

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner: The Art of Being Thankful.

Mr. Adrian Allen

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As the leaves change and a brisk chill fills the air, we welcome the beautiful month of November. November is a month that is often associated with gratitude and thankfulness. In a world often filled with busy schedules, never-ending-to-do lists, and the chaos of everyday life, it is easy to forget the simple yet powerful act of showing gratitude. This month, as we approach the season of Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on the importance of being thankful and expressing our gratitude.

Gratitude is more than just saying, "thank you." It is about recognizing the people, experiences, and things that enrich our lives. It does not take much talent or effort to be nice and thoughtful to each other. We did not get where we are today by ourselves. No matter what you accomplish, we should assume the responsibility to help those who may not be as fortunate. The benefits of practicing gratitude are numerous, impacting our mental, emotional, and even physical well-being. How can we make a difference in someone else's life?

Gratitude can boost your mood, reduce stress, and increase your overall happiness. When we focus on the positive aspects of our lives, it's easier to manage challenges and setbacks. Expressing gratitude strengthens our connections with others. Showing appreciation helps create deeper relationships and create a positive learning environment. I have always appreciated the hard work and dedication from our staff, parents, and students. We may not always put forth 100% all the time, but I feel we do our best most of the time. The unwavering support and collaboration continue to make Sterling a great place to live and work. Our school is a vital part of this community, and we encourage the continued involvement from all of you. Whether you volunteer with Teammates, attend school board meetings, participate in parent teacher conferences, and/or support our students during their activities, your engagement is crucial to our success. Gratitude is a gift that keeps on giving. When we express gratitude, we not only benefit ourselves but also inspire others to do the same.

November brings the much-anticipated Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 22-24). The staff and students have been working hard, and this break provides a well-deserved opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. During this time let's make gratitude part of our lives, spreading joy, and making strong connections. We can create a culture where being thankful and showing gratitude is not only a seasonal tradition but a way of life.

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 <p>STERLING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS</p>	<p>THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING STUDENTS PURSUING A SECONDARY EDUCATION.</p>
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From the Principal's Desk - Mr. Jacob Davenport

One of the most significant changes with fall's arrival is the fluctuating weather conditions. This brings me to my annual reminder: dressing appropriately for outdoor recess and PE. Proper attire is crucial for ensuring our students stay comfortable and safe as they enjoy outdoor activities.

Encourage your children to layer their clothing, so they can easily adapt to the changing weather. Don't forget hats and gloves, especially on cold mornings.

I'd like to emphasize that with the colder mornings, it's essential for our students to stay warm while waiting to enter the building. Our doors remain locked until 7:45 a.m. for security reasons. Please understand that our staff is not available to let them in or supervise children before this time.

It is best if children are not dropped off much before this time or allowed to walk to school too early. We want to ensure that every student arrives at school comfortably and ready to learn, which is why we suggest arriving as close to 7:45 a.m. as possible. This will also allow our staff to be fully prepared to welcome our students into the building.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me as needed. Since some of you receiving this newsletter do not currently have ties to our district, if you or any families you know are looking for a change of scenery with an excellent school, please get in contact with me. I would love to discuss why Sterling is likely a great fit. **Go Jets!!!**



Pictured here are the Sterling Pre-K students who enjoyed a day of fall fun at Roca Berry Farm on Friday, October 20th. A large number of parents were in attendance as well and the group spent the day exploring the farm's many attractions. Favorite activities included the hayrack ride, obstacle course, slides, and jumping pillows!



Honor Roll of Distinction Students receiving all A's	Grade	Honor Roll Students receiving no class grade lower than a B
Charli Wusk	6th	Gabriel Addleman-Platt Brinnly Chadwick Riley McCoy
Gideon Matkins	7th	Adriana Santiago Gordin
Bryce Goracke Jocelyn Rathe Miles Wambold	8th	Tayvon Barclay Kade Horstman Braylee Houghton Chloe Paulson Kynli Portwood Alexandra Vollman Ellen Winter
Joie Janssen David Roecker	9th	Taylor Truscott Owen Uher
Jubilee Matkins Chloe Smith	10th	Brody Horstman Dane Vollman
Ridge Bredthauer Piper Kinney Emily Meyer Colin Wambold Callene Wusk	11th	Lauren Hoak Grant Lempka Callen McAuliffe Peyton Tallant Christina Waters
Jesus Gonzalez-Castillo Sierra Goracke Lauren Harms Collin Kinney Ellie Lafferty Harmony Mathes-Rienschke Wyatt Rathe Hailey Truscott Chloe Waters	12th	Maggie Harms Macen Keeler Amelia Kephart Haley Pella Hayden Vollman

Library - Mrs. Kendra Matkins

We are immensely grateful to each and every one of you for making our recent Book Fair a resounding success. Your support and enthusiasm transformed this event into an unforgettable celebration of literacy and a nurturing ground for the love of reading.

With your generous contributions, we were able to purchase a range of books suitable for all ages and reading levels, creating a vibrant collection. Your presence at the Book Fair as families not only allowed for the exploration of new stories but also emphasized the value of books and education. The funds raised will directly benefit our school, enhancing our library, and providing new classroom materials.

The Book Fair brought us together as a community, strengthening the bonds between families and our school. Your involvement has encouraged a passion for learning that will last a lifetime. Your support will make a lasting impact and is a testament to the brighter, more literate future we are creating for our children. We look forward to celebrating the power of books with you in the years to come.

See you again at the Spring Book Fair!!

Volleyball Season Recap - Coach Dylan Steinkruger

This year the Sterling Lady Jets finished up the volleyball season with a record of 7-21. Though we got off to a bumpy start to the season, the girls did an amazing job of pushing through adversity and fighting all year long. We dropped our first four games, which can make it easy to turn over and give up, but our girls bounced back and were able to notch two wins onto their record in the next three games. Our seniors began to step into more leadership roles, and though the record doesn't show it, we were able to keep ourselves in a lot of games that many people had written us off in. Later in the year, we had a handful of games where the ball didn't bounce the way we wanted in a few moments, but the girls continued to push and give us all they had till our last game. We were also fortunate enough to have a solid group of five seniors. Coach Thies and I could not have asked for a better group to have during our first go-around with the volleyball team. Our seniors were the core and backbone of the team this year and they will all be greatly missed next season.

Football Season Recap - Coach Brent Heusman

The Sterling Jets football team wrapped up the 2023 football season finishing with a 4-4 record. Despite the ups and downs throughout the season, it will be a season remembered for its hard fought battles and the lessons learned throughout the year. We would be remiss if we didn't give a shout out to our 5 seniors (Jesus Gonzalez, Anton Hauslaib, Wyatt Rathe, Pedro Serrano-Gordin, and Hayden Vollman). These gentlemen have given their heart and soul to our program over the last 4 years and they will be missed on and off the field. Our underclassmen will have some big shoes to fill next year. While we will certainly miss our seniors, our cupboard is far from bare. We have a nice core group of returning players that we will be able to lean on for next year. They will need to put in some hard work during the off season, but if our kids are willing to do that, we should set ourselves up to have another successful season next fall.



Kindergarten and second grade students enjoyed a beautiful day at the pumpkin patch last month. The kindergarteners had a blast navigating the obstacle courses and playing in the corn pit, while the second graders had a great time on the bounce pillows and exploring the various houses. We were fortunate to have numerous parents join us to partake in and enjoy this experience. Every student was brimming with excitement as they selected their very own pumpkins to bring home.





NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 - HALLOWEEN	Nov 1 NO PRESCHOOL EARLY OUT 1:37PM Spanish Fiesta 8AM-1PM	2	3 Quarterfinal Round of FB Playoffs	4
STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ LINCOLN						
5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - FALL BACK	6 NO SCHOOL Pioneer Conference Vocal Clinic @ Sterling	7 - ELECTION DAY Middle School Choir Clinic @ Crete	8 FFA District Livestock Judging @ SCC-Beatrice Freeman Elem Quiz Bowl - 12:45PM	9	10 Veterans Day Program - 9:15AM in the Gym Semifinal Round of FB Playoffs Rube Goldberg Competition @ Auburn	11 - VETERANS DAY
12	13 1st Day of BB Practice One Act Play Live Performance - GYM - 7PM	14 ESU4 Leadership Academy JH BBB vs. Johnson-Brock - HOME - 2PM	15 NO PRESCHOOL Pioneer Conference One Act Play @ HTRS	16	17 NCA/NSIAAA Sportsmanship Summit @ North Star 6 Man FB Finals	18
19	20 School Board Meeting - 7PM	21 JH BBB @ <u>DILLER</u> -Odell - 1PM GBB Jamboree @ <u>ASHLAND</u> -Greenwood	22 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 - THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	25
26	27 Freeman JH BBB Tournament @ Adams - 4PM	28 District One Act Play @ Shickley NHS Blood Drive @ CB - 12-6PM	29	30 FFA Christmas Party	Dec 1 G/B BB @ FCSH (4 Games) - 4PM	2

Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website: www.sterlingjets.org for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 2023 MENUS

BREAKFAST

		1 Egg Patty, Hash Browns, Breakfast Brats, Apples, Milk	2 Donut, Cheese Stick, Ham, Pears, Milk	3 Chef's Choice
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Long John, Omelet, Yogurt, Milk	8 Biscuits w/ Sausage Gravy, Fried Egg, Banana, Milk	9 Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham, Hash Browns, Mixed Fruit, Milk	10 Breakfast Bar, Oatmeal, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
13 Breakfast Bagel Sandwich w/ Ham, Fried Egg, & Cheese, Applesauce, Milk	14 Blueberry Waffle, Scrambled Eggs w/ Sausage, Grapes, Milk	15 English Muffin w/ Strawberry or Grape Jam, Omelet, Pineapple, Milk	16 Breakfast Sausage Corn Dog, Warm Cinnamon Apple Slices, Milk	17 Chef's Choice
20 Apple or Cherry Frudel, Bacon, Potato Patty, Milk	21 Chef's Choice <i>*Hot Cocoa Day*</i>	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Muffins, Sausages, Peaches, Milk	28 Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham & Cheese, Pancakes, Fruit, Milk	29 Breakfast Quesadilla (Ham, Cheese, Scrambled Eggs), Yogurt, Fruit, Milk	30 French Toast, Sausages, Cheese Sticks, Applesauce, Milk	

Menus are subject to change.

LUNCH

		1 Tacos, Black Beans, Apples, Salad Bar	2 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Corn, Blueberries, Salad Bar	3 Chef's Choice
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Broccoli Cheese Soup, Rolls, Carrots, Strawberries, Salad Bar	8 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad Bar	9 Chicken Pot Pie, Cottage Cheese, Pineapple, Salad Bar	10 Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Oranges, Salad Bar
13 Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked Beans, Tropical Fruit, Salad Bar	14 Ham & Potato Soup, Ham & Cheese Sliders, Green Beans, Bananas, Salad Bar	15 Breakfast Casserole, Yogurt, Fruit, Salad Bar	16 3rd Grade Pick Dorito Taco Nachos	17 Chef's Choice
20 Hot Dogs, Chips, Cottage Cheese, Blueberries, Salad Bar	21 Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Cranberries	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Cheeseburger, Chips, Corn, Strawberries, Salad Bar	28 Potato Bar, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Salad Bar	29 Frito Chili Pie, Corn, Apples, Salad Bar	30 Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Oranges, Salad Bar	

Sterling Basketball Schedule 2023-24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 21 st	Tuesday	Ashland-Greenwood (Girls Only)	Ashland	6:00
Dec. 1 st	Friday	Falls City Sacred Heart (JVG, JVB, GV, BV)	Falls City	4:00
Dec. 5 th	Tuesday	EMF (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Dec. 7 th	Thursday	Deshler (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Dec. 8 th	Friday	Diller-Odell (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Odell	4:00
Dec. 12 th	Tuesday	Meridian (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Daykin	4:00
Dec. 16 th	Saturday	East Butler (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Brainard	1:00
Dec. 19 th	Tuesday	Johnson-Brock (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Johnson	4:00
Dec. 21 st	Thursday	Mead (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Dec. 29 th	Friday	Pawnee City (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Pawnee City	4:00
Jan. 4 th	Thursday	Dorchester (GV, BV, JV - TBA)	Sterling	6:00
Jan. 5 th	Friday	HTRS (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Humboldt	4:00
Jan. 8-13	Mon-Sat.	MUDECAS Tournament	Beatrice	TBA
Jan. 19 th	Friday	Southern (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Jan. 23 rd	Tuesday	Nebraska City Lourdes (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Jan. 26 th	Friday	Lewiston (BJV, GV, BV)	Lewiston	5:00
Jan. 29-Feb.3 rd	Mon-Sat	Pioneer Conference Tourn. Finals- Southern	HTRS/Diller-Odell	TBA
Feb. 6 th	Tuesday	Freeman (GJV, GV)	Sterling	6:00
Feb. 10 th	Friday	Tri County (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)	Sterling	4:00
Feb. 12 th -15 th	Mon-Thur.	Girls Subdistricts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 16 th	Friday	Freeman (BJV, BV)	Sterling	6:00
Feb. 19 th -22 nd	Mon.-Thur.	Boys Subdistricts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 23 rd	Friday	Girls District Final	TBA	TBA
Feb. 24 th -27 th	Sat-Tues.	Boys District Final	TBA	TBA
Feb. 28-Mar.2 nd	Wed-Sat	Girls State Tournament	Lincoln	TBA
March 6-9	Wed-Sat	Boys State Tournament	Lincoln	TBA

Updated November 1st 2023

Reserve Basketball Schedule 2023-24

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday	Dec. 9th	@ HTRS Tournament (G & B)	9:00 AM
Monday	Jan. 15th	Johnson-Brock (G & B)	6:30/7:30 PM
Monday	Feb. 5th	Falls City Sacred Heart (B only)	7:00 PM
Saturday	Feb. 10th	@ Freeman JV Tourn. (G & B)	8:00 AM

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Junior High Boys Basketball 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday	Nov. 14 th	Johnson-Brock	Home	2:00
Tuesday	Nov. 21 st	Diller-Odell	Away	1:00
Monday	Nov. 27 th	Freeman Tournament	Away	4:00
Monday	Dec. 4 th	HTRS	Away	2:00
Wednesday	Dec. 6 th	Pawnee City	Home	2:00
Monday	Dec. 11 th	Lewiston Tournament	Away	4:30
Wednesday	Dec. 13 th	Freeman	Home	1:00
Monday	Dec. 18 th	JCC	Home	4:00
Tuesday	Jan. 16 th	Friend	Home	2:00
Thursday	Jan. 18 th	Deshler	Away	2:00

When issuing checks to the school for various purposes like lunch, preschool tuition, activity passes, after school care, etc., kindly ensure that you write separate checks, as these funds need to be directed to different accounts. Thank you for your help!

2023-2024 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

ACTIVITY PASS PRICES

Contact the office or
Brent Heusman.

Adult - \$60

K-12 Student - \$30

In-District (over 65) - FREE

Out-of-District (over 65) - \$25

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Lauren Harms, Carson Podtburg, Dakota Andrews, David Roecker, Joie Jassen
Lucas Saathoff, Maelynn Saathoff