

# Stanton Community Schools

Home & School CONNECTION! (Working Together for School Success)

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Michael J. Sieh

## Reporters

- Dr. Sieh ..... Superintendent
- Dr. Cunningham..... H.S. Principal
- Mrs. Remm ..... Elementary Principal
- Mrs. Fernau..... Counselor
- Mrs. Holoubek ..... School Nurse
- Mrs. Schieffer..... Preschool

## Events Calendar

- May 6**
  - Last Day for Seniors
- May 11**
  - School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- May 21**
  - Last Day for Students (11:35 a.m. Dismissal)
- May 22**
  - Teacher Checkout Day
- May 25**
  - Memorial Day

### A CLASS TO REMEMBER

Senior year is a time period in life you'll always remember, and we'll all remember this particular Senior year as even more extraordinary. Extraordinary for the circumstances we are under, but also extraordinary for the way we're making sacrifices to bring safety to all.

Schools maybe temporarily closed. Seasons maybe on hold.

There are things we cannot control.

But we can control the way we respond to what's happening in a positive way. That is where your power is.

We believe in your resilience, Class of 2020. We believe when things look down, you will rise up. We believe you Seniors will come back for the remainder of your year, and graduation, stronger than ever.

For now, let's stand strong, yet apart -- so we can celebrate together later.



(Sieh) I always dedicate the last issue of the newsletter to the senior class. After all, this was their year. As I look over their shining faces above, I think of optimism. Each has been supported by their parents, the school, and community. Now, it's time for them to begin their solo flight. As they soar though life, at times they will glide independently, and then there will be times when they will call and seek advice or shelter. We will continue to support them in any flight they choose.

I personally want to

"thank" them for allowing me to be a part of their lives. I wish them the best of luck and hope they are resilient, for I will guarantee that the path to success is never a straight line, but one of successes and failures. To succeed through the valleys of failures is the key to exceeding your dreams.

## Class Officers

- Caleb Jenkinson..... President
- TJ Larson..... Vice-President
- Haylea Schmidt..... Secretary
- Jacob Zelm..... Treasurer
- Dr. David Cunningham ..... Class Sponsor

- Class Flower..... Sunflower
- Class Song ..... "Forever Young" - Jay Z
- Class Colors ..... Yellow and Navy

## Class Motto

"It just be like that sometimes." - By unknown

Questions??? Please Call!  
Central Office – 439-2233  
High School Office – 439-2250  
Elementary Office – 439-2639

Have a GREAT Summer!

# The Principal's Perspective

By Dave Cunningham

## Necessary Information

### Seniors

- May 6<sup>th</sup> - seniors last day of online learning
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - turn in books and computers - south side of school - 9 am to 10 am or 4 pm to 5 pm - pay all dues, fines, and low lunch account balances
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - Senior Awards posted to website - [www.scs-ne.org](http://www.scs-ne.org)
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - computer pick-up for those that earn a diploma and paid their \$35 a year usage cost while being enrolled at Stanton Community Schools (Receive award packets; senior graduation honor items will be included in your packets, i.e. cords, medals, etc.) - 9 am to 10 am or 4 pm to 5 pm

### Grades 5-11

#### Awards

Awards presentation Power Points will be posted to the Stanton Community Schools website once all awards have been awarded and on the following dates:

- May 18 - 9-11 awards posted to website [www.scs-ne.org](http://www.scs-ne.org)
- May 19 - 7-8 awards posted to website [www.scs-ne.org](http://www.scs-ne.org)
- May 20 - 5-6 awards posted to website [www.scs-ne.org](http://www.scs-ne.org)

Award packets will be handed out the day computers and books are checked in. All students will check-in those items on May 21 starting at 8 am on the southside of the school. We will have everyone check-in items as a family, so you are not having to make multiple trips to the school. Please use the following schedule to return your items that belong to the school.

- 8:00 am - A - F
- 9:00 am - G - K
- 10:00 am - L - R
- 11:00 am - S - Z

#### Computer and Book Return

7- 11 Student Computer check-in - Students will turn in computer, computer box, charger/cords May 21. Each student will need to have their username and password on a sticky note on their computer screen so Mr. Spotanski can work on them this summer.

#### Fines, Fees, Dues, and Lunch Money

All fines, fees, dues and lunch accounts will need to be zeroed out on checkout day. If you owe money for any of the above, please bring that with you when you checkout.

#### Driver's Education

Please don't forget to register your student for Driver's Education. Northeast Community College will be teaching the course again this year starting on June 8 and ending on June 11 via Zoom. Classes start at 8:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. Driving experience is arranged at a different time with the instructor. Cost for the class is \$295 and includes the book. Please stop by the high school office to pick up a registration form. There is a parent meeting on May 11, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom to begin developing driving experience schedules. Please contact Dr. Cunningham by calling the school (402)439-2250 or sending an email to [dcunningham@esu8.org](mailto:dcunningham@esu8.org) to obtain the Zoom link if you are interested in attending the parent meeting.

# Reminiscing with Mrs. Remm

By Sarah Remm

## In the Homestretch

Yet another school year is quickly winding down, and this 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is nothing like any other. Who would have thought springtime would bring learning at home with packets and online platforms and a lack of togetherness? The teachers and staff have put tremendous time and effort into the creation and maintenance of learning plans and resources for the students. With the help of technology, they meet with students throughout the day and into the evening, as they know not all our young ones have access to their own devices throughout the day. Teachers respond to questions and concerns from both students and parents, and they provide video teaching and reviewing academic skills.

The students' last day of school will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. Learning packets and online lessons will then come to an end. Items that belong to the school will need to be returned. This includes textbooks, computers, and any other materials your child's teacher will need back in the classroom. We will follow the same schedule as grades 5-11 when returning items. Our collection date is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Families can return items according to the following time schedule, based on last names:

- 8:00 am - A-F
- 9:00 am - G-K
- 10:00 am - L-R
- 11:00 am - S-Z

Even though the school calendar comes to an end, the expectation for continued learning is critical. Stanton Elementary normally offers a summer school program; however, summer school is currently not being developed due to the health measures in place. As more guidance and information is

provided to schools, we will reassess our learning programs.

Throughout the summer, set aside 15-30 minutes a day to focus your child's academic skills. This can make a tremendous difference when your child transitions back to school in the fall. Parents ask what their child can do over the summer months. The number one recommendation is read, read, read! In addition to reading, students are encouraged to study multi-syllable words. Working with affixes (prefixes and suffixes) can improve both reading and spelling skills.

Make math fun. Follow a recipe to create tasty treats. Food can become mathematical by creating shapes, working on math facts, sorting into groups, etc. The outdoors provides great opportunities for math games, and there are many resources available at your fingertips: sidewalk chalk, crafts, LEGOs, etc.

Maintaining responsibilities helps to create a schedule of regular activity for children. Yes, this is a break, but that doesn't mean responsibilities become nonexistent. Come up with a plan with your child to determine what tasks need to be accomplished either daily, weekly, or even by the end of the summer vacation. Communicate your expectations and the consequences in not meeting these expectations.

Most importantly spend time with each other. While the summer holds many opportunities for our bodies and minds to stay in shape, don't forget it's just as important to kick back and relax. The students have worked hard both in the classroom and at home throughout this school year and are ready to enjoy some summer fun.

### Handicap Notice

#### Stanton Community Schools District #3

If you are a parent of a handicapped child not being served or if you suspect that your child may be handicapped, or if you know of a handicapped child in your neighborhood, who is not receiving services, please contact the Stanton Community Schools District No. 3, Stanton County, Michael J. Sieh, Superintendent, (402) 439-2233.

Dear Administration, Teachers, Parents, and Students,

Time has come for me to say goodbye to Stanton Community Schools. I have truly enjoyed teaching here at this school. Both of my daughters grew up and graduated from Stanton High School. I will remember the special people and the activities we accomplished. This was my 25<sup>th</sup> year here at Stanton. It is time now to leave Stanton as well. I wish the best for the teachers and students in the years to come.

Nadine Ernesti



# Holoubek's Health Tips

By Lisa Holoubek

## School Health Requirements for 2020-2021

Looking toward the 2020-2021 school year, here are the health requirements needed as mandated by Nebraska State Law. These are listed for kindergarteners as well as 7<sup>th</sup> graders; however, any students transferring to Nebraska schools from out of state must provide the same health documents as kindergarteners.

### Kindergarten Requirements for 2020-2021:

All incoming kindergartners must have a physical exam, a vision exam, and current immunization records.

- Physical exam - performed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- Updated and current immunization record (see attached for required immunizations)
- Vision exam- performed by an eye care provider (optometrist or ophthalmologist), physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

### Seventh Grade Requirements for 2020-2021:

A physical exam is a state requirement REGARDLESS OF PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS! There is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade tetanus requirement: all 7<sup>th</sup> graders must show proof of 1 dose of Tdap (must contain pertussis booster), given any time after 10 or 11 years of age.

- Physical exam - performed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- Tetanus booster (Tdap)- check with your healthcare provider to schedule.

Before school begins in August, the physical form, the eye exam form (for kindergarteners and out-of-state new students) and the dates of all new immunizations must be given to the office. Failure to do so will result in your child being kept out of school until all requirements are met. Please call the school office with any questions (402) 439-2250 or (402) 439-2639.

## Lil' Stangs Staff Appreciate Their Students

The Lil' Stangs Preschool Staff did a drive by for the students on April 9<sup>th</sup>. They drove to all the students' homes and dropped off a special Easter treat and a friendly smile! We sure miss our students and their sweet personalities.



Morgan Schwartz - The memory that comes to mind for me would be a phone call I received from you five years ago. At the time, I was a stay at home mom You called to ask me if I would consider getting my teaching certificate and help recover the Ag program at Stanton. Never in a million years would I have thought I would end up being a teacher. The opportunity you provided me will never be forgotten.

Bobbi Jo Domogalla - My favorite memory of you is when you had a conversation with RJ explaining how you were Mrs. Sieh's husband and you were a junior too. You made such a positive impression on him that day. He still talks about how you are both juniors, and he always starts with "Well you know Dr. Sieh, my friend.....". Always makes me smile. Thank you.

Janelle Peter - When I applied for this job, I was student teaching and living on Wayne State's campus. Your daughter and my friend, Lexi, was working the early shift at the desk in the Rec Center each morning and since it was so cold outside in January, I would cut through there to get to my car in the parking lot. She would always ask me about how the teaching was going and when I would tell her, she would say "You sound just like my mom and dad when they talk about school! There's a position open there, and you have to take it!". And I am so glad I did. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with you (and the rest of your family). You welcome all staff

members into your family like they have belonged there from the start. Thank-you for being my first superintendent and welcoming me into the Mustang family!

Michelle Hasebroock - What I will remember about you is how kind you have always been to me. I have always felt that I could openly discuss anything with you. You have never been judgmental with me. You have always treated me as an equal and never looked down on me.

I knew that I could ask you for new furniture for my room or help with a student and you would listen to me. Thank you for your leadership and for your kindness. If you ever need a coffeecake, look me up! ☺

Greg Wegner - Something I will always remember about Dr. Sieh is that he has ties with every place in the state. No matter where I traveled or what school I had to visit for some graduate observations, Dr. Sieh's name came up every time. Luckily, the administrators, that knew Dr. Sieh, liked him and made the new connection much more relaxing.

Carol Liekhus - What I remember about Dr. Sieh is the concern he would show when there were wintery conditions outside. If we had a late start, he would come into the library and ask how the roads were and if I had any problems getting to school. I also enjoyed the talks we had whether it was about a sporting event or an educational issue. Dr. Sieh and I felt like we were "old school" educators. I am going to miss those talks.

## Counselor's Corner

By Lindy Fernau

### Seniors

I know that your senior year is not ending at all the way any of us anticipated and a far cry from the tradition; but, you are the change! Your senior year will be monumental in how we all approach education in the future. Despite all the changes, I want to encourage and challenge you to become the best version of yourself. Opportunity awaits in our new

normal and I wish you all the best in your pursuit! Dig deep and find your place. Do not wait for someone to tell you where that is. Only you can lift yourself up and discover the possibilities of all you have to offer and the direction you go. You are still in control of that! Don't give anyone the power to tell you who you are; you get to decide! Thank you

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for letting me be a small part of your journey. It was an inspiring and memorable ride.

**Borrow wisely for college!**

The financial aid award notification you received from your college(s) after you filed your FAFSA indicates the type of student loans you qualify to borrow. In addition, your parents may qualify for a Parent PLUS loan to help pay for your college expenses. Parent PLUS loan repayments begin shortly after the student begins the fall semester and are the responsibility of the parent to repay. Student loan (Subsidized or Unsubsidized) repayment begins 6 to 9 months after the student graduates or ends their college attendance.

Any loans that are offered require the parent and/or student to fill out additional information and select a lender. Information and procedures are available at the college's financial aid office.

**The money will not be available at the time that payment is due for fall classes, unless your loan application process is complete ahead of time.**

**Juniors**

**ACT Testing:**

The Nebraska Department of Education is working with ACT to come up with a solution for offering free ACT testing for all Juniors. No decision has been made yet. Also, I am not sure that the June ACT test will still be an option. Registration deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Students must register online at ACT.org. The process will take about an hour. In response to the uncertainty of the ACT testing, many colleges and the NCAA are waiving the ACT requirement for admission purposes for the next several years. They will be using the Cumulative GPA as a guide for admissions and scholarships. My advice would be to wait until next fall to register to take the ACT test because of all the changes they are making to the format, the uncertainty of how the school year will start and how the State Department responds in offering all juniors a free testing opportunity.

**Use the summer to prepare for college!**

If you're a high school

junior, summer is the time for you to do some serious college planning. Here are your assignments:

- **Start narrowing your college choices.** By the fall of your senior year, you should have narrowed your choices to three or four schools. Visiting the college campuses may not be an option this summer, but many colleges have virtual tours on their websites and that may give you some idea if you could see yourself on that campus.
- **Update your Resume.** Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.

**Future Freshmen-Seniors:**

Look for opportunities to complete your 10 Community Service hours required for graduation. The volunteer hours can also be used to qualify for a scholarship. Keep track of your hours by entering them on the school website. Click on Guidance then Counselor's Corner. Scroll down the left side menu and click on Community Service Hours. Just follow the

instructions and the guidance office will receive the information and record it.

**Parents/Guardians:**

Please check your child's social media accounts. With more time on their hands, I am fearful that Cyberbullying could become a real issue. Teens are ultra-concerned about their image and they are getting their self-worth from the posts they see on their social media accounts. Negative or just plain mean posts can have such an impact on a young person's self-image. You can tell the child to ignore the posts and not look at them, but curiosity usually wins. Help your child by staying alert to any changes in their behavior and checking their posts regularly. This is not an invasion of their privacy as much as an opportunity to have a discussion about not letting others decide how they feel or who they are.

Finally, I want to thank the community of Stanton for the opportunity to work with your youth. It has been an honor and great pleasure to have been part of their lives for the past 5 years.

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