



### **Stanton School Survey**

Stanton Community Schools values your input as we plan for the future of our schools and community. This survey aims to gather and evaluate your opinions on potential facility improvements. We want to hear your thoughts on how to best improve our school facilities to meet the needs of our ever-growing students and community. You can complete this survey by completing the link below, scanning the QR Code below, or by picking up a paper copy at Stanton Community Schools, Stanton Child Resource Center, FMTC, and First Interstate Bank. Please complete the survey by February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/XgHz4X0/StantonCommunitySchool>

Everyone is invited to attend the Stanton Community School District Facilities Review on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Stanton High School Gym. The survey results will be reviewed along with discussion of the future of Stanton Community School. Light Refreshments will be provided.



School Survey

### **Elementary Musicals are coming up in March!**

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 7 at 6:30pm!

The lower elementary (K-3rd graders) will be doing a musical called "Squirm" - Yes! It will make you squirm! This fun musical will feature snakes, worms, bats, and spiders and more things that make most of us squirm. For sure it will be during the 1st Week of March. More information to come.

The upper elementary (4-6th graders) will be doing Willy Wonka JR. This classing musical features Willy Wonka who is the Candy Man! He is looking for his replacement because he is retiring. We have Oopma Loompas, Candy Kids and Squirrels along with the classic hilarious characters who will relive the classic story based on the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Watch for more details to come!

### **Honor Band Students Selected!**

Congratulations to the following HS Band Students who have been selected to perform in the Graceland University Honor Band. Victoria Fletchall - Clarinet, Nick Herrick - Trombone, Gabe Kingery - Trumpet, Dylan McCollum - Flute, Olivia McQueen - Percussion, and Jaden Snow, Saxophone will be traveling to Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa on Friday, February 7th where they will practice along with other regional high school students. They will give a concert on Saturday evening at 7:30pm along with the Graceland Symphonic Band under the direction of Dr. Parker Worden.

### **Who said TikToc is all bad?**

Mrs. Burton's middle school classes used a suggestion from a TikTocTeacher to review their work for the week on Friday. Each student was given a worksheet with review problems to complete, then partnered up with a peer. The pair had to take turns flipping a water bottle on the desk until it landed. While your partner flipped, you could work on the worksheet, but when they landed it, you stopped working, and started flipping. The partner from each group who completed their worksheet (correctly) first, won a prize. The only downside to this friendly competition is that the sound of the flipping bottles on the desks and the celebratory cheers of the winning partners made for a distracting day in Mr. Grebin's neighboring classroom - sorry Mr. Grebin!

### **Large Group Speech**

On Saturday, January 25th, the Stanton High School speech students traveled to Glenwood High School for the District Large Group Speech Contest. It was a busy day for our students! The radio broadcasting team of Addy Gettler, Addie Peterson, Addison Jones, Surianna Messing, Lilly Focht, and Piper French received a Division 1 rating for their sport-themed broadcast. The short film team of Riley Burke, Kiela Franzen, Hannah Olson, and Clark Spencer received a Division 1 for their horror film. The radio broadcasting team of Riley Burke, Kiela Franzen, Hannah Olson, Lauren Johnson, and Kyla Hart received a Division 1 for their horror-themed broadcast. The radio broadcasting team of Clark Spencer, Eric Kutzli, Cooper Dreyer, Nolan Case, and Jayden Snow received a Division 1 for their taekwondo-themed broadcast. All students who received a Division 1 rating will advance to the State Large Group Speech Contest at Waukee High School on Saturday, February 8th. Congratulations to all students and best of luck at the next contest!

### **Jr. High Girls Basketball**

The junior high girls have been very busy with the last half of their basketball season. On January 16th, the team traveled to Essex and came away with a victory, 41-12. The ViQueens then played the Red Oak Tigers in Stanton. Stanton took the W, 29-21. We then played two extra quarters with the Tigers and won 17 to 13. On Tuesday, the team went to Sidney to battle against the Cowgirls. The A team won 49-8 and the B team won 21-6. Friday, January 31st, we are back home and will compete against the East Mills Wolverines. Then our last game will be on the road in Tabor. We will be playing against the Fremont-Mills Knights.

### **Girl's Basketball**

For the fifth time in six years, the Stanton ViQueen basketball team claimed the Corner Conference Tournament championship by defeating the Fremont-Mills Knights on Friday night. Lauren Johnson had a stellar night with 18 points, 17 rebounds, and 3 steals. Hannah Olson had an amazing night with 17 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocks. Riley Burked had an outstanding performance with 17 points - 12 of those points came from 3-point range, Piper French helped with 5 points, 4 assists, and 5 rebounds. Kyla Hart led the team with 8 assists and brought down 3 rebounds. The Queens led 29-20 going into halftime. By the 3rd quarter they had pulled away by 14 points, a dominant 4th quarter by the Knights wasn't enough. The Queens won a well-fought match 58-54.

ViQueens met up with the Cowgirls on Tuesday night with a dominant win: 64-35. Lauren Johnson led the way with 20 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals. Piper French had a game high 13 points and 3 steals! Riley Burke had 11 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals. Adding to the scoreboard was Hannah Olson with 10, Kyla Hart with 6 points and 10 assists, and Kiela Franzen with 4 points. The ViQueens travel to Anita to take on the Cougars! JV girls start at 4. Friday night is parents night! See you there!

### **STANTON FFA**

#### **40th Legislative Symposium & FFA Day at the Capitol**

DES MOINES, IOWA—FFA members from across Iowa converged on the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism. More than 700 high school students wearing blue corduroy from 120 schools visited the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on January 22nd. The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills learned in the agriculture classroom and learned the importance of citizenship. This was all part of the 40th Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members gathered at the Downtown Embassy Suites for a brief greeting and tutorial. The program provided opportunities for FFA members to hear from Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, about the importance of agriculture in Iowa and abroad. Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Vice President, Brian Feldpausch, then delivered a message about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the agriculture industry. Jake Swanson from High Yield Strategies then spoke about the importance of advocating for the agricultural industry.

This year six Stanton FFA members attended the Legislative Symposium: President, Clark Spencer; Vice President, Grant Spencer; Secretary, Gabe Kingery; Treasurer, Caed Olson; Reporter, Josi Strange; and Sentinel, Nick Herrick.

The 40th Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol was made possible with support from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

#### **Sub-District Contests**

The Stanton FFA will be hosting the South SW Sub-District Contests this year on Wednesday, February 5th. Registration for students and judges will be at 2:00 pm with events starting at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in judging any of the Leadership Development Events or the Welding event please contact Advisor: Andrea Spencer at 712-829-2162. Leadership Development Events are designed to help FFA members develop marketable skills that will help them in school and future careers and to help them reach their leadership potential. Members of the community are welcome to attend and support FFA members from across the area.

#### **Counselors Corner**

##### **Scholarships due this week:**

- 2/1/25 Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship
- 2/1/25 Iowa State Christina Hixson Opportunity Award
- 2/1/25 GFWC/Iowa Scholarship
- 2/3/25 The Elks Legacy Award
- 2/7/25 Page County Soil & Water Conservation District Internship/Scholarship
- 2/7/25 Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District Internship/Scholarship

##### **Local Scholarship Spotlight:**

*\*Cassie Rae Williams Memorial Scholarship - Cassie Rae (Gilliland) Williams was a 2005 Stanton graduate, she attended college, and went out to explore the world. When it came time to raise her family she returned to Stanton. She joined several committees and organizations giving back to the community she loved. Cassie was taken tragically in an automobile accident in 2019. In her spirit of giving back this scholarship has been established in her memory.*

*\*Brooke Engstrand Scholarship - The Brooke Engstrand scholarship established in the spring of 2013 is intended for seniors planning to further their education in a 4-year or 2-year college program, or a technical school. Brooke had a passion for music and making the most of her life and the opportunities she was given. She was involved in many activities while a student at Stanton Community School, both in and out of school. Her love of horses and for others filled her life with joy and fulfillment. Brooke graduated in 2008 from Stanton High School.*

#### **From Our Principal, Mrs. Elwood**

The MS/HS Midterm Grade Check will be Friday, February 7th. The district has the following job openings:

- Paraeducator
- Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant
- .5 FTE K-12 Art Teacher
- .5 FTE Elementary Teacher
- MS/HS Science Teacher
- Part-Time ESL Instructor
- Head Coach - HS Volleyball
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
- Head Coach - HS Girls Basketball

Interested applicants may apply online at [www.iowaworks.gov](http://www.iowaworks.gov) or submit their letter of application, resume, and references to Mrs. Katie Elwood at [kelwood@stantonschools.com](mailto:kelwood@stantonschools.com).

January is National Mentoring Month. Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is looking for additional mentors to join our program. If you would like to make a difference and 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 Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Teammates Mentoring will be holding a fundraiser and selling Almost Famous popcorn on January 31st at the East Mills basketball game. If you are unable to make it and would still like to purchase some popcorn, you can use the following link to order: <https://form.jotform.com/AlmostFamousPopcorn/teammates-fundraiser-2025>

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

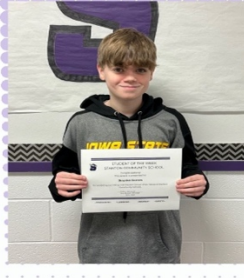


**ODEN ASHLEY**

"Oden is a positive leader in the classroom. He is helpful and encourages people to do the right thing."




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**BRAYDEN SOWERS**

"Brayden is a leader in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. He maintains a positive attitude and exhibits our Viking Values."



### What's Cookin'?


**Monday, Feb 3:** Breakfast: Smores Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Fiestada, Lettuce, Corn, Pears, Apple Slices, Milk.

**Tuesday, Feb 4:** Breakfast: Cinni Minni, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Milk

**Wednesday, Feb 5:** Breakfast: Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Stadium Dog, Chili/Cheese, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Tropical Fruit, Milk

**Thursday, Feb 6:** Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Siracha Chicken, Fried Rice, Cooked Carrots, California Veggies, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

**Friday, Feb 7:** Breakfast: Soft Cereal Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Walking Taco, Lettuce, Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple, /Oranges, Bug Bites, Milk.



### Upcoming Events

<b>Friday, Jan 31</b>	4:00 Girls Reg. Wrestling at Red Oak 4:00 JH G BB with East Mills 5:00 Class of 27 Fundraiser Meal 5:00 JV Girls BB v East Mills 6:00 V G & B BB w East Mills (Parents Night)
<b>Monday, Feb 3</b>	3:00 Bowling at Council Bluffs TJ 4:00 JH G BB at Fremont Mills
<b>Tuesday, Feb 4</b>	12:30 Bowling v St. Albert at Red Oak 4:30 JV Boys BB w Hamburg 6:00 V G & B BB w Hamburg
<b>Wednesday, Feb 5</b>	1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal Sub-District FFA Contest
<b>Thursday, Feb 6</b>	7:30 am FFA Meeting 5:00 JV/V Girls BB at Fremont-Mills 6:00 JV/V Boys BB w Tri-Center
<b>Friday, Feb 7</b> <b>Saturday, Feb 8</b>	6:00 G & B BB at Griswold (JV and V) State Speech Contest

There will be a 5th Quarter Friday night following the basketball games. All students in grades 7-12th are invited to come to Mamrelund Lutheran Church from the games ending until 10:30 P.M.

### From Nurse Stacy's Desk

Excessive screen time in children can negatively impact their development in various ways, including: hindering social skills, causing language delays, disrupting sleep patterns, promoting behavioral issues, contributing to obesity, decreasing attention span, impairing cognitive abilities, and potentially leading to emotional problems like anxiety and depression; essentially reducing time for active play and real-world interaction crucial for healthy development.

Key negative effects of excessive screen time on child development:  
**Social and emotional development issues**  
**Language delays**  
**Sleep disturbances**  
**Attention problems**  
**Physical health concerns**  
**Cognitive development issues**  
**Behavioral problems**  
**Eye strain and vision problems**  
**Reduced physical activity**


Important considerations:  
**Age-appropriate content**  
**Co-viewing**  
**Screen-free time**  
**Set limits**

The HS Softball Team is doing a fundraiser with Dirt Road Candle Co out of Lewis, IA. The candles are 8 oz and come in the following scents:

- Midwest Picnic (lime, coconut, splash of cream)
- Tending the Tulips (eucalyptus & ocean, lily, acai blossom & clover, sweet musk, powder, & woods)
- Spring Cleaning (citrus & sweet basil, sweet clementine, mint leaves, eucalyptus, chamomile, agave nectar)
- After the Rain (marine, honeydew melon, apple, lily of the valley, jasmine, sandalwood and musk)
- Farmhouse Mornings (clean floral, lavender, powder, linen, sandalwood & musk)
- Strawberry Patch (tart fresh strawberries, lemon hint of brightness, vanilla & sugar)

Candles are \$24.95 each. Contact any 8th-12th grade softball girl if you are interested. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. Must pay at time of order. Any questions, contact Coach Brandie at 712-370-7801. Thank you for supporting the Softball Team!

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. The Stanton National Honor Society will once again be offering treats to our students to show some love. This year they will be selling Hershey's bar, Skittles, Orange Crush, and Grape Crush. NHS members will be handing out order forms this week. Email Mrs. McDonald ([amcdonald@stantonschools.com](mailto:amcdonald@stantonschools.com)) if you would like an order form emailed to you! All proceeds go towards the National Honor Society yearly dues and scholarships. Thank you for your support!



### BUY YOUR YEARBOOK

Prices for a yearbook have increased to \$65. It's still not too late to buy one! Look for a coupon in next week's bulletin! Remember, this year we are offering not only a yearbook, but digital photos that we didn't have room to place in the yearbook for all who purchase one!

If you have any questions, call the High School office and leave a message for Charmla Carpenter.  
 Take advantage of \$10.00 off with the coupon below:

