



# Sterling Public Schools

## November Newsletter



### **Superintendent Notes** by Adrian Allen

Be Thankful!

With Thanksgiving coming up, I take time to reflect on everything going on in our community. There is so much to be thankful for. Even though we are not always fortunate to get what we deserve, we need to find ways to look at the positives. We may not always see the forest through the trees, but small victories are very important. We have been experiencing ups and downs at school, but we continue to push through and fix issues that arise. There are times it feels like there are so many things to fix and not enough time to fix them. Then I see our students and how they persevere when they walk through our doors. They may not always know what is going on with the facility but they come to school, work hard, and succeed. They may not always succeed at the same pace as others, but education is a race with a different finish line. I am proud of our kids for never giving up on the race. We need to be there to continue to encourage them to finish and not be a barrier that prevents them from finishing. Encouragement and praise is something that is easy for all of us to do. Believe me, the students will be thankful.

The 1st quarter came to an end on October 15th, which is hard to believe. We finished up our parent-teacher conferences and are ready for our 1st ever Excellence Rally. This is our opportunity to celebrate our students' academic achievements. They work hard and deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication. As we continue this event, I hope it grows to recognize all of our students and their accomplishments. It was fun watching the kids run through the tunnel of their junior high and high school idols. We will have another Excellence Rally before the end of the semester.

If your business is interested in advertising on Striv Tv for our upcoming basketball season, please let me know. I am also looking for businesses who are interested in our Adopt-A-Door program. Businesses will take a month and greet the children when they come to school. Jet Stop and First Bank of Nebraska have participated in October and November. We are looking for businesses to fill up December, February, March, and April. Please let me know if you would be interested or like more information.



**STERLING  
FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

## From the Principal's Desk by Jake Davenport

As Fall sets in and the weather is beginning to change, there are a couple of things that I would like parents to consider. First, please ensure your students are dressed appropriately when they come to school. If weather permits, outdoor activities will still be encouraged during the school day. If you do not have a coat or jacket to send with your children, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or their classroom teacher. We have extra jackets and coats and would love to be able to help out.

Please keep in mind that the doors remain automatically locked and supervision does not arrive until 7:45am. If students arrive early, we try to let them in but staff may not be available to do so and we do not want to leave them out in the cold. This is especially important if students are dropped off or walk to school. We will always have supervision in place by the time busses arrive. We want to keep all children as safe and warm as possible.

Lastly, thank you all for your continued support of our students and school. 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!!!**



**AMERICAN  
RED  
CROSS**

**Blood Drive**  
**Sterling Community**  
Sterling Community Center  
Main Room

**Monday, November 15, 2021**  
**12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please contact Evi Wusk (402) 419-3011 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter: SterlingNE to schedule an appointment.

By donating at this blood drive not only are you helping save lives you are also helping the high school earn a scholarship for graduating seniors.



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## Apply2College

Seniors participated in the annual Apply2College statewide campaign promoted by EducationQuest. Students spent time virtually visiting college booths, learning about opportunities for financial aid in college, and submitting applications to colleges. The students played a goosechase game where they rushed around school answering questions about the teacher's college experience and submitting pictures with the teachers as their answer.



### HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Students receiving all A's

#### Seniors

Garrett Hier

Brooke Huetson

Danielle Janssen

Dakotah Ludemann

Kylie Mathes-Riensche

Tanner McDonald

Andrew Richardson

Ella Wingert

#### Juniors

Gracyn Dolbow

Andrew Harms

John Janssen

Jack McAuliffe

Macy Richardson

Kaylin Smith

#### Sophomores

Jesus Gonzalez-Castillo

Sierra Goracke

Lauren Harms

Collin Kinney

Ellie Lafferty

Wyatt Rathe

Hailey Truscott

Chloe Waters

#### Freshmen

Ridge Bredthauer

Piper Kinney

Colin Wambold

Calle Wusk

#### 8th Grade

Brody Horstman

Jubilee Matkins

Chloe Smith

Dane Vollman

#### 7th Grade

Joie Janssen

David Roecker

Taylor Truscott

### HONOR ROLL

Students receiving no class grade lower than a B

#### Seniors

Kanyon Fossler

Kody Goracke

Dominic Jamison

Kaylee Lafferty

Abigail Thies

#### Juniors

Tyler Blessing

Katy Boldt

Xander Jamison

Alexander Leonard

Trenton Peery

#### Sophomores

Maggie Harms

Harmony Mathes-Riensche

#### Freshmen

Emily Meyer

#### 7th Grade

Beau Kaster

Emma Thies

Owen Uher



# Trapshooting Comes To Sterling

By: Trinity Tallant

Trap shooting is a new exciting sport coming to Sterling Public Schools in the spring of 2022! Trapshooting is a specific form of target shooting involving a clay target. This activity is a game of movement, action and split-second timing. This sport requires accuracy and skill to repeatedly aim, fire, and break a 4 ¼ inch disc that's hurled through the air at the speed of 42 mph. Trapshooting's continuous growth and expanding popularity is due to the fact that people of all ages, incomes and abilities can compete.

Mr. Andrew Thomsen will be the head coach and sponsor with the help of Rick Vollman and Luke Topp. Any student in grades 7-12 are allowed to join, however, they must be on the eligibility list. Participants must also take a hunters safety course on their own and have proof of the class. Trap season runs April to May and practice for trapshooting starts mid-February. The biggest purchase participants will have to make is buying the ammunition. There will be many more meetings in the upcoming months. Future discussions will decide on what participants and coaches will purchase.

## Sterling Jet Highlight - Shaylee Jamison

**Are you trick or treating or staying in for Halloween? Why?**

*"Staying in because it will be cold and I want to sleep"*

**Have you ever played Bloody Mary? If so, what happened?**

*"I never played Bloody Mary"*

**What is your favorite holiday? Why?**

*"Christmas because my grandpa was born right after and he passed away so it reminds me of him."*

**Would you rather go trick or treating or go to a haunted house? Why?**

*"Haunted house because they're more fun"*

**What's your favorite Halloween movie?**

*"Unfriended"*



## Kid's Korner

**Chloe Paulson- Fifth Grade**

What's your favorite Halloween movie? *"The Nightmare Before Christmas."*

How long would you last in a scary movie? *"I would be the third to go."*

What is your favorite Halloween animal? *"Bats."*

What iconic Halloween villain do you love the most? *"Chucky."*

Where would you hide from a villain in a scary movie? *"In the closet."*

By: Kaylin Smith

### Fun Facts

\*The flamingo is the national bird of The Bahamas.

\*There could be thousands of flamingos in a single colony.

\*The oldest flamingo lived to be 83 years old.

\*There are six species of flamingo.

\*A full grown male flamingo can reach a height of 5'11.

By: Hailey Truscott

## **Student Piece of the Month**

### **The Pete Rose Problem by Colin Wambold**

I'm sure everybody knows the story of Pete Rose, the man who was banned from baseball for betting on games. But why? There have been plenty of scandals in the MLB, most recently the Houston Astros cheated their way into winning the 2017 & 2018 World Series. And the players got away with zero punishment. So why did Rose get banned for life? I think Rose should be unbanned from baseball, and because he is the all-time hitting leader, be allowed into the Hall of Fame.

It's widely believed across all sports that gambling on games is unsportsmanlike and should come with punishment, I agree, and in Pete Rose's case, people also agree. Rose bet on 52 different games in his career, and was banned from baseball indefinitely in 1989. Betting on a baseball game can't change the outcome of it, so why is it a big deal?

There have been plenty of cheating allegations in baseball. The Houston Astros sign stealing, The Pittsburgh Drug Trials, The Black Sox Scandal, and many more. The most absurd one of these to me is the Houston Astros sign stealing. On Jan. 13, 2020 the current baseball commissioner, Rob Manfred, reported that the Houston Astros violated league rules by engaging in electronic sign-stealing in 2017 and 2018.

This cheating very well may have changed the outcomes of the 2017 and 2018 World Series. The manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow received one year suspensions without pay, and were quickly fired, while the players received no punishment and weren't even named. It's crazy that a team cheated their way to winning the most prestigious title in baseball twice, and got away pretty much scot free. And the Astros are just fine now. They hired a new manager and GM, and things are back to normal. Of course they aren't as dominant, but they are still an alright team, currently 15-13.

In 1989, the Reds went 75-87, finishing 5th in the NL West. Rose was the manager at that time. According to New York Times (2020), "No one has ever claimed that Rose's misconduct was intended to gain a competitive advantage over other teams or had the slightest effect on the outcomes of any games." Rose didn't intend to gain any advantage over anyone and A.J. Hinch did, so why was he treated so harshly?

The reason is Rule 21. According to *The Winning Run* (2015), Rule 21 states that, "Any player, umpire, or club or league official or employee, who shall bet any sum whatsoever upon any baseball game in connection with which the bettor has a duty to perform shall be declared permanently ineligible." The Rule was put in place in 1927 after the Black Sox scandal of 1919, when eight Chicago Black Sox were accused of throwing the World Series in exchange for money from gamblers. Rose knew about the Rule. It was impossible for him not to. Every player acknowledges it in writing, it's posted everywhere, the locker room, the clubhouse, and even the dugout. This basically disproves my entire argument. But I'm not disagreeing with the rule, I'm agreeing with it. I believe Rose should have gotten punishment, but not this severe.

Pete Rose has over 4,000 hits in baseball, while the normal Hall of Fame player has 3,000. He is the all time hits leader, and is a 3x World Series champ and an MVP. These accolades alone are more than enough to earn yourself a spot in the Hall of Fame, and it doesn't stop there. He was a 2x Gold Glove winner, won 3 batting titles, won Rookie of the Year in

1963, and is a 17x all star. He's one of the greatest players baseball has ever seen, and it's a shame that he might not make it into the Hall of Fame.

Pete Rose has been a controversial topic in the MLB for over 30 years. He's one of the greatest players ever, but he gambled on baseball games. There have been plenty of scandals in the MLB, and most of them got away with minor punishments. I think Rose should be unbanned and allowed into the Hall of Fame because it just seems unfair that a man with achievements as great as Roses' isn't allowed the greatest honor a player can get.

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# NOVEMBER 2021 MENUS

## BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Oatmeal	2 Egg Patty, Toast	3 Pancakes	4 Cheese Omelet, Sausage	5 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuits
8 Oatmeal	9 Egg Patty Sandwich	10 French Toast Sticks	11 Donuts	12 Scrambled Eggs w/ Hash Browns
15 Maple Brown Sugar Oatmeal	16 Egg Patty, Sausage	17 Waffle	18 Tornados	19 Yogurt
22 Chocolate Oatmeal	23 Breakfast Bars	<b>24 NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25 NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26 NO SCHOOL</b>
29 Oatmeal	30 Egg Patty on Biscuit			

## LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Salisbury Steak White Rice	2 Chicken Patty, Corn Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy	3 Smoked Chicken Sandwich, Vegetables	4 Tuna Casserole	5 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Diced Ham
8 Goulash Garlic Bread	9 Fish Sandwich Coleslaw	10 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans	11 Tater Tot Casserole	12 Chili Cornbread
15 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice	16 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese	17 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn	18 Sub Sandwich Chips	19 Turkey, Stuffing Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
22 Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Vegetables	23 Chicken & Waffles	<b>24 NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25 NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26 NO SCHOOL</b>
29 Hamburger Potato Salad	30 Philly Cheese Sandwich, Chips			

**Alternate Entree (7-12): Chef Salad - Fruits and vegetables offered with every meal - Milk served with every meal - Menus are subject to change**

Sterling Public Schools is continuing to update our slideshow for our Veterans Day Program. If you have previously sent a picture of a family member that is currently serving or previously served in the military, their picture will continue to be included in the slideshow. If you have not sent in a picture, please do so by October 29th.

**Here is how to send in a new picture:**

- Scan and send the picture directly to [jdavenport@sterlingpublicschools.com](mailto:jdavenport@sterlingpublicschools.com) or send the picture to school. We will scan it and send it back to you. Please send in an envelope.
- Include the name of the military personnel and relationship to the student(s) in school.



# NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Nov 1	2 SENCAP Careers in Healthcare Field Trip	3 1:37PM EARLY OUT <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> FFA District Livestock Judging @ SCC-Beatrice	4 JH Honor Choir @ Tri-County	5 Quarterfinal Round of FB Playoffs	6
<b>STATE VB TOURNAMENT @ LINCOLN</b>						
7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	8 One Act Play Cast to Nebraska Wesleyan - 2:30PM Pioneer Conference Vocal Clinic @ Tri-County	9	10 ESU4 Leadership Academy Trapshooting Parent Meeting - 7PM	11 Veterans Day Program - 9:15AM	12 Semifinal Round of FB Playoffs	13
14	15 1st Day of Winter Practice NHS Blood Drive @ Community Building - 12:30-6:30PM School Board Meeting	16 SENCAP Careers in Criminal Justice Field Trip JH BBB vs. Johnson-Brock - HOME - 2:30PM	17 <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> Pioneer Conference One Act Play @ Pawnee City - 9AM	18	19 Class D6 FB Finals @ Kearney	20 HTRS JH BBB Tournament - 9AM
21	22 One Act Play (Live Performance) - 7PM	23 JH BBB @ Diller-Odell - 1PM G/B BB Jamboree vs. Falls City - HOME (GV/BV) - 6PM	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> THANKSGIVING	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27
28	29 Freeman JH BBB Tournament @ Adams - 1PM	30	Dec 1 1:37PM EARLY OUT <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> District One Act Play Contest @ Harvard - 9AM	2	3 G/B BB @ FCSH (4 games) - 4PM	4

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# DECEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Events are subject to change.	29 Freeman JH BBB Tournament @ Adams - 1PM	30	Dec 1 1:37PM EARLY OUT <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> District One Act Play Contest @ Harvard - 9AM	2	3 G/B BB @ FCSH (4 games) 4PM	4
5	6 Elementary Christmas Concert - 7PM	7 JH BBB @ HTRS - 2PM G/B BB vs. Friend - HOME (4 games) 4PM	8 Junior/Senior Virtual College Fair 9-11AM State One Act Play Competition (DI/D2) @ Norfolk	9 JH BBB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 2PM G/B BB vs. Deshler - HOME (4 games) 4PM	10 G/B BB @ Diller-Odell (4 games) 4:30PM	11 HTRS 9/10 G/B BB Tournament ACT Test Date
12	13 Skills Middle School Conference @ Omaha Lewiston JH BBB Tournament - 4:30PM	14 G/B BB @ Meridian (4 games) 4PM	15 JH BBB vs. Freeman - HOME - 1PM	16 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 7PM	17 G/B BB @ Pawnee City (4 games) 4PM	18
19	20 School Board Meeting - 7PM	21 G/B BB @ Johnson-Brock (4 games) 4PM	22 1:37PM EARLY OUT <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> End of 1st Semester	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
<b>NSAA 5 DAY MORATORIUM</b>						
<b>JH/HS FINALS</b>						
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	Jan 1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>
<b>MORATORIUM</b>			<b>WEEPING WATER HOLIDAY TOURN.</b>			
<b>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>						

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