

Marching Into a New Year

The JH/HS Marching Band held a 3-day summer music camp in August to prepare for the season. Our band will be marching in the Essex Labor Day Parade this coming Monday at 2pm. The band will also be marching in the homecoming parade on Sept. 27 and Shen Fest on Sat. Sept. 28 at 2pm. Our final competition will be the Clarinda Band Jamboree on Sat. Oct. 5th at 9am. We are very excited to have more participation this year. The combined band with flags will be 42 students! Please cheer on the band!

HS choir is also off to a great start with more participation this year. We have 41 students in the choir. We will be joining with the JH students to put on the musical, "Fiddler On The Roof" at the Wilson Theater in Red Oak on Nov. 14th &15th. More details will be forthcoming.

On the Court

The JH Volleyball team will take to the court for the first time this season as they host Fremont-Mills on Thursday, Aug 29th. The 13 players have been working hard the past two weeks and are looking forward to the start of their season. Their next game is Thursday, Sept. 5th when they travel to Sidney. Game time is 4:00. Come out and cheer on the youngest Queens on the court!

The varsity volleyball team began their regular season play on Tuesday, August 27th as they traveled to Mt Ayr for a quad. The Queens came out strong with a 2-set victory over Mt Ayr and followed that up with a 2-1 set victory over Lenox. In the nightcap, The Queens fought hard against a very talented Clarinda squad but dropped both sets 21-25. Super proud of the team on their first night of competition! On Saturday, the team travels to the Lewis Central tournament. The Queens will play their first game against Lewis Central at approximately 9 am. Please note that Lewis Central is a cashless gate. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/lewiscentral/tickets

Music Parents Meal

The Music Parents will be having a Walking Taco Meal on Friday, September 6th. The meal will be held from 5-7 pm in the high school lunchroom. A free will offering (minimum of \$5) is requested. Funds will be used for general supplies for the music department as well as the SW IA Honor Band trip this winter. Come out and enjoy a great meal before our first home football game this school year!

From Our Principal's Desk

Welcome back to school! Our students are off to a great start and we are excited to have everyone back!

Our K-8th grade students will be taking the fall FastBridge reading and math screener in the next few weeks. This information provides important data for us to support student learning throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding your student's progress in class this year, please contact the classroom teacher or the office. We appreciate your communication as we work together to help our students succeed.

We want to remind everyone of the district peanut/nut policy that is in place at Stanton CSD. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either the district administration or the school nurse. Thank you,

PEANUT/NUT AWARENESS POLICY

At Stanton Schools, it is our top priority to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors. The incidence of food allergies is rising rapidly, and therefore the following policy is now in place at Stanton Schools.

- All treats brought into the school must be commercially prepared and packaged with an ingredient label. Students will not be allowed to pass out
 treats that do not meet these requirements.
- Students that bring "cold lunch" to school will have a designated table to sit at in the lunchroom. Note: Students are allowed to bring peanut and tree nut containing products to school for cold lunch but should not eat any nut containing products anywhere in the school other than the designated cold lunch table.
- No peanut/tree nut products will be served by staff-including ala carte items.
- All bars for sale at the concession stand must be individually bagged or wrapped.

Parents, we ask that you please provide a note or contact the school if your child is to take a different route home for the day. The office and bus drivers need to be notified if your child is going to be dropped off at a different location. Thank you for your assistance.

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. If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Wanted: Homecoming Kiddie Parade Entries

Homecoming will be here soon—September 27th! We would love to see many entries in the Kiddie Parade division (for Grade 6 and younger) of the Homecoming parade! There are three divisions: Pet, Vehicle and Costume. Anyone interested in entering the Kiddie parade division should check in with Mrs. Druivenga at the corner Broad & Center Streets (to the north of FMTC) between 1:00 PM and 1:15 PM on Homecoming Day to get registered. Please call the elementary office at 829-2171 with any questions.

What's Cookin?

<u>Tuesday, Sept 3</u> Breakfast: Pop-Tart, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce Milk. <u>Wednesday, Sept 4</u> Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Pizza, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Cheesy Broccoli, Tri-Tater, Pineapple, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Thursday, Sept 5 Breakfast: French Toast, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Milk.

Friday, Sept 6 Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Cheesy Pull-A-Parts, French Fries, Broccoli Salad, Pears, Apple Slices.

Special Thanks to...

The athletic department would like to thank everyone who supported the athletic fundraiser this summer. We sold many boxes of delicious peaches and could not do it without your support. Your contributions to the fundraiser helped to support sports programs at Stanton.



<u>Picture Day is Coming</u> - Picture Day is coming! It will be held on Wednesday, September 4th. Get ready to say "cheese" and don't forget – please don't wear green!

Around Town

5th Quarter

Fifth Quarter is asking for monetary donations for the upcoming year. Fifth Quarter is held at Mamrelund Lutheran Church after home varsity games during the school year. Typically, 7th-12th graders are invited for food and a safe place to hang out and socialize with friends. We have had up to 80 students at one time. We serve pizzas and drinks. Each night costs almost \$300. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Johnson. Donations can be given to her or deposited directly into our account at Great Western Bank.

Stanton PTSO

The Stanton PTSO will be having our first board meeting of the school year at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 4th, in the STEM room. Anyone is welcome to attend! We will be electing junior members at this meeting and discussing the upcoming school year.

Stanton Strivers

The Stanton Strivers 4-H Club will be having our first meeting of the school year at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 8th, at the Viking Center. We will be electing officers, and kicking off the new year with a potluck. 4-H is for everyone, regardless of where you live or what you want to learn! Any 4th-12th grade student is welcome to join us to learn more. For more information: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/montgomery/join-4-h.

ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT POLICY

Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school district.

The board prohibits harassment, bullying, hazing, or any other victimization, of students, based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics, including but not limited to, age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status. Harassment against employees based upon the employee's race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, age or disability is also prohibited.