

March 8, 2024

# Stanton Community School

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## School Activities

### All-School Play

The Stanton All-School Play is hitting the stage on Monday, March 11th at 6 PM. The performance will be in the high school gym and admission is \$5 for all ages. The cast and crew welcome all students, teachers, families, and community members to the show. It will be a great evening performance by the talented high school students. There is an earthquake jolt that has freed a poltergeist, and it's creating dangerous mischief! Things are especially at their worst at the Asylum for the Extremely Tense, run by the famous Dr. Horace Roy. If the nasty ghost wasn't trouble enough, the patients have locked up the staff, and nobody can tell who's who! Luckily, Dr. Roy's cousin is visiting, because she knows just who to call...the Ghostchasers, of course! Honcho and his staff of student ghostchasers are loaded with an arsenal of kooky weapons. This comedy will be one to remember!

### Individual Speech Contest

The Stanton High School students will travel to ADM High School on Saturday, March 9th. The following is the tentative schedule:

- 11:12 AM Center P - Prose - AJ Baker
- 3:18 PM Center H - Storytelling - Emma Sallach
- 3:56 PM Center G - Prose - Izabella Beam
- 4:15 PM Center T - Original Oratory - AJ Baker
- 4:30 PM Center N - Literary Program - Emma Sallach

Best of luck to the individual speech students at the state contest!

### FCCLA Upcoming Blood Drive

Scholarship Blood Drive sponsored by FCCLA will take place on Wednesday, March 27th from 9:30-3:30 at the Viking Center. By donating blood, not only are you helping save lives, but you are also helping the school earn scholarships for graduating seniors. To schedule an appointment, either call the office at 829-2162 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Vikings.

### JH and HS Corner Conference Honor Band

Stanton students will be participating in the upcoming Corner Conference Honor Band on Tuesday, March 12 at Fremont Mills. Students will be practicing together starting at 1pm and then give a concert at 6:30pm. Cost for admission will be \$5. Congratulations to those who will be representing Stanton! JH - Gabe Kingery, Janae Schwery, Josiah Shipp, Jayden Snow, Lilly Focht, Dylan McCullum, Olivia McQueen, and Deacon Bruce. Representing the HS will be Nick Herrick, Adrian Haynie, Will Roberts and Rylan Grebin and Corinne Hopf.

### Save the date for the upcoming Pops Concert!

Our annual Pops Concert is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th starting at 6:30pm in the HS gym. The concert will feature the 5th and 6th Grade Band, JH and HS band along with community band members. Following the bands will be the JH Choir followed by the HS Choir. There will be soloists and even a duet. Admission will be a free will donation for the music department. Please come and hear all the Stanton musical talent!

### SWCC Career Conference

Mrs. McDonald took the 8th graders to the Career Conference at Southwestern Community College in Creston Tuesday, February 27th. The students got to tour the campus while attending CTE exploration sessions. Sessions included Business, Agriculture, Auto Repair, Collision Repair, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Applied Engineering Technology, Computer Networking, Electrical Technology, Welding, and Carpentry & Building Trades.

### Yearbook Opportunity

The Stanton High School has added a new feature this year to the yearbook. With the new feature, Yearbook+, you'll be able to find, see, and share more of your favorite pictures that might not have been available in the physical copy of this year's yearbook. If you have any questions about Yearbook +, come and ask one of the yearbook staff! Remember: you can only get Yearbook+ if you purchase a yearbook!

### Athletics

#### Junior High Track

The junior high track team began practice on Monday, March 4th. We will practice 8<sup>th</sup> hour only for the first two weeks and then will extend our practice time to 4:15 every day except on Wednesday (2:00). Our first track meet is scheduled for Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Griswold.

#### Softball

#### Softball Batting practice 3/15/24-3/27/24

*There will be no batting practice on Friday 3/22/24 due to March Mayhem.* Updated schedule is as follows:

Friday 3/15/24	6pm-7:30pm
Monday 3/18/24	6pm-7:30pm
Tuesday 3/19/24	6pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 3/20/24	5pm-6:15pm
Thursday 3/21/24	6pm-7:30pm
Friday 3/22/24 -	No practice
Monday 3/25/24	6pm-7:30pm
Tuesday 3/26/24	6pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 3/27/24	5pm-6:15pm

## Staff Highlights

### Mabel Rico, High School Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Rico's hometown is Bogota, Colombia. She graduated from Bogota, Silveria Espinoza de Rendon High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from University Distrital Francisco Jose de Caldas, and her Master's Degree from Fundacion Universitaria Monserrate in Bogota.

Mrs. Rico's husband is Dr. Eduard Grass, and they have two children: Michelle, 19 and Emmanuel, 15. Her hobbies include walking with friends, listening to music, reading and dancing. Her favorite part of working at Stanton Community Schools is working with the students and seeing their progress learning the Spanish Language and showing them new cultures from around the world.


### Tawn McCollum, Food Service Dishwasher

Mrs. McCollum's hometown is Omaha, Nebraska. She attended Benson Senior High School. Mrs. McCollum and her husband John have two sons, Jay and Dylan.

Her hobbies include walking, animals, and spending time with family. Her favorite thing about working at Stanton Community Schools is that she gets to be a part of this wonderful community.

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Student  
of the Week**



**PAYTON FOCHT**

"Payton is respectful towards others, she always has a positive greeting, and she exhibits the school-wide values of community and learning."

**Student  
of the Week**



**AJ BAKER**

"AJ is the first to jump in to help in class. She is a positive and encouraging student to all her peers, and is always polite toward the staff. Her smile brightens the day for those who see it!"

### Upcoming Events

Sat., March 9 <sup>th</sup>	State Individual Speech Contest
Mon., March 11 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Assessments
	6:00 pm All School Play
Tues., March 12 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Assessments
	6:30 Conf. Instrumental Festival
Wed., March 13 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Assessments
	1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal
	1:30 CC Quiz Bowl at Griswold
Thurs., March 14 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Assessments
	6:30 HS/HS Pops Concert
Fri., March 15 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS Assessments

### Community News

The Stanton Community Garden plots are now available for rent. The garden is located on the north side of the Stanton Fire Station. Plots are \$15/plot and 4'x8'. For an application or more information, contact Justin Miller at the Stanton Viking Center at [vikingcenter@myfmtc.com](mailto:vikingcenter@myfmtc.com) or (712)829-2900.

### From the Desk of Our Principal

#### Upcoming Events:

- The end of the 3rd Quarter is this Friday, March 8th.
- **Please note the following schedule change. Stanton is co-hosting a track meet at Griswold on Thursday, March 28th. Therefore, we will be altering our parent-teacher conference schedule. Conferences will be held on the following days/times:**
  - Wednesday, March 27th from 3:00-7:00 PM
  - Thursday, March 28th from 8 AM - 3:30 PM

#### Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress

Our 6th-11th grade students will be taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress March 12th - 15th. Our 3rd-5th grade students will be taking the assessment March 19th - 22nd.

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress is aligned with the Iowa Core standards, providing a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Just as in the everyday school activities, you can help your child do their best by seeing that he/she is fully rested. Breakfast will be served to students on testing days. While seniors do not take the statewide assessment, they will be taking CPR training during this time. Please note that CPR training is a requirement for graduation. More information will be sent to seniors and their parents regarding training dates and times. Please contact Mrs. Elwood or Mrs. McDonald if you have any questions regarding these statewide assessments or the CPR requirement.

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors. If you would like to apply to become a mentor, you can find application information at [www.teammates.org](http://www.teammates.org). If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Jody Druivenga or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2171.

The district has the following job openings:

- Paraeducator
- Assistant HS Track Coach
- JH Boys Track Coach
- Assistant Principal/Middle School Teacher
- K-12 Art Teacher
- MS/HS Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- Spring/Summer Mowing and Grounds Maintenance

Please submit application materials to Katie Elwood, K-12 Principal, at [kelwood@stantonschools.com](mailto:kelwood@stantonschools.com) or you may mail application materials to 605 Elliott Street, Stanton, IA 51573. More information may also be found online at [www.iowaworks.gov](http://www.iowaworks.gov).

### Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., Mar 11th	Breakfast: Pop Tart, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Fiestada, Lettuce, Corn, Pears Apple Slices, Milk
Tues, Mar 12th	Breakfast: Waffle, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Siracha Chicken, Egg Roll, Cooked Carrots, Fried Rice, Peaches/Oranges, Fortune Cookie, Milk
Wed. Mar 13th	Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Stadium Dog, Chili/Cheese, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Applesauce, Milk
Thurs, Mar 14th	Breakfast: Pancake Sausage on a Stick, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple/Peaches, Goldfish, Milk
Fri. Mar 15th	Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Lettuce, Carrots, Pears, Mango, Milk