

# STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



### From the Superintendent's Desk - Mr. Allen

We are off and running with the 2020-2021 school year. It has been interesting to say the least. I appreciate everyone's effort to help keep their children, school, and community safe. This has been a confusing time; however, the students and staff have done a great job of adjusting on the fly. This is not perfect and we will continue to evolve as new guidance comes our way. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Our students just finished their DIBELS and MAP Assessments. I have seen both good scores and areas we need to improve on. It was nice to take them early to analyze where our students are. Missing 9 weeks of instruction can be detrimental to our students. I know my kids did not have the greatest homeschool teacher. We will disaggregate the data and start looking for ways to support our students. Hopefully we will see tremendous growth when retested in the winter. Keep reading to your kids and working with them when you have an opportunity.

To accommodate many patrons that cannot attend local events, such as athletic contests and activities, the Sterling Board of Education has agreed to purchase Striv. Striv is a streaming option that allows people to watch home activities in the comfort of their homes. However, if you are able to attend, please do so. I know the students greatly appreciate the support. If you would like to have your company's logo displayed during breaks in the action, please contact me. We are looking for sponsorships.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, at 6:45pm in the Sterling Public Schools Media Center. The first meeting will be a Budget Hearing followed by the regular meeting.

Continue to Aim High and Dream Big! Go Jets!

**Mask Wearing** - At this point there are still several debates going on at the state and national level about the need to wear masks or to allow students and their families to have the choice whether to participate in mask wearing or not. As we sit right now ALL staff members will be encouraged to wear masks during the school day. At this point, students are free to choose to wear or not to wear masks. In doing so the student and their family do so at their own risk. Student masks will need to be purchased at their own expense.

**Classroom Social Distancing** - We have continued to find ways to socially distance our students in the classrooms. As the winter months approach, we may have a difficult time keeping them apart in the gym.

**Cleaning/Sanitizing** - The custodial staff of Sterling Public Schools continues to do an amazing job keeping the school clean and sanitized. We will continue to encourage our staff and students to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer when necessary.

**Extra-Curricular Events** - Please continue to practice social distancing at events.

I know this information is a lot to digest and it is not ideal. I know that the frustration level can creep up as there are so many questions and not enough answers. Please continue to be patient. As a school district, we want to get back into a normal routine as much as anyone. We want to get back to "in person" learning with a normal schedule that is easier to plan around. We want each of our students to get to experience school. I want you to know that we will do the very best we can to make this happen.

# From the Principal's Desk - Mr. Davenport

School is off to a great start. We have had some bumps in the road but are thankful to be able to remain in school in spite of the pandemic. Rest assured we are doing everything we can to remain in school and keep our kids safe. Since returning to school, our focus has been on addressing academic loss from the abrupt end of last year and helping the students adjust back to the school setting. The teachers have been working together to ensure the students are caught up and ready to move forward.

Fall activities are off to a great start. Both the football and volleyball teams are seeing growth and success. We are also excited to see our cheerleading program back up and running. We appreciate the support all of our programs have received and hope to continue seeing you at the upcoming events.

At our home events, watch for the presentation of our students of the week. This program is the brainchild of Mr. Lempka and a great opportunity to recognize some of the excellent things our students are doing. The students of the week are recognized for displaying outstanding character while at school. We couldn't be more proud of our students.

This school year looks different than previous years but we appreciate the continued support of the community. It's going to be a great year.

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**Meca Sportswear will be visiting on October 1 with Customizable Letter Jackets, for grades 9-12! More info will be available at the end of September.**



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## Sterling Lady Jet 2020 Volleyball Preview - Coach Shawna Paitz

This season the Lady Jets have 19 girls on the team. We lost a couple girls from the previous season, but gained 6 freshmen and a few upperclassmen after time off in previous seasons. The girls are also under new leadership from myself and my assistant, Stan Karr (who would be classified as returning as well). We also return quite a few girls with varsity experience. There is a good mix of returning and new players and we are working on finding our respective roles on the team. We will be looking for some girls to step up and take on some of the leadership roles this year. The returning letterwinners include Tara Walters, Kaity Wusk, Kelsie Holthus, Ella Wingert, Dani Janssen, Macy Richardson, and Katy Boldt. Others contributing to varsity this year include Bianca Gonzalez and Lauren Harms.

The girls have put a great deal of time and effort into practice. They are a very competitive group always looking to improve. I am certain we will face challenges along the way, but I believe we have a strong group ready to take on anything. We are looking forward to watching them face these challenges and use them to grow as a team throughout the season.

**Lady Jet Pride!**

## FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATIONS

- ☐ EducationQuest is offering Statewide Virtual Financial Aid Programs to learn about financial aid and the FAFSA on the following dates:
  - ☐ Monday, Sept. 21: [Spanish](#) - 5:30 p.m. CT; [English](#) - 6:30 p.m. CT
  - ☐ Tuesday, Sept. 22: [English](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [Spanish](#) - 5:30 p.m. CT
  - ☐ Wednesday, Sept. 23: [Spanish](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [English](#) - 6:00 p.m. CT
  - ☐ Thursday, Sept. 24: [English](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [Spanish](#) - 6:30 p.m. CT
- ☐ During the presentation, there is a chance to register for a \$500 scholarship.

## COLLEGE VISIT TIPS

- ☐ Start visiting colleges your junior year so you can narrow your choices by the time you are a senior.
- ☐ Schedule your visit at least two weeks in advance.
- ☐ Try to visit while colleges are in session.
- ☐ Be prepared to ask questions.
- ☐ If you cannot physically visit a college, check out their college website for a possible virtual visit. Most websites also include information on admission requirements, academic and financial aid information, and campus photos.
- ☐ [EducationQuest List of all college websites in Nebraska.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ Sept 22: Senior ACT Test date - postponed from spring 2020
- ☐ Sept 28-30: Juniors & Seniors will be participating in a Virtual College Fair through EducationQuest.
- ☐ TBD Early October: Seniors' Apply2College Day

### 2020 ACT TEST DATES (updated) School Code: 282-240

#### September

- Saturday, September 12 (existing)
- Sunday, September 13 (non-Saturday, existing)
- Saturday, September 19 (new)

#### October

- Saturday, October 10 (new)
- Saturday, October 17 (new)
- Saturday, October 24 (existing)
- Sunday, October 25 (non-Saturday, existing)

#### December

- Saturday, December 12 (existing)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

The Jr. High Art class will be creating a bottle cap mural starting second semester.

In order to do this, they will need as many **PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS** as they can get! Please collect your bottle caps and bring them to the school!

Thank you! - Miss Dolan



# SEPTEMBER 2020 MENUS

## BREAKFAST

| MONDAY                    | TUESDAY              | WEDNESDAY                             | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                           | 1<br>Egg Patties     | 2<br>Tornados                         | 3<br>Yogurt                        | 4<br>Breakfast Bar     |
| 7<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>     | 8<br>Donut           | 9<br>Oatmeal                          | 10<br>Cereal                       | 11<br>Pop Tart         |
| 14<br>Apple/Cherry Frudel | 15<br>Omelet         | 16 <b>LATE START<br/>NO BREAKFAST</b> | 17<br>French Toast Sticks          | 18<br>Yogurt           |
| 21<br>Pancakes & Sausage  | 22<br>Scrambled Eggs | 23<br>Tornados                        | 24<br>Breakfast Bar                | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b> |
| 28<br>Waffles             | 29<br>Yogurt         | 30 <b>LATE START<br/>NO BREAKFAST</b> | <b>MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b> |                        |

## LUNCH

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                              |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Alternate Entree<br/>Offered Daily (7-12):<br/>PBJ or Chef Salad</b> | 1<br>Tacos<br>Refried Beans            | 2<br>Ham & Potato Casserole<br>Rolls                  | 3<br>Fish Sticks<br>Coleslaw   | 4<br>Roast Beef<br>Mashed Potatoes  |
| 7<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>   | 8<br>Mexican Lasagna<br>Black Beans    | 9<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Potato Cakes                  | 10<br>Sub Sandwich<br>Chips  | 11<br>Hot Dog<br>Baked Beans        |
| 14<br>Sloppy Joe<br>Green Beans   | 15<br>Tacos<br>Refried Beans           | 16 <b>LATE START</b><br>Ham Patty<br>Cheesy Broccoli  | 17<br>Egg Rolls<br>Rlce & Beans  | 18<br>Chicken & Waffles<br>Coleslaw |
| 21<br>Lasagna<br>Garlic Bread   | 22<br>Chicken Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes | 23<br>Fish Sticks<br>Carrots                          | 24<br>Hamburger<br>FF and/or Swt FF  | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>              |
| 28<br>Loaded FF<br>Breadsticks  | 29<br>Nachos<br>Chicken Salad          | 30 <b>LATE START</b><br>Mini Corn Dogs<br>Baked Beans | <b>Fruits and vegetables offered with every meal.<br/>Milk served with every meal.</b> |                                     |

# SEPTEMBER 2020

| SUNDAY              | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 30                  | 31  | Sept 1<br>VB @ Freeman (JV,V) - 5:30PM                          | 2   | 3<br>Freeman VB Invite - 5:00PM   | 4<br>FB vs. Elba - HOME - 7PM - PARENTS NIGHT (FB & Cheer) Lifetouch Pictures - 8:15AM | 5<br>Freeman VB Invite - 10AM  |
| 6                   | 7<br><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>LABOR DAY</b>   | 8   | 9   | 10<br>Pawnee City Triangular (PC/FC) - 5/6:15PM                                   | 11<br>FB @ Parkview Christian - 4PM  | 12<br>Syracuse JV VB Tournament - 8:30AM                               |
| 13                  | 14<br>JV FB vs. Parkview Christian - HOME - 6PM<br>MUDECAS - Sterling vs. JCC @ Tecumseh - 7PM              | 15  | 16<br><b>10AM LATE START<br/>NO PreK</b><br>Budget Meeting 6:45PM<br>School Board Mtg - 7PM | 17  | 18<br>FB Bye Week  | 19   |
| 20                  | 21<br>JH VB @ Friend - 4PM<br>JH FB @ Dorchester - 4:30PM<br>JV FB @ Dorchester - 6PM                       | 22<br>ACT Test Date - Seniors<br>VB @ Diller-Odell (JV,V) - 6PM | 23<br>JH VB @ Freeman - 1:30PM  | 24<br><b>NO PreK<br/>1:37 DISMISSAL</b><br>Parent/Teacher Conf. 2:30-8PM          | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>FB vs. Deshler - HOME - 7PM                                  | 26<br>Freeman JH/JV VB Tournament - 9AM                                |
| 27                  | 28<br>JH VB @ Tri-County - 2:30PM<br>JH FB @ East Butler - 4PM<br>JCC JV VB Triangular (JCC/PC) 5:30/7:30PM | 29<br>HS VB VS. Dorchester (JV,V) - HOME - 6PM                  | 30<br><b>10AM LATE START<br/>NO PreK</b>  | October 1<br>Meca Sports Rep - Letter Jackets (9-12)<br>VB @ FCSH (JV,V) - 5:30PM | 2<br>FB @ Dorchester - 7PM   | 3<br>Fort Calhoun VB Invite - 9AM<br>Dorchester JH VB Tournament - 9AM |
| VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR |   |   |   |   |  |  |

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

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# ACTIVITY PASS PRICES

Contact the office or  
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Adult - \$60

K-12 Student - \$30

In-District (over 65) - FREE

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