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September 1, 2023

Stanton Community School

**School Activities**

**Stanton Marching Band**

The JH/SH Marching Band will be marching in the Essex Labor Day Parade this next Monday.  The parade starts at 2pm.  We have added flags to the marching band this year.  We will be marching in 4 parades this season.   Essex on Labor Day, our own Stanton Homecoming parade at 1:30pm on Friday, September 15th, Shen Fest at 2pm on Saturday September 23rd and the Clarinda Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree at 9am on Saturday, September 30th.  Please come and cheer on our band!

**Attn: Parents of 5th Grade Students!**  
 Mr. Lantz is excited to get started teaching band to 5th grade.  On Wednesday, September 6th, Reiman Music will be here at 4:30pm to have an instrument display and tell about options for renting or buying instruments.  Our school has some instruments that can be used but they typically aren't going to be in the best condition as a new or rented one.  If you already have an instrument for your child to use that would also be great.  You would only need to purchase a lesson book ($12.)  
 If you can't make it right at 4:30, you can come as late as 5:30.  We will start band the following week.  Learning to play an instrument is challenging but also very rewarding.  Thanks for your support for your child and for the music program here at Stanton. Please email Mr. Lantz with any questions.

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**Wanted: Homecoming Kiddie Parade Entries**

Homecoming will be here soon–September 15th! 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.

**Athletics**

**Annual Athletic Fund Fundraiser**

The cross country, football and volleyball teams 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 the fall sports programs at Stanton.

**Jr. High Volleyball**

The junior high volleyball had their first match of the season last Thursday, August 24th when they traveled to take on the Fremont -Mills teams. With only three practices before their first match, the team played well and did some good things on the court. The Jr. Queens hosted Sidney on Thursday and will host Bedford next Thursday, September 7th. There are 12 girls on this year’s squad, and they continue to work hard in practice every day.

**HS Volleyball**

The Queens are off to a great start this season! The varsity team posted a 4-set victory over Fremont Mills last Thursday and a 2-2 record at the Lewis Central Tournament on Saturday. On Monday, the Queens traveled to Lenox for a Quad with Mt Ayr, Lenox and Clarinda. The Queens came away from the evening with a 3-0 finish on the court. On Thursday, the team hosted Corner Conference rival Sidney and will travel to the Glenwood Tournament on Saturday. The Junior Varsity squad was on the court last Thursday and had a strong first game of the season while dropping the match 0-2.

The Viqueen squad has put in some very long hours in our very warm gym this month and it is exciting to see their growth on the court. Thank you to all who have come out to cheer the team on in our first matches of the season!

**Cross Country**

The Stanton Cross Country team ran in their 1st meet of the 2023 season at the Shenandoah Early Bird Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, August 29.  As this is several of the Vikings' and ViQueens' first ever meet, we are focusing on our own personal team goals!  For the ViQueens we had 5 runners and 3 for the Vikings.

For the boys, first-year runner Preston Carpenter (SR) was the first Viking to cross the finish line, followed by Eric Kutzli (SO), and Grant Spencer (FR). The girls’ team was led by a first year runner, Meredith Roberts (SO). Following Meredith was Riley Burke (JR) finishing next for the ViQueens.  First time runner, Bree Mitchell (JR) crossed the finish line followed by another first year runner, Kennedy King (SO) and then our lone senior, Ella Peterson. We trained hard over the summer, and I have seen so many improvements in that short amount of time.  I am excited to see all of the improvements that will be made over the course of the season. You can catch the Vikings and ViQueens again when they run at Clarinda next Tuesday, September 5.  We will be bringing our 4 junior high girls as well.

**Blood Mobile**

Stanton's FCCLA will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, September 20th from 9:30 AM -3:30 PM at the Viking Center.  Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org/) to schedule your appointment to help save lives and assist Stanton seniors with scholarships. Call the high school office at 829-2162 if you have questions.

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**A Message from Principal Elwood**

kelwood@stantonschools.com

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.

MS/HS parents, please check your email for additional information regarding 9th hour for the 2023-24 school year. You may contact Mrs. Elwood at 712-829-2162 if you have any questions. Our 9th Hour is from 1:15-2:00 pm on the following Wednesdays in September:

* September 6th, September 13th, September 20th, & September 27th

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](http://www.teammates.org). If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Jody Druivenga, Sheila Mainquist, or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2171.

**Upcoming Events**

**Fri., Sept 1st 7:00 HS FB at Exira/EHK**

**Sat., Sept 2nd V Volleyball at Glenwood Tournament**

**Mon., Sept 4th No School**

**Band at Essex Parade**

**Tues., Sept 5th Cross Country at Clarinda**

**4:00 JH Football w Sidney**

**Wed., Sept 6th 1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal**

**1:15 Little Cheer Camp**

**Thur., Sept 7th 7:30 am FFA Meeting**

**4:00 JH VB w Bedford**

**5:30 JV VB w Bedford (Parents Night)**

**7:00 V VB w Bedford “**

**Fri., Sept 8th 7:00 HS FB at F-M**

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**Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Mon., Sept. 4th – NO SCHOOL

Tues, Sept. 5th *Breakfast: Cereal Bar,Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Lettuce, Corn, Pears, Ice Cream & Milk

Wed., Sept. 6th *Breakfast: Donut Holes, Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak/Bun, Sweet Potatoes, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Oranges, Milk

Thurs., Sept 7th *Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, California Veggies, Lettuce, Pears, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk

Fri., Sept. 8th *Breakfast: Oatmeal Bar, Muffin/Juice/Milk*

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Green Beans, Peaches, Strawberries, Rice, Milk

**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.