

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner:

As we wrap up the first few weeks of the 2025-2026 school year it is easy to notice the energy that has returned to the building. The return of students and staff has filled the halls with excitement, laughter, and learning. After a quiet summer it is a very welcomed sight to see the classrooms come alive again.

With the school year underway, we are looking forward to a full calendar of fall activities. From athletic competitions and marching band performances to student organization events and meetings it is apparent how active and involved our students are. These activities not only provide meaningful experiences for our students but also strengthen the spirit and pride that define our school community.

With all of the activity that the fall season brings it has been wonderful to see families, friends, and neighbors gather in the stands and in the halls to support our students. Community engagement whether through attendance at events, volunteer efforts, or encouragement at home plays a vital role in the success of our students. As we begin the new school year we look forward to all that we will accomplish together and to the continued partnerships that make our district such an incredible place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,
Riley Armes
Superintendent

From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

We've had a great start to the school year, and there is so much to be proud of. We've finished our first round of standardized testing and implemented our new SEBL curriculum - Character Strong. Already, our students are showing excellence not only in the classroom but also in their character. That combination is what truly makes this school special. A large portion of that success stems from their homes and the pride our community takes in creating outstanding people.

One of the greatest things about this strong start has been seeing the community right there alongside our students. In nearly every conversation I have about our school, the community pride and support are almost always highlighted as one of the best things about this place. People notice, and the kids notice too. Our kids are being supported. That kind of presence and pride is what makes our school and this community very special.

Our school isn't classrooms and hallways. In many ways, it is the hub of the community. Groups throughout the area use our facilities for meetings, patrons gather for events, and our celebrations, including Veterans Day and Memorial Day, are truly some of the best around. Little reflection is needed to remind me how much we all depend on each other to make good things happen.

Our school wouldn't be here without this community, and this community, in many ways, is dependent upon the school. We are all in this together, and that partnership affords our students the ability to grow and learn. We appreciate each of you for that.

We intend to continue the momentum of this first month throughout the rest of this school year. We'll continue to work together to maintain the pride and the strength that make this community and this school special. Thank you for the support in meeting the needs of our children, both today and for the years to come. **Go Jets!!!**



The book fair is coming! The book fair is coming!!

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

September 22-25! (Watch for possible early openings if it arrives sooner!)

Now is the time to set up an ewallet! It's super easy! Create online, add money, and kids can shop the fair at any time! It's like scholastic's own Venmo! If you need help, please reach out and Mrs. Matkins can walk you through it!

You can also shop online! Thank you for helping us earn books for our school!

Use the link below to set up an eWallet, shop the fair, or donate to students who need help buying new books!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sterlingelementaryschool11>

Krispy Kreme Donuts and Coffee

Sat. Sept. 20th 8-10 a.m.
Donut Drive-thru at SHS

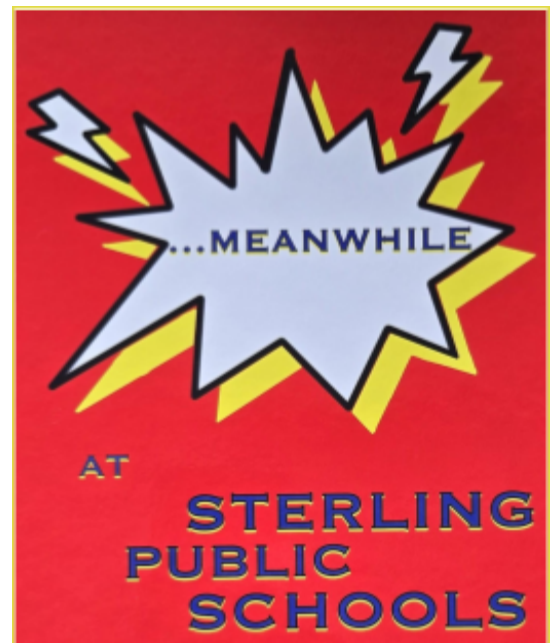
Pre-order by Mon. 9/15 from a SHS sophomore
or email msalberg@sterlingpublicschools.com
or text/call Mrs. Salberg 402.230.0199



Glazed Donuts
\$15 / dz.



Classic Coffee
\$15 / bag



2024-2025
YEARBOOKS are
available for purchase
in the office!

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

2025-2026 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 24

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP) SCHEDULE

August 11-14	Teacher work days	closed	January 1-5	Christmas break	closed
August 18	1:37 dismissal/Preschool closed	open at 1:37	January 14	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
August 19-22	Preschool closed	open @ 3:37	January 21	No preschool	open all day
August 25-26	Preschool closed	open @ 3:37	January 28	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
September 1	Labor day	closed	February 2	No school - Teacher inservice @ EEC	closed
September 3	No preschool/elementary	open all day	February 4	No preschool	open all day
September 10	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	February 12	1:37 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed
September 17	No preschool	open all day	February 13	No school	closed
September 25	1:37 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed	February 25	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
September 26	No school	closed			
October 8	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day	March 6	No school - State BB	closed
October 22	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	March 11	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
October 29	No preschool	open all day	March 13	No school - State BB	closed
October 31	No school	closed	March 18	No preschool	open all day
November 5	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	March 25	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
November 10	No school - Vocal clinic	closed	March 25	Kindergarten Round Up	open all day
November 12	No preschool	open all day	April 3-6	No school - Easter break	closed
November 19	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day	April 8	No preschool/elementary	open all day
November 26-30	Thanksgiving break	closed	April 15	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
December 3	No preschool	open all day	April 22	No preschool	open all day
December 10	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	April 29	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
December 19	End of 1st semester/1:37 dismissal (No preschool)	closed	May 6	No preschool	open all day
December 21-31	Christmas break	closed	May 13	Preschool last day	closed
			May 14-15	Preschool closed	open all day

Spread
KINDNESS
like
CONFETTI

*Congratulations to this weeks elementary students
who were recognized for showing Kindness. Thank
you for representing The Jet Way!*



CHARACTER STRONG!!!



This morning we recognized some awesome
Elementary students for showing The Jet Way:
Thank you for showing KINDNESS.

Congratulations!

You have shown kindness in the classroom by
following The Jet Way!
Keep up the amazing work!

**BE
KIND**

We are excited to recognize another group
next Friday!

SEPTEMBER 2025 MENUS

Monday - 1	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - 2	Bagel, Fried Egg, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Meatball Sub, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Wednesday - 3	Biscuits/Gravy, Egg Patty, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Cordon Bleu, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Thursday - 4	French Toast, Cheese Stick, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Friday - 5	Cereal/Pop Tart, Egg Patty, Bacon, Fruit, Milk/Juice Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Monday - 8	Ham Bar, Yogurt, Boiled Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice Sliders, Onion Rings, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Tuesday - 9	Hot Pocket, Fried Egg, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Wednesday - 10	Waffles, Omelette, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Nachos, Rice, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Thursday - 11	Pizza, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Rib Patty, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Friday - 12	Oatmeal, Cheese Stick, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Fish Sticks, Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Monday - 15	Biscuit w/ Jelly, Egg Patty, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Tuesday - 16	Sausage Dog, Fried Egg, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Wednesday - 17	Cereal, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Hoagies, Chips, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Thursday - 18	Donut Holes, Egg Patty, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Beef Casserole, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Friday - 19	Waffle Sticks, Boiled Egg, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Alfredo, Bread, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Monday - 22	Burrito, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Tuesday - 23	Tornado, Ham, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk/Juice Orange Chicken, Rice, Egg Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Wednesday - 24	Sandwich, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Hard Tacos, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Thursday - 25	Muffins, Egg Patty, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Uncrustables, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
Friday - 26	Cook's Choice Cook's Choice

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. *Menu is subject to change without notice.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	Sept 1 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	2 VB vs. Freeman (JV/V) - HOME - 5:30PM Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Begins	3 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN NO ELEMENTARY College Fair - Grades 10-11 @ JCC	4 FCA Meeting - 6:30PM	5 FB vs. Potter Dix @ Elm Creek - 3PM CST	6 Freeman VB Invite @ Adams - 9AM
7 Washington D.C. Trip Meeting (Grades 5-7) - 7PM - Cafeteria	8 JH FB @ Parkview Christian - 4PM JV FB @ Parkview Christian - 5:30PM	9 Barksdale School Pictures - 8AM	10 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1:37PM EARLY OUT (K-12) FFA Meeting - 7:15AM	11 Falls City HS VB Triangular (FC/PC) 5PM	12 JH/HS Band to Richardson County Fair FB Bye Week	13 NHS Trash Pick Up
14 Post Prom Meeting - 4PM	15 Doane College Visit - Grades 10-1 College Fair - Grades 10-12 @ SOC-Beatrice	16 JH FB vs. HTRS - HOME - 2PM	17 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN NHS Blood Drive @ CB - 12-6PM	18 Apply2College Event (Seniors) - 10AM-12:30PM	19 VB vs. Red Cloud (JV/V) HOME - 4PM FB vs. Red Cloud - HOME - 7PM	20 Krispy Kreme Pick Up
21 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM Music Fundraiser Starts FFA Connecting Chapters @ Adams - 9-11AM JH FB @ Dorchester - 4:30PM JV FB @ Dorchester - 6PM	22 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM Music Fundraiser Starts FFA Connecting Chapters @ Adams - 9-11AM JH FB @ Dorchester - 4:30PM JV FB @ Dorchester - 6PM	23 VB @ HTRS (JV/V) 5PM	24 JH VB vs. Freeman - HOME - 1:30PM	25 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1:37PM EARLY OUT (K-12) P/T CONF - 2:30-8PM	26 NO SCHOOL FB vs. Silver Lake @ Bladen - 7PM	27 Freeman JH VB Tournament @ Adams - 9AM Sterling VB Quad - HOME - 9AM
28 Booster Club Meeting - 6PM - Cafeteria YSA Meeting - 7PM - Cafeteria	29 JH VB @ JOHNSON-Brock - 2PM JH FB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 4:30PM JV FB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 6PM	30 VB @ Dorchester (JV/V) 6PM	Oct 1 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	2 VB vs. FCSH (JV/V) - HOME - 5:30PM	3 FB vs. Diller-Odell - HOME - 7PM - PARENTS NIGHT Post Prom Tailgate	4 Harvest of Harmony Parade Dorchester JH VB Tournament - 9AM

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

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

BOOSTER APPAREL STORE:

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

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