

# SHS Weekly News

April 6, 2023

## A Message from Mr. Kruse, Principal

Students and Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break. The Fourth Quarter has begun and spring activities are in full swing. This last quarter of the year will fly by, so be sure to stop and enjoy all of the athletics, activities, award ceremonies, and academic opportunities before we wrap up with graduation and the end of classes in June.



A quick reminder that we have several state tests in April. On Tuesday, April 18 there will be an in-person testing day for 9th and 10th graders, while students in grades 11 and 12 will have an asynchronous day from home. Please look for more information below and in this newsletter next week regarding these tests.

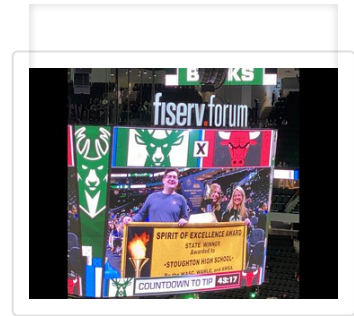
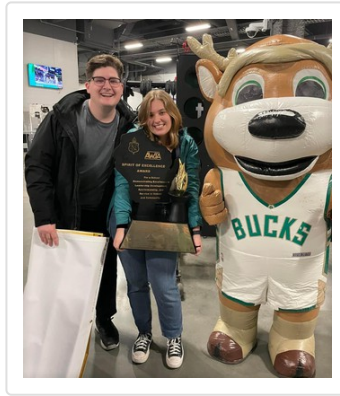
There is no school for students tomorrow (April 7) and Monday (April 10). Classes will resume as normal on Tuesday, April 11.

Finally, we are deeply saddened by the events that occurred at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee in March. This tragedy resulted in the loss of life of three children and three adults. Many students likely heard about this event. These types of events are never easy to discuss with children. Here are a couple of resources that provide information about how to handle these discussions.

- [National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [American Association of Pediatrics: Talking to Children About Tragedies & Other News Events](#)

I want to assure you that the health and safety of our students is our top priority. We are constantly reviewing security measures, and urge everyone to speak up if they see or hear anything that could represent a potential threat to school safety.

Have a wonderful and safe long weekend,  
MJK



## Spirit of Excellence at the Milwaukee Bucks

Members of our Student Senate accepted the 2023 Spirit of Excellence Award at the Bucks game on Wednesday. Congratulations to Student Senate and to SHS!

## SHS ACADEMICS



## Citizenship Test

The Stoughton Area School District will soon begin administering the Citizenship Test as required by Wisconsin state. As a result of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, Stoughton High School is administering the Citizenship Test. Starting with the graduating Class of 2017, all students "takes, during the high school grades, a civics test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of

applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the pupil correctly answers at least 65 of those questions." (Section 3266R, 118.33(1m)(a)1.).

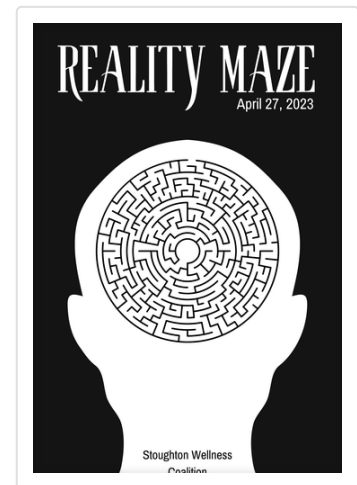
We will be implementing this assessment electronically to students on Tuesday April 18th. Students will be given materials to practice and prepare for the test. Students may take this test as many times as necessary in order to pass this graduation requirement. Students must receive a 65 out of 100 or have taken the test and fulfilled the requirements through their IEP. It will be noted on their transcript when they have passed the citizenship test.

If you have any additional questions you may contact the high school Social Studies Department Chair, Kris Adams. Kris Adams can be reached at [kris.adams@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:kris.adams@stoughton.k12.wi.us).

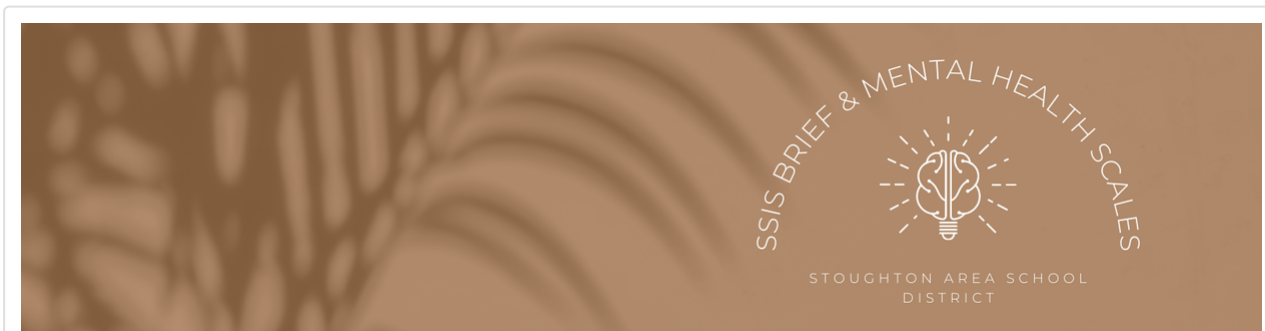
## Reality Maze for Freshmen: April 27

On April 27, 2023, your 9th grader will be participating in an interactive activity sponsored by the Stoughton Wellness Coalition in collaboration with Stoughton High School. The "Reality Maze" is designed to show students the consequences that underage drinking, drug use and vaping can have on their futures.

Because drinking and drug use reduces inhibitions, some scenarios will deal with sensitive topics. If you would like more information or object to your student participating in these specific scenarios, please click the link below.



## Reality Maze Info & Permission Form



## SSIS Brief + Mental Health Scales

This notice is meant to inform you of a social-emotional screener that will be administered to your student, grades 3 and up, on **April 11th**.

The SSIS Brief + Mental Health Scales are short rating scales that are completed by students this school year in grades 3rd-12th grade. Each assessment takes between 5 and 8 minutes to complete. The focus of the scales is a student's social-emotional learning (SEL) (including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making) and emotional behavioral concern (internalizing and externalizing). The purpose of these online assessments is as a universal screener given to all students that will identify areas of strength and emotional behavioral concerns in order to inform teachers and school leaders in planning SEL instructional and programmatic supports (e.g., universal instruction such as Second Step) for students.

### How will the measure be used?

This measure of students' social and emotional functioning is aligned with most state Social Emotional Learning standards and provides results used to guide strength-focused instruction for all students and potentially preventive support for any students experiencing emotional behavior concerns. This brief rating scale is not a comprehensive diagnostic measure for classification of difficulties or disorders. Rather, it is meant to efficiently "check-in" to help us better understand how our students' social emotional functioning associated with each level can always be improved and thus change over time. Periodic re-screening can be used to continue to monitor students' progress. The District plans to continue screenings during the 2023-24 school year.

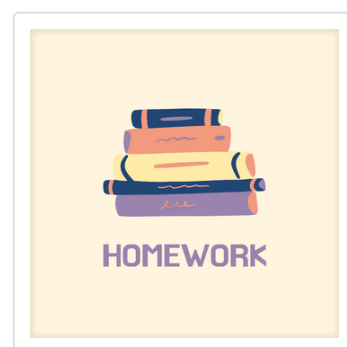
If you consent for your student to participate in this screening **no action** is needed. If you do not consent, please click the button below and complete the bottom portion of the form before April 7th.

SSIS Opt-Out

## Homework Club

Academic Coaching will be after school until 4:45pm in the SHS library on the following dates in April:

- Thursday, April 13
- Thursday, April 20
- Tuesday, April 25
- Thursday, April 27



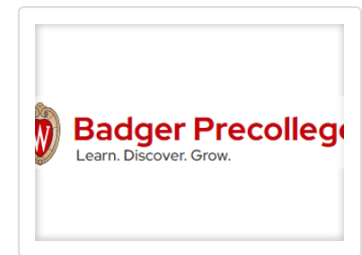
Please contact [Ms. Katy Mullen](#) with any questions.

## SHS Daily Schedule 22-23

### SHS COLLEGE & CAREER PREP



### Badger Precollege Scholarship Applications Due April 17



Badger Precollege offers high school students the opportunity to learn more about college life and academics, gain valuable experience in independence, and pursue new and growing passions. It is an opportunity to invest in their future, inside and outside the classroom.

Our team is dedicated to providing this opportunity to as many students as possible. We do our best to provide as many need-based scholarships to students as we can. In practice, about 25% of our students receive a full or partial need-based scholarship each year.

The deadline for Badger Precollege scholarship applications is April 17 for all programs! A complete scholarship application includes both a completed program application *and* the scholarship forms. Click the button below for more information.

Badger Precollege

### Summer Excel High School Internships

Are you interested in making a difference this summer?  
Do you like working with children and are passionate about STEM, foreign language, teaching, sports, creative movement, or teaching?  
Are you looking to add extra money to your wallet while doing something meaningful?  
Do you need to build up community service hours?



The Details:

**When:** Summer EXCEL runs from June 12 - June 30 (3 weeks)

Hours: 7:45 - 12:15

**Where:** Stoughton High School

**Pay:** \$11 an hour or earn community service hours for your internship

**Age:** You must have completed your freshman year in high school. We will work with 14 and 15-year-olds to secure a work permit

**Application Period: March 25 through April 15**

*Interviews will be held on an ongoing basis.*

Click below for more info!

Summer Excel High School Internships



**Pre ACT™**  
9th & 10th Graders ONLY  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
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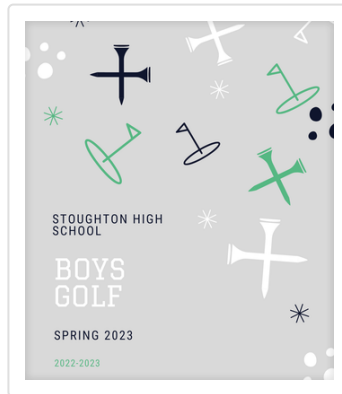
## SHS ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

### SHS Prom 2023

Save the date for Prom 2023 on Saturday, April 15th! Prom will be held at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison from 8:00pm - 11:00pm. Tickets are \$40 and will be available on [Ticket Spicket](#). Please check out the SASD website for more information.



# SHS Prom 2023



## Athletic Events

### Monday, April 10

- 11:00 - Golf: Boys JV Invitational
- 11:00 - Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational
- 2:00 - Baseball: JV Game
- 5:00 - Baseball: Varsity Game

### Tuesday, April 11

- 2:30 - Baseball: JV Game
- 4:00 - Golf: Boys JV Meet
- 4:00 - Track: Boys Varsity Badger Challenge
- 4:15 - Tennis: Boys JV Badger Challenge
- 4:15 - Tennis: Boys Varsity Badger Challenge
- 5:00 - Baseball: Varsity Game
- 5:00 - Soccer: Girls JV Game
- 5:00 - Softball: JV Game



5:00 - Softball: Varsity Game  
7:00 - Soccer: Girls Varsity Game

### **Wednesday, April 12**

1:00 - Golf: Boys Varsity Meet  
5:00 - Baseball: JV 2 Game

### **Thursday, April 13**

8:30 - Golf: Boys Varsity Invitational  
5:00 - Baseball: JV 2 Game  
5:00 - Baseball: JV Game  
5:00 - Soccer: Girls JV Game  
5:00 - Softball: JV Game  
5:00 - Softball: Varsity Game  
6:00 - Lacrosse: Boys Varsity Game  
7:00 - Soccer: Girls Varsity Game  
7:30 - Baseball: Varsity Game

### **Friday, April 14**

5:00 - Softball: JV Game  
5:00 - Softball: Varsity Game

### **Saturday, April 15**

9:00 - Golf: Boys JV Invitational  
11:00 - Lacrosse: Boys Varsity Game

Athletic Schedules

Pre-Order Athletic Tickets

## SASD, SHS, & STOUGHTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Building Restorative Communities of Care

You are invited to an SASD Building Restorative Communities of Care Series where we will explore themes of restorative justice, identity, and connection to one another. The event takes place May 11 at 5:30 PM at the District Office. Childcare & light supper are provided. Please join us as we co-journey and learn in together. For more information:

[English Flyer](#)  
[Spanish Flyer](#)  
[Albanian Flyer](#)

## Testing Services Ending April 28, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has recently announced their phased step-down of the K-12 COVID-19 School Testing Program. This state-wide program was created to support staff and students for in-person learning and was extended for the 22-23 school year. However, DHS has announced their testing program will close at the end of April 2023. SASD has reviewed our testing services and the participation levels of our testing site and due to limited staffing and resources, **our last day of testing services will be April 28, 2023. Testing hours are 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM.**

COVID-19 at-home antigen tests are still available at each school. Please reach out to your building's health staff to arrange pick-up. Please note that tests are unable to be sent home with students.

If you are interested in ordering a free at-home test kit, [Say Yes! COVID Test](#) is offering test kits to residents of eligible communities. Please note the FDA has provided a list of updated expiration dates for authorized at-home test kits. [Please click here for more information.](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to SASD District Nurse Laurel Gretebeck for more information at [laurel.gretebeck@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:laurel.gretebeck@stoughton.k12.wi.us) or (608) 877-5405.



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