

Stanton Community School

Friday, October 31st

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Principal Update:

Thank you to our parents and guardians for attending parent-teacher conferences on Monday. If you were not able to attend and have any questions or concerns about your child's progress at school, please email your child's teacher, or you can contact us at 712-829-2171 (Elementary) or 712-829-2162 (MS/HS). We appreciate your communication as we work together to help our students succeed. Please note that the MS/HS 2nd quarter midterm grade check will be Friday, November 14th.

We also want to thank the PTSO for providing a meal for our teachers during parent-teacher conferences. We appreciate your support!

Stanton Community Schools will be offering driver's education through Drive Right for the 2025-26 school year. Please use the link below or the Driver's Education link on our school website for more details.
<https://www.driverrightiowa.com/fm-312766.html>

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.

Book Fair Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Book Fair a success. This was a record-breaking year, and we will be able to purchase over \$2,000 worth of new books for our library. Also, I would like to thank our special donor who made sure every student was able to receive what they "wished" for. The Book Fair will be back for spring conferences. Can't wait to see you there!

4th Grade News

The Stanton 4th Graders have been learning about the life cycle of a monarch butterfly. Thank you to the Montgomery County Pheasants Forever for making it possible for students to have this experience in the classroom. Five adult monarchs were tagged and released.

Music News

The music students are working hard on "The Sound of Music" that will be presented at the Wilson Theater in Red Oak on Thursday, Nov. 13th & Friday, Nov. 14th. The shows will start at 6:30pm each night. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are on sale now at the Wilson Theater.

Veterans Day Program - All music students K-6th grade are preparing music along with the JH/HS band and choirs for the upcoming Veterans Day program on Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 10am. The public is invited to attend this special event.

FCCLA News

The Stanton FCCLA attended the Fall Leadership Rally at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge on October 8th. Chapter members: Vanessa Fletchall, Taylor Valdez, Alizabeth Maranville, Chloe Newsome, and Adrianna Valdez had the opportunity to travel to Fort Dodge and learn with hundreds of fellow FCCLA members. This event for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), was meant to empower teens to make a difference in their communities and lives. There were many stations to learn from. Things like career skill-building, community service project ideas, and ways to help individual families. It strengthened what FCCLA stands for. Our FCCLA chapter got so much out of this event and cannot wait to put our ideas to good use around Stanton.

Clothing Design Class in Need of Donations

This year, there are 9 students enrolled in the Clothing Design class. Our next project will be to make costumes for students of all ages for the Santa Lucia Program. We are in need of fabric, lace, rick-rack or other fabric embellishments that can be added to these costumes. Ideally, they would be white, red, blue or yellow, but we'll happily put to use any unwanted fabric or sewing notions you would like to donate. We're also looking for flannel material of any color/pattern (flannel sheets work great) for a different upcoming project. Drop off donations at the Stanton High School office, or contact Lori Burton with questions at lburton@stantonschools.com

Reminder - Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day. The Stanton Community School District will be selecting school board members to fill 3 vacancies. The ballot will also include:

- An extension of our PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) with no new tax impact
- A renewal of the Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement (No Tax Increase)
- A \$4.05 property tax increase to fund...
- A \$5.325 million general obligation bond referendum

Polling hours are 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Veterans Day Program

Please join us on November 11th at Stanton High School's gym for our Veterans Day program! Breakfast for veterans, generously sponsored by FMTC, will be served at 8:45 AM. Please arrive by 9:45 AM so we can start the program promptly at 10:00 AM. The event is proudly led by the Government class. Stick around afterward for cookies and coffee as we honor our heroes together. We hope to see you there!

December 10th Blood Drive Registration Now Open

Stanton High School FCCLA and Student Council Members will be hosting our next Blood Drive on Wednesday December 10th from 8:30am-2:30pm. Registration is open now for this drive by going to www.redcrossblood.org/give. You can find our drive and schedule your appointment by searching zipcode 51573. Each successful donation at this drive will also earn a \$15 Amazon Gift Card from the American Red Cross promotion "Give the Gift, Get a Gift". For questions, please reach out to Lori Burton or Morgan Peterson at lburton@stantonschools.com and mpeterson@stantonschools.com. Thank you in advance for your support of this life-saving event.

FFA Update

FFA season is starting to ramp up and members are starting to get ready for speaking contest season! Hungry for some fresh fruit, meat and cheese, pickled herring, or popcorn? Please find an FFA member before November 7th to order and support our chapter. We also have our online FFA Clothing store available with orders being due November 14th. Our next chapter meeting is November 6th at 7:20am and we thank you for your support!

Journalism

The journalism students have published their first Anchor page in the Red Oak Express! These six students work hard all month to cover activities for the yearbook as well as the Anchor page. The Anchor is published the second week of each month. Be sure to check it out!

Weight Room Highlight!

This will be our first of many highlights from the weight room. This first highlight is nothing flashy but speaks volumes for the importance of consistency in getting positive results through strength and conditioning. Is getting out of bed early to train something most people truly enjoy? Is it easier if you are in pain? Is it easier when you are not the strongest, or the quickest, or feel intimidated? If you answered, "no", then you are representing the majority of the human race. If you have a big enough Dream or Why, you'll train anyway, even after getting to bed late after a game the night before. Over the last 4 years, Jasmine Osher, has attended more workouts than any other student. She is determined and tough! How tough? Well, she has enthusiastically played football the last 4 years. She has had the least amount of playing time per number of hours put into training. Luckily, Jasmine doesn't dwell on that last statistic, she keeps on going! In fact, she broke her finger about midway through the season this year and she didn't miss or sit out of even 1 practice, and when given the opportunity to play in a game, she ran onto the field with enthusiasm! She wears bruises with pride and gets up off the ground after getting hit hard and knocked down--and she is usually giggling. She prefers the offensive and defensive line--it truly fits her mental toughness and love for the sport! If you want to know Jasmine's secret, you can still find her in the weight room most mornings before school starts and ask her. Way to go Jasmine! You are Viking Tough! Stay tuned for next week's weight room highlight as we look at one of our recent school-record smashers!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



CHARLOTTE THOMPSON

"Charlotte is a great friend and classmate. She is kind and respectful to everyone."



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



NOLAN CASE

"Nolan is a good student and leader. He respects his classmates and teachers."



Yearbooks have increased to \$60. Be sure to get yours ordered! Yearbooks make a GREAT Christmas gift, and the staff has gift certificates available. Contact Mrs. Carpenter at the school, order online through Jostens, or scan the QR code. Remember, with the purchase of a yearbook, the buyer has access to hundreds of digital photos as well.



HS Volleyball

Stanton vs Murray

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25-18, 25-23, 25-15

Kills - Cooper Stephens 6, Addy Gettler 6, Gabi Grebin 3

Assists - Haylee Joint 16, Gabi Grebin 6

Block - Lauren Roberts 1

Digs - Britney Silva 17, Addy Gettler 15, Cooper Stephens 14

Aces - Gabi Grebin 3, Addy Gettler 2, Britney Silva 2

The Stanton Viqueens earned a victory over the Murray Mustangs, sweeping the match in straight sets. The Viqueens set the tone early with aggressive attacks and solid defense, taking the first set convincingly. Murray battled back in the second, keeping things close, but key kills and clutch serving from Stanton sealed the set late. In the third, the Viqueens maintained their momentum, closing out the match with confidence and composure

Stanton vs East Mills

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12-25, 10-25, 17-25

Kills - Piper French 3, Haylee Joint 1, Addison Jones 1

Assists - Cooper Stephens 2, Gabi Grebin 1, Haylee Joint 1

Block - Haylee Joint 1

Digs - Britney Silva 16, Gabi Grebin 8, Haylee Joint 7

Aces - Gabi Grebin 1

The Stanton Viqueens closed out their season Tuesday night with a tough matchup against the East Mills Wolverines. Despite strong effort and energy from Stanton, East Mills came out on top, winning in three straight sets. The Wolverines' consistent serving and aggressive net play proved to be the difference as they controlled the tempo throughout the match. Stanton showed resilience and teamwork, battling through long rallies and demonstrating the grit that defined their season. Though the result didn't go their way, the Viqueens played with heart and represented their school with pride.

End of Season Note:

The 2025 season comes to a close for the Stanton Viqueens, a team that showed steady growth, determination, and unity on and off the court. The players and coaches thank the fans, families, and community for their unwavering support all year long. With a strong core returning and valuable experience gained, the future remains bright for Viqueen volleyball.

Stanton/Red Oak Dance Team Update

The Stanton/Red Oak Dance Team had two soloists compete on October 24 — Cate Horn and Caitlin Britten! Among 940 soloists vying for just 140 spots, both girls represented our team beautifully, each earning a Division I rating with their solos! We're so proud of their hard work and dedication!

Next up, the team will compete at the Ella and Madie Legacy Competition on Saturday, November 8, at SWCC in Creston. Doors open at 8:00 a.m., and the competition begins at 9:00 a.m.

Good luck to all our dancers — we can't wait to cheer you on!

Cross Country

The Stanton Cross Country team concluded its season Thursday evening at the Leon State Qualifying Meet, finishing on a strong note with tremendous growth, determination, and several personal best performances.

For the Viqueens, sophomore Lauren Roberts led the way, crossing the finish line first for Stanton, followed closely by her sister, senior Meredith Roberts. Both athletes capped off their seasons with their fastest times of the year, showcasing their hard work and consistency throughout the season. Lauren Roberts has held the Stanton Girls' Cross Country record with a time of 21:14.1 in 2024.

On the boys' side, Cailex Williams was the top finisher for the Vikings, followed by sophomore Jayden Snow, senior Eric Kutzli, and junior Grant Spencer. Williams, Kutzli, and Spencer each achieved personal bests, demonstrating the team's dedication and steady improvement throughout the season. Cailex Williams broke the Stanton Boys' Cross Country record with a time of 19:32.8.

*Records are from the time Coach Stephens started coaching in 2022.

The Stanton Cross Country program would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the area teams and athletes who qualified for State.



Boys Basketball

High School Boys Basketball will be starting on Monday November 17th. Please make sure your son and yourself as a parent has joined the HS Boys Basketball team on the app "Remind" so that Coach Weis can communicate with everyone. If there are any questions, please reach out!

JH Boys Basketball is off to a great start! We currently have 23 boys out and are getting ready for our first game November 11th in Stanton! Please be sure to check the schedule on Bound as there have been 3 new games added!

Viking Football

The Vikings completed their season last Friday night vs Twin Cedars. The Vikings started game 1 with a 14-player roster, completed their state assigned season and even added a game to their schedule to get a full 9-game regular season! The team endured several fractured bones and ligament damage and continued to fight with the number of eligible players dipping to 9 at one point in a game. Despite all of that we had the best practice attendance and participation percentages we have had in many years! In the state of Iowa, **five** 8-player teams started their seasons *larger rosters* and were forced to forfeit their seasons due to lack of numbers. Congratulations to the players on the Viking roster for not only fighting but competing and winning! By the end of the season our roster actually grew to 15 players (and all 15 participated in our last game)!

Volunteers make it Happen!!

In every school district, it takes a great deal of helpers to make academic and extra-curricular events go smoothly and professionally. Stanton is very fortunate and blessed with so many special people who volunteer their time and talent to help tutor, mentor, coach, officiate, operate scoreboards, announce, broadcast, drive, sponsor, operate the chains, mow lines, paint lines, etc. THANK YOU to each and every one of you who support our students, staff, administration and community! Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are certainly appreciated!

What's Cookin?

Monday, Nov 3rd – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Nov 4th -Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Fiestada, Lettuce, Corn, Peaches, Apple Slices, Milk.

Wednesday, Nov 5th-Breakfast: Waffle, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Peas. Mixed Fruit, Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Milk.

Thursday, Nov 6th- Breakfast: Bavarian Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chili, Carrots, Pears, Applesauce, Cinnamon Roll, Milk

Friday, Nov 7th- Breakfast- Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk. Lunch- Walking Taco, Lettuce/Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple/Oranges, Goldfish , Milk

