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!

FastBridge

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.

Transportation

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.

Notification of Student Absences

Parents must call the high school office (829-2162) or elementary office (829-2171) to report any student absence due to illness by 9:00 am. We also ask that parents notify the office in advance if a student needs to leave early or arrive late due to an appointment, trip, etc. This gives us time to provide homework or anything the student might miss in advance of their absence. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school in a timely manner. All student absences with no notification are unexcused absences on the student's attendance record. Parents can also email Mrs. French at jfrench@stantonschools.com

in the high school office, or Mrs. Druivenga at jdruivenga@stantonschools.com in the elementary office to report absences.

Teammates

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.

Viking Music Updates

JH/HS Viking Marching Band is practicing together before school on Tuesday and Thursday morning to prepare for the upcoming parade competitions and homecoming. The band will be marching in the Pancake Day Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 26th at 1pm. We will also march on Saturday, September 27th in the Shenfest Parade in Shenandoah. Parade starts at 2pm. We will be marching on Saturday, October 4th in the Clarinda Band Jamboree. The parade starts at 9am. Thanks to Stephanie Burke, we have a full slate of Auxiliary Flags to enhance the marching band.

The cast of "The Sound of Music" is working hard memorizing lines and songs for the upcoming production which will be presented at the Wilson Theater in Red Oak. The dates of the musical are Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13 & 14.

The Stanton 2026 yearbook is now on sale! Memories: The 2026 collection is on preorder for \$55. Order yours now and save money as the price increases in October. This yearbook will include yearbook + again, a new feature that adds digital photos to all yearbooks. See a journalism student or Mrs. Carpenter to get yours now!

Queens In Action

HS Volleyball

Clarinda, Lenox, Mount Ayr, and Stanton Quad Stanton vs Lenox

W2 - 0

21-11, 21- 16

Stanton vs Mount Ayr

W 2-1

9-21, 21-18, 15-13

Stanton vs Clarinda

L 0-2

It was a great first night out for the start of the season! The team was very excited to compete. We started the evening with Lenox Tigers and then continued with Mount Ayr. Our match with the Raiders was definitely a defining moment of the night. We struggled with our receiving in the first set. Then, in our second set, we made adjustments to our blocking. The girls then finished with the win for the third set. Mount Ayr had great attacks from the middle, and they were highly competitive. Our last match was with the Clarinda Cardinals. We worked to stay aggressive with our serving. Our hitters were constantly adjusting to the block. We had great communication from the back row players. Clarinda has a very strong group of girls, and we appreciate the competitive environment. The bench was extremely supportive, too! We are thankful for the great support of our families and community members.

Lewis Central Tournament

Stanton vs Tri-Center

10-2

3-21 9-21

Stanton vs Omaha Bryan

W 2-1

11-21, 21-13, 19-17

Stanton vs Lewis Central

L 0-2 10-21, 11-21

Stanton vs Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson

L 1-2

21-18, 18-21, 14-16

Stanton vs Omaha Bryan

W 2 - 1

21-14, 18-21, 16-14

The Stanton Viqueens traveled to Lewis Central for an earlyseason tournament. It gave us a chance to compete against tough opponents and see the hard work from practice come to life. We appreciate the competitive teams that attended this tournament. It was also a great opportunity to play schools outside of our conference. There was wonderful support from the families and community members. We're looking forward to an incredible season of learning, improvement, and success!

JH Volleyball

The JH Volleyball team will take to the court for the first time this season as they host Sidney on Thursday, Sept.4th. The 14 players have been working hard the past two weeks and are looking forward to the start of their season. Next week, the team has games at home on Tuesday with Bedford and Thursday with Hamburg. Game time is 4:00 for all matches. Come out and cheer on the young Queens on the court!

Blood Drive

Stanton FCCLA will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Stanton Viking Center Gym on Wednesday, September 17th from 8:30am-2:30pm. All who are able are encouraged to give. To schedule your appointment, visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u>, email Lori Burton at lburton@stantonschools.com or call the school office at (712) 829-2162. If you are blood types O, B or A you can maximize your giving by making a Power Red donation! Thank you for your support of Stanton FCCLA, and the American Red Cross, we look forward to seeing you.

Viking Football

The Vikings will be hosting the East Mills Wolverines for the Essex Homecoming game tonight in Essex! This game also coincides with the 3rd annual, Chase Heinold Memorial game! The Vikings will be fighting hard to earn the traveling trophy for their communities. Please join the Vikings and Chase's family (wife, Whitney; and children: Gwen, Blair, and Bodhi). Kickoff in Essex will be at 7:00 p.m. *Go Vikings!!*

Peach Sales

A very sincere "Thank you!" to everyone who helped in some way to support this past summer's annual Georgia Peach Sale! We have heard many stories from happy customers. If you have a short story and/or pictures you'd like to share, please forward them to Jeff Grebin (igrebin@stantonschools.com). His students will be working to build a few webpages to help better serve our customers and keep them up to date on what is happening. Lastly, if you want to be sure not to miss out on those super juicy and delicious peaches next summer, please email Jeff your email address and best phone number to reach YOU!

Stanton Weight Room

Setting records! New school records are being set! Congratulations to Cooper Dreyer and Brodee Sowers for breaking school records in their weight classes in June. Also, congratulations to Tristan Elwood for being our latest addition to the 1000 Lb Club. The Viking Productions team will be attaching record boards to our weight room walls. Stay tuned! Our female lifters are putting up impressive numbers and will be creating a record wall of their own. Morning strength and conditioning begins each morning Monday through Friday at 6:25.

What's Cookin?

<u>Monday, Sept 8</u> -Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Stuffed Crust Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli Salad. Applesauce, Milk.

<u>Tuesday, Sept 9</u> -Breakfast: Cresent Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk. <u>Lunch:</u> Mashed Potato Bowl, Corn, Mandarin Orange, Mixed Fruit, Raisins/Goldfish, Milk.

<u>Wednesday, Sept 10</u> <u>Breakfast</u>: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk. <u>Lunch</u>: Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Tri-Tator, Pineapple, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Thursday, Sept 11- Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Italian Pasta, Lettuce, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Milk.

<u>Friday, Sept 12</u>- Breakfast- Omelet/Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk. <u>Lunch</u>- Chicken Wrap, Lettuce/Cheese, Potato Salad, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Pineapple, Milk

Around Town

Bible Club & Youth Group Begin September 10th!

1st -5th Graders: Bible Club will be 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, this year! The school will provide a bus ride to Bible Club, from school every Wednesday! Great games, snacks, and stories!

SUMO TSUNAMI!: Youth Group kick off! 6th-12th Graders are invited to start the year with great food, waterslides, and Sumo wrestling! Meet at the Covenant Church, 6:30-8:00 pm!

Softball 2025

I want to take some time to highlight the 2025 Softball season and OH WHAT A SEASON IT WAS!! Our season ended in the final round of regionals against a very talented Riverside team who ended up 3rd place at the State

We ended the season with a record of 12-11.

We had 14 girls on the roster

Softball Tournament.

SeniorsFreshmenRiley BurkeLilly FochtKiela FranzenPiper FrenchKyla HartVictoria McFarlandBree MitchellLauren RobertsSophomoreJanae SchweryLilly FordKennedy Stites

8th Graders
Maven Allen
Quinn McDonald
Cooper Stephens

Some stats from the season:

Stolen Bases – Quinn 16; Victoria 10; Lauren, Cooper & Kyla 8 each

Home runs – Bree 6 and Kyla 1

Hits/RBIs -

Bree had 35 hits (23-1B, 4-2B, 2-3B, 6-HR) & 39 RBIs Kyla had 23 hits (19-1B, 2-2B, 1-3B, 1-HR) & 17 RBIs Kiela Franzen had 20 hits (18-1B, 2-2B) & 12 RBIs Lilly Ford had 20 hits (17-1B, 1-2B, 2-3B) & 9 RBIs Quinn had 20 hits (19-1B, 1-2B) & 7 RBIs Victoria had 18 hits (10-1B, 5-2B, 3-3B) & 18 RBIs Cooper had 17 hits (11-1B, 6-2B) & 13 RBIs Janae had 14 hits (8-1B, 4-2B, 2-3B) & 16 RBIs Riley had 11 hits (8-1B, 3-3B) & 13 RBIs.

End of season awards:

All Corner Conference Team:

1st Team – Bree Mitchell (infield) 2nd Team – Kyla Hart (outfield) Honorable Mention – Kiela Franzen

Academic All-State

Kyla Hart Riley Burke

IGCA All-District Softball - Class 1A Southwest Region

Bree Mitchell

IGCA All-State Softball

3rd Team - Bree Mitchell

KMA Corner Conference Softball Awards

KMA All-Corner Team (Senior of the Year) – Bree Mitchell

KMA All-Corner Team (Offense) – Bree Mitchell KMA All-Corner Team (Pitching) – Bree Mitchell

KMA All-Corner Team (All-Senior) – Kiela Franzen, Kyla Hart, Bree Mitchell

KMA All-Corner Team (All-Sophomore) – Lilly Ford KMA All-Corner Team (All-Freshman/8th Graders) – Victoria McFarland, Janae Schwery, Quinn McDonald, Cooper Stephens

We want to thank all the parents/fans, Booster Club for all the support and encouragement throughout the season!

Coach McFarland & Coach Mainquist

Upcoming Events

Fri., Sept 5 7:00 HS FB at Essex

Sat., Sept 6 8:30 AM V Volleyball @ Glenwood

Mon., Sept 8 Full Day of School

4:00 JH FB at Home vs EM JV FB @ Home vs EM

Tues., Sept 9 4:00 JH VB @ home 4:30 XC @ Clarinda

5:30 JV/V VB @ Home

Wed., Sept 10 Thur., Sept 11

Thur., Sept 11 4:00 JH VB @ Home Fri., Sept 12 7:00 HS FB @ Sidney

Sat., Sept 13 12:00 PM VC Youth Tackle FB Jr. @ Griswold 1:30 PM VC Youth Tackle FB Sr. @ Griswold

PEANUT/NUT AWARENESS POLICY

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,

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.