

# Stanton Community School

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## School Activities

### Fall Cheer Meeting

Any student who will be in 9th through 12th grade this fall is invited to participate in football cheer. We will have an information meeting on Wednesday, May 15th immediately after school in Mrs. Smith's K room. If you are interested in cheerleading but cannot attend the meeting, please talk to Mrs. Smith to get more information.

**Flag Tryouts** - For those who would like to try out for next year's flag corp for the marching band should contact Mrs. Burke or Mr. Lantz. This is open to JH and HS students. Tryout times will be posted.

**Division I Rating to our HS choir!** - Congratulations to our HS Choir for receiving a division I (Superior) rating this past Friday in Lenox. All three judges awarded the choir with a division I rating. This is the first large group superior rating for Stanton since 2012! Keep up the great work!

**JH/HS Musical this fall!** Preliminary tryouts for a JH/HS musical Fiddler on the Roof for this next fall will be held the last week of school. If you are interested in trying out for "Fiddler on the Roof," please contact Mr. Lantz for an audition time. Rehearsals will begin when school starts. The musical will be presented at the Wilson Theater in Red Oak in mid-November. This is the first JH/HS musical in many years... since 1980! Tryouts are for speaking/solo parts only.

### Elementary Field Day

Next Wednesday all elementary students will enjoy a fun field day that Mr. Hunt (our PE teacher) has been preparing for for weeks! The fun will begin outside at 8:30 am and should conclude around 11. Students should bring athletic shoes, and weather appropriate comfortable clothes. **All students should bring a sack lunch that day as they will all be eating outside with their classes.** *If you would prefer that a school provides a sack lunch for your child (child will be charged for a lunch on that day), please email [jdruivenga@stantonschools.com](mailto:jdruivenga@stantonschools.com) as soon as possible before May 13th! Parents are welcome to attend the field day but we do ask that parents go directly to the football bleachers upon arrival. **Please do not go to your child's classroom as it will be a busy time for staff members to get the students ready!** Thank you in advance and we look forward to a fun-filled day outside next Wednesday!!*

### REMINDER

All negative lunch balances, textbook fees and any damage fees should be paid before the last day of school. All seniors must pay any fees accrued (including negative lunch balances) by Friday afternoon, May 10. Please make the proper arrangements to get all fees, etc. taken care as soon as possible.

### Athletics

#### Junior High Track

The junior high track team was in action on Friday night, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Southwest Valley. It was a highly competitive meet, and the Stanton team was extremely happy with the results they earned! Earning first place medals were Lauren Roberts in the high jump with a 4-9 leap (her personal best) and in the 200 M hurdles (32.21- another personal best). The boys 4 x 200 relay (Owen Marsh, Deacon Bruce, Carson Ewing, Tristan Elwood) with a 1:57.41. Numerous relays and individual events placed in the top 5. On Tuesday, the team traveled to Griswold. The team had another great night with more personal bests and team bests. The boys shuttle hurdle (Cooper Dreyer, Jayden Snow, Tristan Elwood and Nolan Case) ran a breathtaking 1:10.80 for a best so far this season and Laurent Roberts set her new personal best with a 31.67 fight to the finish in the 200m hurdles. The team will travel to Griswold again on Friday night for the Corner Conference JH meet and will be at F-M for their last meet of the season on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Come out and watch this very talented group of athletes!

### Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast: Cereal, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Goldfish, Milk</i>
Tues, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast: Bacon &amp; Egg Pizza, Muffin, Fruit, juice, Milk Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Mixed Fruit, Milk</i>
Wed. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast: Cookie, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Pork Chopette/Bun, Cheesy Broccoli, Sweet Potatoes, Pears, Oranges, Milk</i>
Thurs, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Roll, Milk</i>
Fri. April May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans, Mangos, Applesauce, Macaroni Salad, Milk</i>

## From Our Principal

Tuesday, May 7th was our Scholarship and Awards Day for our Middle School and High School students. Thank you to everyone who helped present these awards. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their day to recognize the accomplishments of our students. Congratulations to all of the scholarship and award recipients!!

Stanton Healthy Hometowns is planning to host a bike rodeo on Tuesday, May 14th for all of our 3rd grade students. We are asking 3rd graders to please bring their bicycle helmets from home to be fitted. We will have helmets available that day for anyone who does not have a helmet. The kids are also encouraged to bring their bikes or scooters on May 14th. Please feel free to drop the bicycles or scooters off at school in the morning. Thank you to Stanton Healthy Hometowns for helping plan and support this activity for our students. We look forward to teaching students about bike safety as we prepare for the summer! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Our 8th grade students will celebrate 8th Grade Graduation on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium.

Our Senior Commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 7 pm in the Stanton School Gymnasium. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024!

The last day of school is Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Elementary students will be dismissed at 10:50 am and MS/HS students will be dismissed at 11:00 am. Thank you to all of our students, staff, parents, families, and community members for all of your positive support this school year. We want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer break!!

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 Ashley McDonald, Becki Peterson, or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2171.

Current Job Openings at Stanton Community Schools:

- Part-Time Title I Reading Teacher
- K-12 Art Teacher
- K-12 PE and Health Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- MS/HS Math Teacher (1 year)
- Assistant Custodian
- Part-Time School Nurse
- 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).

## Upcoming Events

Fri., May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Girls Regional Golf</b> 4:00 JH Conf Track at Griswold 7:00 Soccer at Carroll
Sun., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:00 Baccalaureate program at Mamrelund Lutheran Church</b>
Mon., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boys District Golf</b> <b>Senior Trip</b> 4:00 JH Track Meet at F-M
Tues., May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Senior Trip</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bike Rodeo</b> 6:30 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</b>
Wed., May 15 <sup>th</sup>	1:05/1:15 <b>Early Dismissal</b> <b>Elementary Field Day</b> <b>Girls Regional Golf</b> <b>Senior Trip</b>
Thurs., May 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>State Track</b> <b>Seniors Last Day</b>
Fri., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>State Track</b> 5:30 <b>JV Baseball @ AHSTW</b> 7:15 <b>V Baseball @ AHSTW</b>
Sat., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>State Track</b> 7:00 <b>Graduation</b>

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### Staff Highlights

#### Carla Auffert - Paraeducator and Kitchen Assistant

Mrs. Auffert's hometown is College Springs where she attended Kindergarten-12th grade and graduated from South Page High School. She has lived in Clarinda, Iowa for 23 years. She has 4 siblings and they all live in the Clarinda area. She has 4 adult children and 12 grandchildren, ages 2 months to 16 years. They keep her busy, especially during softball/baseball season.

Mrs. Auffert likes planting flowers, the Iowa Hawkeyes, and spending time with her family. She has a Shorkie dog whose name is Walter. He weighs 6 pounds, little but mighty! Her favorite thing about working at Stanton School is getting to know the students and helping them! She learns something new each day. She has found everyone here to be very friendly and helpful!

#### Melissa Mixan - School Nurse

Mrs. Mixan's hometown is Amherst, Nebraska and she spent 7 years in Montana. She graduated high school from Amherst Public Schools, went to Hastings Community College for 1 year and played basketball, then graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing.

Mrs. Mixan is married to Brian who is an accountant at Henningsen Construction in Atlantic. Rebecca, their oldest, is a teacher, married to Nathan and living in Texas with their granddaughter, Amelia (almost 2) and they are expecting a baby in June. Gabriella is an accountant, Savanna is an FCS teacher at Griswold, and Maverick is a senior at Glenwood.

Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, traveling, camping, canoeing, hiking, running, cooking, gardening, sewing, arts & crafts. Before she turned 50, she accomplished a goal of running a half marathon in all 50 states. She has enjoyed cheering on their kids at various sporting events over the years. Her favorite thing about working at the Stanton Community School District is the staff here is a phenomenal team, and Mrs. Druivenga has been such an inspiration to her!

### Community News

#### Svenska Skolan

Swedish School "Svenska Skolan" is being offered at the SHCC for children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a free cultural enrichment opportunity. Call Yvonne Johnson at (712)586-4504 to register. The curriculum will include beginning language, culture, songs, dances, games, plus arts and crafts. The children are asked to participate in the Midsummer activities on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Free Stanton Summer Concert Series

Let's kick off summer right with a Downtown Concert! Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of school for Stanton and first night of the Stanton Summer Concert Series. Join us for Owen Justice in Concert at 7pm and check out the local Stanton Market vendors, downtown businesses Gibbs Chophouse and FIKA Coffee + Bake Shoppe plus Hawaiian Shaved Ice Lolo Snow. This event is hosted by the Stanton Chamber of Commerce with a special thanks to our sponsors, Bank Iowa, Dental Care PC, Orme Outdoors, First Interstate Bank, FMTC, John's Heating & AC, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Red Oak Chrysler.

Everyone is welcome and invited to join in on the fun of the 2024 Stanton Summer Concert Series! Food vendors and the Stanton Farmers Market will also be happening at the same time. All concerts begin at 7pm and the rain location is the Stanton Old Lumber Yard Event Center.

- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-Owen Justice in Downtown Stanton
- Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>-Dan and Cheryl Case at Danny Anderson Field
- Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>-Tyler Folkerts at the Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center
- Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>-Turnin' Gears at the Old Gas Station

Special thanks to the Summer Concert Series Sponsors: Bank Iowa, Dental Care PC, and Orme Outdoors. Special thanks to all Event Sponsors: First Interstate Bank, FMTC, John's Heating & AC, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Red Oak Chrysler. To sign up as a vendor, contact Jenna Ramsey at (712)829-7340 or [jramsey@fmcnet.com](mailto:jramsey@fmcnet.com).

#### Stanton Farmers Market

Attention Vendors! The 2024 Stanton Farmers Market will coincide with the Stanton Summer Concert Series. Concert nights include: Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Downtown Stanton, Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Danny Anderson Field, Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center and Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Old Gas Station. Concert music starts at 7pm and rain location is the Stanton Old Lumber Yard Event Center. To sign up as a vendor, check out the application at [www.stantoniowa.com](http://www.stantoniowa.com) for more information. Cost is \$25 for 4 events. This is hosted by the Stanton Chamber of Commerce.