

# BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



## Business/Technology Teachers attend Annual MassCUE Workshops

In October, Kevin Bechet, Nancy Riley, Linda Ciccattelli and Tom McCormack attended the MassCUE (Massachusetts Computer Using Educators) Conference at Gillette Stadium.



During the two-day conference, the Business/Technology team was among many educators and administrators who attended various seminars relating to updated computer software and hardware systems being used in education at various levels. Many web-based teaching tools to enhance student engagement and learning were introduced. This impacts our teaching methods as we integrate these new tools in our daily teaching.



## Welcome to the Stoughton High School Business/Technology Newsletter!

It is with great excitement that we create this newsletter to inform you as parents, students, faculty, administrators, and community leaders about what the Business/Technology Department has been up to for the first term of the 2016-2017 academic year!

## Stoughton team places second at Stock Market Challenge



Twelve Stoughton High School DECA students recently participated in the 2016 annual Stock Market Challenge hosted by State Street Corporation. The event was co-sponsored with Junior Achievement of Northern New England and Staples, Inc.

The Stock Market Challenge provides high school students an opportunity to learn how the stock market operates, how to invest and trade in real time situations, and the importance of teamwork. Each team of four students received a hypothetical account balance of \$500,000 to begin their trades. Students were provided a portfolio balance sheet and a list of companies to either buy or sell within a one hour period. Every minute equaled a day of trading. Display screens provided students with graphs of falling and rising stock prices, net worth and purchasing power of each team during the game.

The Knights of Wall Street Team from Stoughton High School came in second place overall out of 46 area high school teams. Each student winner received a Kindle Fire provided by Staples. The Knights of Wall Street Team included Matthew Gallagher, Craig Goodrich, Roshni Patel and Thomas Smith.

In addition, the following students from Stoughton High School participated in the event: Rendi Brown, Kaitlyn Costeira, Kaylee Ferreira, Mia Greene, Phil Guseynov, Olivia Hoffman, Tim Raeke and Ally Swartz.

## Need Help?

*Technology help that is!* Our Help Desk class manages incoming IT requests from teachers and staff at SHS. You will find these students replacing toner in printers and trouble-shooting pc problems in our computer labs. They play a vital role in supporting our technology staff while they learn hands-on skills.



Alex and Cory at work

## What is Digital Foundations?

Digital Foundations is a course designed to foster essential skills that will guide students in their use of technology and prepare them for post-secondary education and a career. Students will build a foundation of personal and professional skills which they can apply throughout their high school years. Students develop communication skills through the use of school email and Google Docs. Students develop their knowledge of MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel as well as their presentation skills. In addition, students begin to create and develop a digital portfolio and engage in digital citizenship activities that will reinforce digital ethics and email etiquette.

## Video Production 1 Class Hosts Speaker

Brian Moller, current Radio DJ and Board Operator at Fun 107 and Hot 96.9, spoke to the Video Production 1 classes in November. Brian has worked in Radio at Fun 107 and Hot 96.9. In television, Brian has worked at Comcast Sports New England and WHDH-TV. He spoke to the students about the importance of interning, working hard, being timely and precise at your work. He talked about his journey and his observations while working in both radio and television.



## Financial Literacy... the buzz at SHS!

With Financial Literacy being a new graduation requirement for the Class of 2017, many students in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade have been introduced to the topics of Income, Saving, Investing, Risk Management, Debit and Credit, and of course, Budgeting. These discussions come at an opportune time as they are getting ready to graduate and work toward accomplishing their goals and managing their own money.

One movie that was shown in Financial Literacy is entitled: **Broke Busted and Disgusted**. In this movie, students learn how to avoid, minimize or eliminate college debt. Parents are free to subscribe to receive "The College Conversation" in PDF format. In this guide, you'll receive information on what questions to ask your children to make sure they understand the ramifications and repercussions of student debt, how to prepare your child (and yourself) for the expenses of college including budgeting, cash flow projecting, and identifying jobs on and near campus, and what recent graduates wish their parents would've told them about finances, borrowing, and how expensive life is "on the other side".

For more information, go to [www.BrokeBustedDisgusted.com/parents](http://www.BrokeBustedDisgusted.com/parents)