to experience and be actively involved in many aspects of our Stoney Creek community, understanding how diverse and inclusive the cougar family has been to me and now you!

At Stoney Creek, students have the unique opportunity to excel in both academics and extracurriculars simultaneously, as the statement "We Are SC" applies to every single student and staff member as they walk through the door. Each student comes with a unique goal, one that undoubtedly will excel and transfigure into a bigger one. Students are provided with teachers who pour their hearts and soul into teaching academic and life skills for the future. Athletes join programs that value loyalty, dedication, and hard work as they grow in their sport. Artistically, opportunities are endless, from art societies to morning announcements, praising and encouraging students to influence their creative minds.

Although this year has been significantly challenging, welcoming the freshman class continues to be a priority. Our mission is to make this transition as simple as possible, with programs such as "Link Crew" along with club fairs and Student Council events to get students involved. Link Crew provides each student a mentor who offers guidance on life at Stoney Creek and a familiar face in the halls! I encourage you to go to the club fairs, sports meetings and ask many questions along the way! Our goal is to make our new cougar members comfortable and valued.

In my past four years at Stoney Creek, I have realized that success is not shown only by academics but by your passions, character, and personal achievements. I hope you immerse yourself in your interests during the next four years at Stoney- even the things you aren't sure about. Stepping out of your comfort zone will not only prepare you for the future, but transform your perspective, deepen your values, and find what makes you, you. If there is anything we have learned over the past year, it is to take care of one another. I ask that you look out for your peers, treat people with kindness, and allow yourself to learn from your mistakes.

I wish you nothing but the best at Stoney Creek, as I confidently say I would not be where I am today without the help and support of my teachers, peers, and the many opportunities sent my way. Awaiting you is a community of leaders, a plethora of possibilities, and, most importantly, the passions you never knew you had! The world is yours, and the only limit is YOU. We are more than excited to welcome the class of 2025!

Sincerely,

Marena Haidar

STONEY CREEK ATHLETICS



The Stoney Creek Athletic Department welcomes incoming freshmen students and parents. The Stoney Creek Community has a strong tradition of supporting student-athletes. Being involved in high school athletics is a great opportunity for students to develop leadership skills build lasting friendships. The lessons learned through practice and competition are lifelong lessons in leadership and teamwork. Participating in athletics increases students' engagement in the school and helps students focus on academic performance in order to participate in athletics. From athletes who have been competing for many years in a sport, to those who want high school to be the time they try a sport for the first time, we encourage ALL students to participate in athletics.

SCHS Athletics Offerings 2021-22 Season

| art Date |
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| Aug. 9 |
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| Aug. 11 |
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| Winter S | Start Date |
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| Boys Basketball | Nov. 15 |
| Girls Basketball | Nov. 8 |
| Competitive Cheerleading | ng Nov. 8 |
| Boys Ice Hockey | Nov. 1 |
| Boys/Girls Skiing | Nov. 15 |
| Boys Swim/Dive | Nov. 22 |
| Wrestling | Nov. 15 |

| Spring | Start Date |
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| Baseball | March 14 |
| Boys Golf | March 14 |
| Girls Soccer | March 14 |
| Softball | March 14 |
| Girls Tennis | March 14 |
| Boys/Girls Track | March 14 |
| Boys Lacrosse | March 14 |
| Girls Lacrosse | March 14 |



Physical Exams

All athletes must have a physical exam dated after April 15, 2021, before they can practice or try out. Physical forms may be picked up at the main office after April 15. • The physical form also will be available for download from the athletic website.

Physical exam dates are provided at Stoney Creek, Rochester High School and Rochester Adams. Times and dates have yet to be determined are annually scheduled for mid-June.

Please call 248-726-3138 after May 1 to schedule an appointment. There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the physical.

For those students who cannot make any of the school-sponsored dates, the athletic department provides an additional date in August at the Crittenton Fitness Institute. To reserve an appointment time, you must call (586) 992-0869. Crittenton Fitness Institute is located at 2251 N. Squirrel Rd. Suite 101, Auburn Hills. Appointment times are from 8 a.m. - Noon.

Tryouts and Sport Specific Information

Additional information about SC athletics, including fall tryout schedules, will be available on the athletic web site once times have been determined. There will be sport informational meetings once school starts for fall, winter and spring sports. You also may be able to access team websites for various sports on the SC Athletics webpage at:

www.stonevcreekathletics.com.

Pay to Participate

Rochester Community Schools will continue to implement the Pay to Participate program for athletics. Annual costs per student are subject to change in 2021-22 and may be higher than the 2020-21 fees outlined below:

First sport: \$195 Second sport: \$135 Third sport: \$80

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If you have additional questions regarding the athletic program, please call Director of Athletics, Rick Jakacki, at (248) 726-5708 or e-mail: rjakacki@rochester.k12.mi.us.

Frequent Spectator

Econo tickets may be purchased at home athletic contests or at the RCS Administration Building (Athletic Dept.) and may be used at all three high schools.

ADULTS: \$45 for 15 admissions STUDENTS: \$40 for 20 admissions

Admission Price to all JV and Varsity Contests is \$5

<u>Student "A" Pass</u> \$60 - admission to all high school athletic events (except hockey and lacrosse) at all three high schools. Pass can only be purchased at student registration dates. Price of pass may change for the 2021-22 school year.

SCHS Athletic Boosters Club

Parents, you too can get involved with the athletic program. The athletic department is always looking for individuals who want to join the booster club. Call now or stop by the Athletic Office and sign-up. Booster club meetings will be held the first Monday of every month @ 7 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.

WELCOMING ALL

8TH GRADERS

From March 10th to March 31st, get 20% off any purchase!

Visit the Cougar
Den website now
using the link
below!

Promo code: 8THGRADE



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