

## From The Principal's Desk

by Ryun Theobald

We have been really fortunate this year to have such great weather...for a Nebraska winter. This has allowed us to keep on schedule with events and activities. While there is always a chance for severe weather in February and March, it really is difficult to predict what will happen. From my standpoint, I hope we can make it through the year without having to take any snow days. That would allow us to keep on track to finish this year as scheduled.

With that being said, I would like to share with you a few bits of information.



**1. Student of the Month.** Congratulations to our student of the month honorees. Our high school student is Tara Hestermann and our middle school student is Thomas Tucker. Both of these students are to be commended for their hard work, as it was noticed by several teachers.

**2. Communication.** One of the most difficult things in life to master is the art of communication. While I know that I am far from an expert, I do know improving communication is a key to the success of any organization.

In this day and age of ever advancing technology, we often look to email, texting, tweeting or posting messages on Facebook. While these methods are nice, communication via face to face, or by phone call, still have their place in communication. There really is no substitution for personal contact with communication. With that being said, if you have a comment or concern for a teacher, coach or any other school employee, please do not hesitate to contact that individual. They will be more than willing to communicate with you.

**3. Activity Success.** Congratulations to the girls basketball program for winning the "A" division of the 2012 MUDECAS Tournament. This was the first championship in fifteen years, and it was won in dramatic fashion.

The boys also are to be commended for winning against Falls City Sacred Heart. It is tough to play in an early morning game, but no matter the score and situation, any win over a rival is a good win. The regular season is quickly coming to a close. Both teams will be competing in the Pioneer Conference Tournament. After that, they each have a couple of games left before they begin their quest for state with sub-district competition. Good luck to both programs as they close out the season.

**4. Reading.** One of the most important things that you as a parent can do to help your child succeed in school is a very simple. That activity involves either reading to your child or having your child read to you. This is especially important in the primary grades. In addition to reading, it is also helpful to take a little bit of time and work on your child's comprehension skills. This can be as simple as asking your child

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book or story. You can also ask a series of questions about a sequence of events in a book or to pick out specific details. All of these activities will help support our current School Improvement Goal, which is, "all students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum, with an emphasis in reading in the content areas." We truly appreciate parental involvement in the education of all of our students.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or general comments, please feel free to contact me.

# Go JETS!!!!

## Superintendent's Notes

*by Larry Harnisch*

I would like to take this opportunity to point out the importance of student attendance. One of the factors that every parent can control to give their child a better chance of being successful in school is to make sure that their child is **IN** school. That's right; it's as simple as that! Research shows that students that are absent less than 10 days a year from school will achievement better at school. The table below shows the scores of children across the state of Nebraska for the last three years on the Nebraska State Assessment program and was prepared by Nebraska's Education Commissioner, Roger Breed.

### SCORES ON THE NeSA State of Nebraska Assessment Test (These are cut scores, not percentages)

<b>GRADE 4</b>	<b>2009-10 NeSA Score</b>	<b>2010-11 NeSA Score</b>	<b>2011-12 NeSA Scoreless</b>
Students absent less than 20 days	105	110	103
Students absent more than 20 days	84	89	80
Students absent less than 10 days	106	111	105
Students absent more than 10 days	95	101	93
<b>GRADE 8</b>			
Students absent less than 20 days	104	108	100
Students absent more than 20 days	83	82	68
Students absent less than 10 days	107	110	103
Students absent more than 10 days	93	96	85
<b>GRADE 11</b>			
Students absent less than 20 days	102	104	98
Students absent more than 20 days	72	72	58
Students absent less than 10 days	107	107	103
Students absent more than 10 days	90	87	75

## Middle School & High School Honor Roll Second Quarter/First Semester

\*\* Denotes 2nd Quarter Only

\* Denotes 1st Semester Only

No marks denotes Both

### 6th Grade

Heidi Eckhardt  
Benjamin Hier  
Kylie Kahler  
Zachary Scamehorn  
Daniel Schwenneker  
Sheanna Stolz  
Talia Vermeer

### 7th Grade

Austin Buss  
Taylor Cockerill  
Micah Erickson  
\*\*Mason Gee  
Tyler Vermeer

### 8th Grade

Haylee Boldt  
Erika Eckhardt  
Erika Goracke  
\*\*Marah Hestermann  
Hannah Jasa  
Bailey Kahler  
Thomas Tucker

### 9th Grade

\*Meri Beth Hietbrink  
Benjamin Logston  
\*\*Tanner Shea  
Nathan Thies  
Rebecca Williams

### 10th Grade

Tara Hestermann  
Derek Julian

### 11th Grade

\*\*Michelle Bartels  
Kaitlin Daehling  
\*\*Lindsey Koelzer  
Michael Lucas  
Alexa Magill  
Ceaton Malone  
Jenna Nieveen  
Allison Porter  
Garrett Stolz  
\*Tanner Weir  
Ryan Zuhlke

### 12th Grade

Andrew Daehling  
Jenna Elson  
Matthew Erickson  
Jessica Heusman  
Archie Keebler  
Emily Keim  
Casper Kraai  
Kelsey Puls  
\*Samuel Tully  
Colin VanGroningen  
Nicole Wenzl  
Robert Zinke

## Way to Jets!



# Sterling Alumni Mens Basketball Tournament March 17, 2012 *(if necessary March 16 & 18)*

Registrations or Entries  
Are Due By  
**Sunday, March 4, 2012**  
For more information contact Vicky  
Benson at HM 866-5572/C 430-0621  
or at [vickybenson@diodecom.net](mailto:vickybenson@diodecom.net) or  
visit the  
Sterling Community Association  
Website.

We are looking for any alumni men, 40 years or older to play half court basketball games, drawing names randomly for teams.

There might be 3 Point Shooting, Free Throw and Knock Out contest for any one or age to participate in, time permitting.

# CONGRATULATIONS

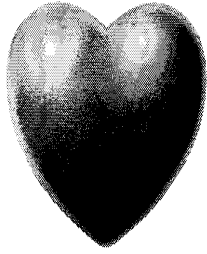


*Sterling Lady Jets win the Sterling Holiday Tournament 2011  
and are the 2012 A Division MUDECAS CHAMPIONS*

## 2012 Sterling Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 22	Thursday	Pioneer Indoor	Doane	9:00
March 27	Tuesday	Turkey Creek Relays	Friend	10:00
April 4	Wednesday	Mustang Invite	Friend	10:00
April 10	Tuesday	Lewiston Invite	Auburn	9:30
April 14	Saturday	MUDECAS	Tecumseh	9:00
April 17	Tuesday	Irish Invite	Syracuse	10:00
April 24	Tuesday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	3:00
April 28	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Auburn	9:00
May 1	Tuesday	Freeman Invite	Doane	9:00
May 9	Wednesday	Districts	Auburn	10:30
May 18-19	Friday-Saturday	State Track	Omaha	9:00

*Updated May 25, 2011*

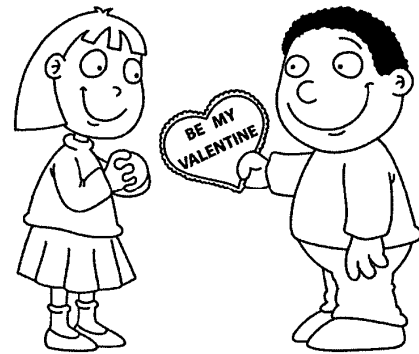


# FEBRUARY 2012

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>Pioneer Conference Art Display here at Sterling while hosting.</i>		<b>1</b> Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Registration 7 pm Starts 7:30 pm - Gym	<b>2</b> <i>Pioneer Conference G/B BB @ Sterling Conf. Art Exhibit</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Pioneer Conf. Girls Finals @ Sterling Conf. Art Exhibit</i>	<b>4</b> 9 am- Johnson Co. Spelling Bee @ JCC <i>Pioneer Conf. Boys Finals @ Sterling Conf. Art Exhibit</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> JH GBB @ Lewiston Tournament - 5:30 pm	<b>7</b> GBB vs. Freeman (JV,V) HOME 6:15 pm	<b>8</b> JH GBB vs. Freeman HOME - 1:00 pm	<b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-8:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> GBB vs. Tri County (JV,V) HOME 6:00 pm	<b>11</b> BBB @ Omaha Christian Academy - College of St. Mary's (JV,V) AWAY 4:00 pm ACT Test Date
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Peru State Business Competition @ Peru	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> BBB vs. Freeman(JV,V) HOME 6:15 pm	<b>18</b>
	Girls Sub Districts @ Norris High School			Girls Sub Districts @ Norris HS		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pioneer Conf. Speech @ Lewiston 8:30 am  JH GBB vs. Lourdes HOME - 2:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	Boys Sub Districts @ Norris High School			Boys Sub Districts @ Norris HS		Girls District Finals TBA
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Start of Spring Practices  JH GBB @ Johnson-Brock Tournament AWAY - 4:00 pm	<b>28</b>  Boys District Finals TBA	<b>29</b>			

# FEBRUARY 2012 MENUS



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> B- Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L-Vegetable Beef Soup, lettuce salad, cheese breadsticks, pears	<b>2</b> B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Nachos, corn, celery w/peanut butter, pineapple tidbits	<b>3</b> B-Egg Taco or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L-Ham Patty on bun, tator gems, broccoli w/cheese or mixed vegetables, mixed fruit
<b>6</b> B-Breakfast Burrito or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L-Hamburger on Bun, french fries, green beans, applesauce	<b>7</b> B-Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Chicken Noodle Soup, sandwich, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges	<b>8</b> B- Scrambled Eggs, Toast or Cereal/Toast, juice, milk L-Tacos, corn, celery w/peanut butter, peaches	<b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>10</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L-Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas, mixed fruit
<b>13</b> B-Egg Taco or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L- Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice, corn, carrot sticks, pears	<b>14</b> B- Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L-Mini Corn Dogs, french fries, green beans, strawberries & bananas	<b>15</b> B-French Toast Sticks or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Chili Soup w/cheese, lettuce salad, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits	<b>16</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L- Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, mixed fruit	<b>17</b> B- Omelet, Toast or Cereal/Toast, juice, milk L-Chicken Gravy Over Biscuits or Bread, peas, mandarin oranges
<b>20</b> B-Toaster Pastry or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L-Goulash, peas, tea roll w/jelly, applesauce	<b>21</b> B- Scrambled Eggs, Toast or Cereal/Toast, fruit, milk L-Chicken Fajita, corn, rice, mandarin oranges	<b>22</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L- Tomato Soup, cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, pears	<b>23</b> B-Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L- Sloppy Joes, french fries, carrots, pineapple tidbits	<b>24</b> B-Egg Taco or Cereal/Fruit, juice, milk L-Cheese Pizza, green beans, carrot sticks, mixed fruit
<b>27</b> B-Breakfast Burrito or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Burrito, rice, chips w/salsa, mandarin oranges	<b>28</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, juice, milk L- Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, strawberry cup	<b>29</b> B- Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L-Submarines, french fries, gelatin, applesauce	<i>Menus subject to change without notice. All meals include half pint of milk.</i>	<i>Extra bread, butter and peanut butter offered with each 6-12 meal.</i>

# K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

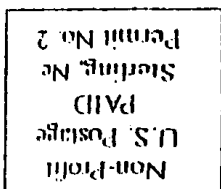
Thursday, Feb 9 1:00 to 8:30 p.m.

*No School that day for all students*

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*Please Note That Any Changes or Updates of Schedules will be Posted on the School Website*

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