

## **District News Update** by Superintendent, Dottie Heusman

The Board of Education met on November 20, 2017. Board Members Agena, Harms, and Wirthele shared information about the Nebraska Association of School Boards Annual Convention that was held in Omaha on November 16 and 17. Members Harms and Hestermann reported on the first teacher negotiations meeting. Members Agena and Wirthele shared information about the Americanism Meeting that was held in November with Principal Harrington and Mr. Wusk.

During the teacher reports, Mr. Boldt and Mrs. Salberg shared information about the various safety teams at Sterling Public Schools. This includes the Crisis Team, CPI Team, Safety Team, and Building and Grounds Team. All staff members that serve on these teams do so without additional compensation. These teams are critical to the success of the school.

In faculty reports Mrs. Addie Heusman, Guidance Counselor shared information about the EducationQuest's Apply2College campaign that our seniors participated in on October 23, the changes that have been made to the Student Assistance Team (SAT), and the ACT test for juniors. Mr. Brent Heusman reported on the number of athletes out for Junior High Boys Basketball, and High School Girls and Boys Basketball.

Mr. Harrington, Principal, reported on the I-World Initiative which is the name of the MacBook 1-to-1 Program that Sterling will start with all 9th-12th grade students in the 2018-2019 school year. The teachers are very excited about the opportunities they will be able to provide to students with this initiative. All teachers will have their own MacBook this month and do semi-weekly meetings to talk about technology offerings.

In my Superintendent's report I shared information with the board about the Veteran's Day Program, bus routes, and football.

In action items the board opened the bids for snow removal. Only one bid was received even though an ad was placed in the Voice News and The Chieftain in two editions. The board approved the bid as presented. The board also approved and reviewed a number of board policies.

The Superintendent evaluations will be shared with me at the December board meeting. A Board Winter Retreat has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 to do strategic planning. Also in December the board will be doing final reading of board policies; 8260, 8260.A, 8260.C-2A, 8260.C4, 8342, 3003, and 3045. The Option Enrollment Policy and State of the District Report will also be reviewed at this meeting.



## **Football Update**

The 2018 and 2019 Sterling Jet football teams will have a new look. Rather than playing 8-man football, the Jets will be playing 6-man football for the next two-year cycle. After a great deal of research, personal conversations with all current Jet football players' parents, conversations with area school superintendents, discussions with athletes and coaches, the decision that best meets the needs of our athletes at Sterling Public Schools is to make this change.

Stephen Epler in Chester, Nebraska developed six-man football in 1934. The first 6-man game was played on Thursday, September 27, 1934 in Hebron, Nebraska Athletic Gridiron with almost 1000 people watching. Hardy-Chester played Belvalex-Alexandria.

What's the difference between 8-man football and 6-man football? That's a great question. Instead of having a first down after 10 yards, it's 15 yards. When the ball is snapped it must be handed off or passed to advance the ball past the line of scrimmage. The player who receives the snap cannot run the ball past the line of scrimmage, however if the ball is tossed to another player, that player can run or throw the ball and the player to whom the ball was snapped is still an eligible receiver. All six players are eligible to be receivers. On offense, three linemen are required on the line of scrimmage at the start of the play. The point after a touchdown (PAT) in 6-man is one point for a run or pass and two points for a kick. A field goal is worth four points. There are no changes to the field or the equipment. The length of the quarters are 10 minutes. Every player is eligible for a pass.

## New Building

At the July 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting the board approved the bid from A.H.R.S. Construction, Inc. to build a new building directly to the east of the current high school building. If you haven't been by the school lately to see the progress, please drive by.

The maintenance and custodial staff are in the process of painting the interior walls as the rest of the work progresses. This has included plumbing and electrical work within the building. A retaining wall and concrete have been added to the exterior of the building. It's hard to believe that the contractor has been able to pour concrete on the first day of December, but that occurred!

We hope to have the building completed next month. At that time our two preschool classrooms will move into this location for the remainder of the year.



**UPDATE**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES FOR MAKING THE PIONEER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS:



### VOLLEYBALL

**Colby Thies - 2nd team**  
**Morgan Haner - 3rd team**  
**Sydney Huls - Honorable Mention**

### FOOTBALL

**Ben Hier - 2nd Team Defense,**  
**Honorable Mention Offense**



## *Honor Roll*

*Average of 90% and above. No grade below 85%*

### 12th Grade

Kylie Kahler

### 11th Grade

Tristan Dirks  
 Morgan Haner  
 Logan Jasa

### 10th Grade

Colby Thies

### 9th Grade

Derek Buss  
 Madison Smith  
 Tara Walters

### 8th Grade

Garrett Hier

Tanner McDonald

### 7th Grade

Alex Leonard  
 Trenton Perry  
 Noah Williams

**WELL DONE**



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

A B C D E F Gee what a lot of fun we've been having in kindergarten! I asked the students what kind of exciting things have been going on in our classroom that people might want to hear about, and they compiled a list.

The following is a list of the things that the kindergarteners deemed newsworthy:

- They can count to 65.
- 3 kids each lost a tooth, all in one day.
- A baby elephant is called a calf.
- Exclamation points and question marks are really exciting and can be found in a lot of places.
- They're learning their birth dates.
- They know 11 sight words.
- They have been working on their "read to self" stamina and can read independently for 17 minutes without stopping.
- Mrs. S moved her desk and a shelf from one side of the room to the other.
- They recently created Thankful Turkey books for Thanksgiving. According to them they took "FOREVER" to finish. Forever = two days, on and off.
- Thermometers measure temperature.
- The pilgrims sailed on the Mayflower.
- Super Readers use "pointer (finger) power" to keep track of words as they read.
- Most importantly, it's finally the month when Christmas happens!

There you have it, the current events of our classroom from the perspective of my 11 beloved kindergarten students!



## THIRD GRADE NEWS

This year we have added 3 new friends into our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class!

In August we got to prepare and observe a solar eclipse. We used special glasses and had a great time at the football field.

We had a great time at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>! All of the dress up days leading to Spirit Day made the week so exciting!

On October 26<sup>th</sup> we went to Arbor Day Farms with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and learned about why it is so important to plant trees. We also learned about how many products are made from apples and even got to taste some yummy apple cider!

In November, each student wrote a reason they were thankful for each of their classmates. The reasons were typed up and given to each student to place on a Thanksgiving-themed paper. It was so fun to read how much our classmates appreciated each other. We also learned to make a Thanksgiving grocery list and how to find the best deals! We used ads from Hy-Vee, Super Saver, Walmart, etc. to see if our list fit our budget. Some of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders commented that soda and ice cream were the most expensive things they bought (besides the turkey or ham)!

For Christmas, we will be writing examples of how classmates, peers, and school staff "light up our day" by writing them on red and green light bulbs. These will be on display starting December 8<sup>th</sup>!



# STERLING SCHOOL BOOSTERS

WHO IS A BOOSTER?

All teachers and parents of children attending Sterling School are boosters.

WHAT DOES A BOOSTER DO?

The purpose of the boosters is to work for the benefit of all Sterling Public School activities.

HOW DO BOOSTERS RAISE MONEY FOR PROJECTS?

Selling apparel, concessions, raffles, soup suppers, hosting inspirational speakers, school carnival.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteer! Volunteer to be a booster officer or volunteer to help with a booster sponsored activity!



Sterling Boosters Club

READY. JET. GO.



## Honor Roll of Distinction

Average of 93% and above. No grade below 90%

### 12th Grade

Benjamin Hier  
Daniel Schwenneker  
Sheanna Stolz  
Kaleb Williams

### 11th Grade

Caleb Dolbow  
Nicole Harms  
Cameron VanGroningen  
Carly Wenzl  
Malayna Wingert

### 10th Grade

Joel Rathe

### 9th Grade

Sam Boldt  
Bianca Gonzalez-Castillo  
Isabella Haner  
Macie Whalen  
Kaitlyn Wusk

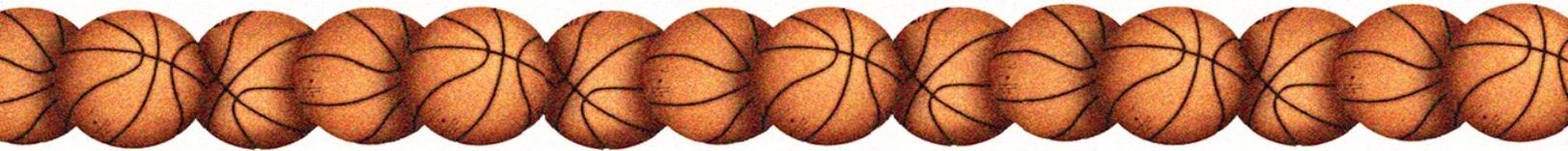
### 8th Grade

Kody Goracke  
Danielle Janssen  
Kaylee Lafferty  
Andrew Richardson  
Ella Wingert

### 7th Grade

Katy Boldt  
Gracyn Dolbow  
Andrew Harms  
John Janssen  
Carson McAuliffe  
Jack McAuliffe  
Macy Richardson  
Kaylin Smith  
Hannah Yonker



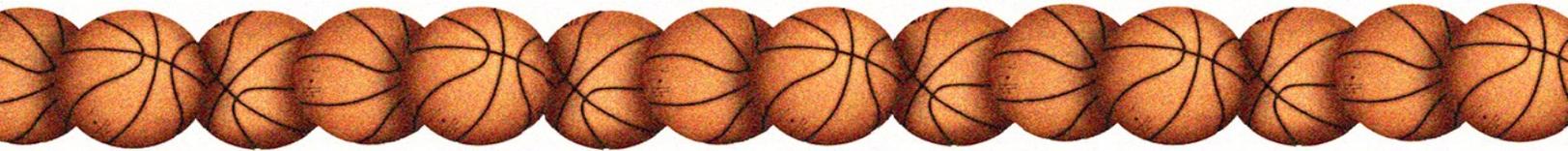


# 2017-18 STERLING HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Nov. 21	Tuesday	Falls City - <i>Jamboree Game (GV/BV)</i>	Sterling	6:00
Dec. 1	Friday	Falls City Sacred Heart	Falls City	5:00
Dec. 2	Saturday	Thayer Central	Sterling	2:00
Dec. 5	Tuesday	Friend	Sterling	4:00
Dec. 8	Friday	Diller-Odell	Odell	4:00
Dec. 12	Tuesday	Meridian	Meridian	4:30
Dec. 15	Friday	Pawnee City	Pawnee City	4:00
Dec. 19	Tuesday	Palmyra (GV,BV) (JV-TBA)	Sterling	6:00
Dec. 21	Thursday	Johnson-Brock	Johnson	4:30
Dec. 28-29	Thurs.-Fri.	Weeping Water Holiday Tourn. (GV,BV)	Weeping Water	1:00
Jan. 4	Thursday	Dorchester	Sterling	4:00
Jan. 5	Friday	HTRS	Humboldt	4:00
Jan. 8-13	Mon.-Sat.	MUDECAS Tourn.	Beatrice	TBA
Jan. 16	Tuesday	Cedar Bluffs (GV,BV) (JV-TBA)	Sterling	6:00
Jan. 19	Friday	Southern	Sterling	4:00
Jan. 23	Tuesday	Nebraska City Lourdes	Sterling	4:00
Jan. 26	Friday	Lewiston	Lewiston	4:00
Jan. 29-Feb. 3	Mon.-Sat.	Pioneer Conference Tourn.	HTRS/Johnson-Brock Finals- Nebr. City Lourdes	TBA
Feb. 6	Tuesday	Freeman (GJV,GV)	Sterling	6:00
Feb. 9	Friday	Tri County	Sterling	4:00
Feb. 12-15	Mon.-Thur.	Girls Subdistricts	Nebraska City	TBA
Feb. 16	Friday	Freeman (BJV,BV)	Sterling	6:15
Feb. 19-22	Mon.-Thur.	Boys Subdistricts	Nebraska City	TBA
Feb. 23	Friday	Girls District Final	TBA	TBA
Feb. 27	Tuesday	Boys District Final	TBA	TBA
March 1-3	Thur.-Sat.	Girls State Tourn.	Lincoln	TBA
March 8-10	Thur.-Sat.	Boys State Tourn.	Lincoln	TBA

*This schedule is subject to change. All games are JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, & Varsity Boys unless otherwise noted.*



# 9/10 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2017-18



(BOYS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Christian	7:00
Saturday	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	@ HTRS Tournament (G & B)	9:00 AM
Monday	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Beatrice	7:00
Monday	Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnson-Brock (G & B)	6:30
Thursday	Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	@ Falls City	7:00
Monday	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	@ Falls City Sacred Heart	7:00
Saturday	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	@ Lewiston JV Tourn. (G & B)	8:00 AM

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday	Nov. 14th	Johnson-Brock	Home	2:30
Saturday	Nov. 18th	HTRS Tournament	Away	9:00
Tuesday	Nov. 21st	Diller-Odell	Away	1:00
Monday	Nov. 27th	Freeman Tournament	Away	6:00
Wednesday	Nov. 29th	Pawnee City	Home	2:00
Tuesday	Dec. 5th	HTRS	Away	2:00
Thursday	Dec. 7th	Pawnee City	Away	2:00
Monday	Dec. 11th	Lewiston Tournament	Away	4:30
Wednesday	Dec. 13th	Freeman	Home	1:00

If inclement weather occurs and we are unable to have school or need to dismiss early, we will post that information to the following places:



- District website and Facebook
- Alert Message for the School via phone, text message, and email. Please make sure your most current information is on file for this so you get the information promptly.
- KOLN-TV Channel 10 Lincoln
- KETV Channel 7 Omaha
- KLKN-TV Channel 8 Lincoln
- KWBE 1450 Radio Beatrice

President: Melissa Boldt  
Vice President: Becky McAuliffe  
Marketing: Mary Lafferty  
Treasurer: Nancy Harms  
Secretary: Sarah Bredthauer



**READY. JET. GO.**

Dear Booster Member,

To raise funds for support of the 2017/18 school year activities, the Sterling Boosters Club is accepting donations from all local families and businesses. In return for the generosity, all sponsors will have their family name or business ad printed on the back of the school activity programs. The donation level your family or business selects will be displayed in the programs as outlined below. Funds will be used to support Booster Club activities for the Sterling Public School students. Similar to past years, we will be collecting program ad donations on an annual basis to allow new families to join when convenient.

Scheduled activities supported by the Sterling Boosters Club for the 2017-2018 school year are:

- \*Back to School Pool Party- August 13th
- \*Football Tailgate Party- September 1<sup>st</sup>, during the home football game
- \*Homecoming Kickoff- Tentatively Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Business encouraged to participate during Homecoming week!
- \*Boo at the park- Tentatively Oct 28th
- \*Open Gym- During holiday break
- \*Talent Show
- \*Apparel sales at activities throughout the school year
- \*Funding support for school activities and school improvement projects

Please return the form below at your earliest convenience to Sterling Booster Club, PO Box 71, Sterling NE 68443 or scan to Sarah Bredthauer at [sarah.a.bredthauer.mil@mail.mil](mailto:sarah.a.bredthauer.mil@mail.mil) Also, mail or email your business card, logo, or information the way you want it printed. Our first home contest this year will be a football game on September 1st, if you would like your name or business ad included on the first program we would like your information by Monday August 28th.

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Family or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(up to 50 characters-as you want printed)

*Added information below is for business ads:*

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Levels**                      Type of Payment (circle one):    Check    Cash

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 – White Level donor, Family Name or ¼ page of your Business Ad

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – Maroon Level donor, Family Name or ¼ page of your Business Ad

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250+ – Gold Level donor, Family Name or ¼ page of your Business Ad

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS! GO JETS!!!**

## DECEMBER MENUS

<b>1 - Friday</b>	Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Chicken Gravy, Peas, WG Biscuits/WG Bread, Pineapple Tidbits
<b>4 - Monday</b>	Breakfast Boat OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice/Fruit, Milk BBQ Rib on WG Bun, Green Beans, Macaroni Salad, Applesauce
<b>5 - Tuesday</b>	Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, Mandarin Oranges
<b>6 - Wednesday EARLY OUT</b>	WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Vegetable Beef Soup, Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Pears
<b>7 - Thursday</b>	WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits
<b>8 - Friday</b>	Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Hamburger on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Peaches
<b>11 - Monday</b>	Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Pears
<b>12 - Tuesday</b>	Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Submarines, Corn, Gelatin, Peaches
<b>13 - Wednesday</b>	Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk Chicken Fajita, WG Rice, Peas, Mandarin Oranges
<b>14 - Thursday</b>	WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Tidbits
<b>15 - Friday</b>	Breakfast Boat OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice/Fruit, Milk Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Breadsticks, Applesauce
<b>18 - Monday</b>	Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Chicken Nuggets, FF and Swt. FF, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Mandarin Oranges
<b>19 - Tuesday</b>	WG Donut OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Tacos, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Peaches
<b>20 - Wednesday</b>	Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Tidbits
<b>21 - Thursday</b>	WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Applesauce
<b>22 - Friday EARLY OUT</b>	WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk Hot Dog on WG Bun, Green Beans, Pears
<b>23 - December to 2 - January</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>

*Menus are subject to change without notice.  
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

*A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.  
Milk served with every meal.  
Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad*



# DECEMBER 2017 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27 Freeman JH BB Tournament - 4PM One Act Play - 7PM in the gym	28 District One Act Play - Shickley	29 JH BBB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 2PM	30	December 1 G/B BB @ FCSH - 4PM (4 games)	2 G/B BB vs. Thayer Central - HOME - 2PM (4 games)
3	4 Spanish Classes to see "Coco"	5 JH BBB @ HTRS - HOME - 2PM G/B BB vs. Friend - HOME - 4:00PM (4 Games)	6 <b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b>	7 JH BBB @ Pawnee City - 2PM 9/10 BBB vs. Lincoln Christian - HOME - 7PM	8 <b>NO SCHOOL - PreK</b> G/B BB @ Diller-Odell - 4PM (4 Games) JH SkillsUSA Comp @ Grand Island	9 HTRS 9/10 BB Tournament - 9AM ACT TEST DATE Cornhusker Marching Band Show - 7:30PM
10	11 JH Lewiston BBB Tournament - 4:30PM JV BBB vs. Beatrice - HOME - 7PM	12 G/B BB @ Meridian - 4PM (4 Games)	13 JH BBB vs. Freeman - HOME - 1PM One-Act performs @ Community Center <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM</b>	14 Bio/A&P Field Trip to E Energy HS Music Concert (Large Groups) 7:30PM	15 HS Choir to Gold Crest @ 10AM G/B BB @ Pawnee City - 4PM (4 Games)	16
17	18 Elementary Music Concert 7:30PM	19 G/B BB vs. Palmyra - HOME - 4PM (4 games)	20	21 G/B BB @ Johnson- Brock - 4PM (4 Games)	22 <b>EARLY OUT - 1:37PM</b> <b>END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER/ 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER</b>	23
24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> 	26	27	28	29	30
<b>5 DAY PRACTICE MORATORIUM: DEC 23-27, 2017</b>						
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC 23 - JAN 2, 2018</b>						
<b>FINAL</b>				<b>MORATORIUM</b>		
<b>WEEPING WATER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT</b>						

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