

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner:

As the first quarter comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am to be part of the Sterling Public Schools community. Over the past several months, I've had the opportunity to visit classrooms, attend activities, and meet many students, staff members, and families. It's clear that Sterling is a community built on hard work, discipline, and respect. Values that shine through in everything our students do.

The end of the quarter is both a time to reflect and a time to refocus. Our successes are worth celebrating, but the true measure of excellence is how we finish what we start. I encourage our students to use this transition as an opportunity to set new goals, seek help when needed, and stay committed to their learning. Likewise, I know our staff will continue to support, challenge, and inspire every student to reach their full potential.

As we move into the second quarter, let's remember that strong starts are important, but strong finishes define us. Together, we'll continue to build on Sterling's proud traditions and keep moving forward with purpose.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for making Sterling such a special place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,
Riley Armes - Superintendent

From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

As we close out the fall sports season, I want to take a moment to thank our community for the continued support you've shown our students and coaches. While this year's football and volleyball seasons didn't bring as many wins as we'd hoped for, our athletes worked hard, showed resilience, and represented Sterling with pride.

With basketball season right around the corner, I ask for your continued encouragement—not just for our teams, but for the atmosphere we create together. Sterling has always been a community known for its class and character. That includes how we treat visiting teams, coaches, and officials. Referees will never change a call because of crowd reactions, but negative behavior can create lasting impressions that don't reflect who we are. It can even result in spectators being asked to leave, which no one wants.

Our rule for the student section, and one we hope the entire crowd will embrace, is simple:

We can cheer as loud and as rowdy as we like FOR our team, but we do not cheer AGAINST the other team or officials.

Thank you for all you do to make our school and community a place we can all be proud of. **Go Jets!!**

BOOSTER APPAREL STORE:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/sterling/sterling-high-school>



When the team faced unexpected changes mid-season, Coach Kate stepped up without hesitation, guiding our players with steady leadership and unwavering commitment. Her positive attitude, resilience, and dedication became the rock our program leaned on through a challenging year. We're deeply grateful for her passion, patience, and the heart she's brought to every practice and game.

When a sudden rainstorm hit, Mr. Logston went above and beyond carrying a welding curtain to shield his students as he escorted them to the shop. His care and creativity turned a soggy walk into a lesson in dedication and heart.



After a powerful mental health activity, the sophomore health class gathers to debrief and reflect. Earlier, students wrote hurtful words or phrases they've heard on ceramic plates, then safely broke them as a symbolic act of letting go. The activity fostered healing, discussion, and connection in a safe, supportive environment.

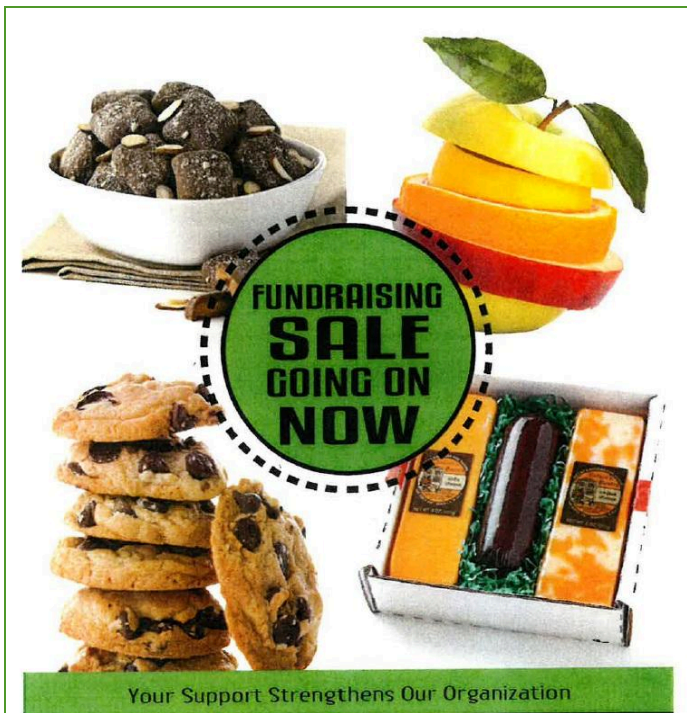


Elementary students gathered in the gym after Walking Club to hear Mr. Lempka introduce this month's Character Strong theme: Kindness! Together, our Jets are learning that even the smallest acts of kindness can lift others and help our school soar higher.

With the prompt "What does respect mean to you?" on the screen, students engage in a Character Strong activity that encourages reflection and meaningful discussion. Through lessons like this, our Jets are learning to live the "**JET WAY**" by showing respect, empathy, and kindness every day.



Smiles and laughter filled the gym as the elementary celebrated reaching a new earning tier toward their playground building goal! Students faced off against staff in an epic game of rock, paper, scissors.



FUNDRAISING SALE GOING ON NOW

Your Support Strengthens Our Organization

Organization: **Sterling FFA**

Sale Start Date: **Mon. Oct. 27th**

Sale End Date: **Mon. Nov. 10th**

Contact: **Rachel Goracke**
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Sterling One Act Presents...

WHY DO WE LAUGH?

Dinner Theatre

\$20 PER PERSON

MEAL MUSIC SHOW

FULL TURKEY DINNER

24 NOVEMBER, 2025 | STARTING AT 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 11/19 TO MRS. MATKINS

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Pancake Feed

American Legion Sterling Post #140

FREE WILL DONATION



When: Nov. 9, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Legion Post 140
160 Broadway St., Sterling NE

2025-2026 Booster Committee SIGN-UP

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have questions, please contact a Booster Club officer.

Addie Heusman
Tracy Pella
Ashley Moss
Amy Little
Crystal Kaster

SIGN UP!



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EVENTS
Booster Bash
End/Beginning of Year

CONCESSIONS
Set-Up
Tear Down
Organization

SOCIAL
Music Concerts
Teacher Appreciation
PT Conferences

SPONSORSHIPS
Seek Sponsors
Programs & Advertising

FUNDRAISING
Determine, Plan, & Organize

****These are ideas of the committee tasks. Each committee will have an officer on their team as well.**

Committee members are NOT expected to attend monthly booster club meetings.

Terrence Talley Assembly



“What happens to a student today affects our community tomorrow.”

Motivational speaker Terrence Talley brought energy, emotion, and inspiration to our joint assembly with Lewiston High School. His message about perseverance, empathy, and supporting one another resonated deeply with students from both schools, reminding everyone of the power of compassion and resilience.



NOVEMBER 2025 MENUS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 BREAKFAST: Sausage Mini Filled Muffin Cheese Stick LUNCH: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Roll & Veggie	4 BREAKFAST: Pizza Diced Ham Yogurt LUNCH: Meatballs Dinner Rolls	5 BREAKFAST: Chocolate Donut Egg LUNCH: Pancakes Eggs Ham	6 BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Rolls Egg Bacon LUNCH: Beanie Weenies Mac & Cheese	7 BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Yogurt LUNCH: Pizza Bake
10	11	12	13	14
NO SCHOOL	BREAKFAST: Nuggets Yogurt Scrambled Eggs LUNCH: Tortellini & Sauce Bread Stick	BREAKFAST: Scones Egg Sausage LUNCH: Ham & Beans Combread	BREAKFAST: Burrito Yogurt LUNCH: Cowboy Mac & Cheese	BREAKFAST: Cereal Egg Ham LUNCH: Pizza Pocket
17	18	19	20	21
BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Egg Yogurt LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets	BREAKFAST: Muffin Sausage Cheese Stick LUNCH: Pizza Fries	BREAKFAST: Uncrustable Egg LUNCH: Potato Soup Crackers	BREAKFAST: Bagel Sandwich Yogurt LUNCH: Chili Cheese Hot Dog	BREAKFAST: Pancakes Ham Egg LUNCH: Thanksgiving Meal
24	25	26	27	28
BREAKFAST: Nuggets Eggs Ham LUNCH: Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes	BREAKFAST: Chef's Choice LUNCH: Chef's Choice	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
Breakfast served with Fruit, Milk/Juice		Lunch served with Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk		Menus are subject to change.



NOVEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26 Youth Sports Meeting @ CB - 6PM	27 FFA Fundraiser Starts PSC Visit SCC Registration (Grades 10-12)	28 Excellence Rally	29 NO PRESCHOOL/ PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to Johnson County Fairgrounds	30 College Visit to Hastings Super Smash Bros Tournament	31 NO SCHOOL 1st Round of FB Playoffs	NOVEMBER 1 VB District Finals FCA to Roca Scary Farms
VOLLEYBALL SUBDISTRICTS			NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION			
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends - FALL BACK!	3 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM College Visit to IWCC (Grades 11-12) MS Sportsmanship Rally (Grades 7-8) 9:30AM	4 Election Day	5 NO PRESCHOOL/ PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1:37PM EARLY OUT (K-12)	6 Crete JH Choral Clinic	7 Quarterfinal Round of FB Playoffs	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL Pioneer Conference Vocal Clinic - Sterling FFA Fundraiser Ends	11 Veterans Day Program - 9:15AM - GYM	12 NO PRESCHOOL/ PRE-KINDERGARTEN Spanish Fiesta 8AM-1PM - CB	13 UNL Math Day	14 Semifinal Round of FB Playoffs	15
16 Booster Club Meeting - 6PM - Cafeteria	17 1st Day of Winter Practice One Act Play Competition - York College School Board Meeting - 7PM	18 Welding Competition @ York JH BBB vs. Johnson-Brock - HOME - 2PM	19 NO PRESCHOOL/ PRE-KINDERGARTEN NO ELEMENTARY 1:37PM EARLY OUT (6-12) Pioneer Conference One Act Play - LCC - 9AM	20 Winter Sports Pictures - after school FCA Meeting - 6:30PM - Cafeteria	21 D6 State FB Finals NCA Sportsmanship Summit - Lincoln Northwest One Act Play - Sterling - Dinner Theatre	22
23 Post Prom Pie Baking SYA Meeting - 6PM	24 State FB Finals (D1/D2/B) Beloit, KS Field Trip	25 State FB Finals (C1/C2/A) JH BBB @ Diller-ODELL - 1PM GBB Jamboree vs. Ashland Greenwood @ Ashland - 6PM BBB Premier K-6 from 4-5PM 9-12 from 5:30-7:30PM	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK Post Prom Pie Baking	27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	29
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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!

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SUPERINTENDENT

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PREK - 12 PRINCIPAL

Jacob Davenport



THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS
TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY.
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR
DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING
STUDENTS PURSUING A
SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Winter Recess

As the weather gets colder, we will continue to go outside for morning recess throughout the winter months so students can get fresh air and exercise.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

If you have an extra pair of snow pants that can be kept at school, please send them in so your child is always prepared for snowy days.

Additionally, if your family has any gently used items such as winter coats, boots, or snow pants that you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them to help ensure all students stay warm and comfortable during outdoor play.

Thank you for your support!