



STANFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Superintendent

As I look at the calendar I see we have reached November and have officially made it through the first quarter of school. Given the uncertainty of starting the school year and seeing what other schools in the state are having to go through we are so very fortunate that we have been able to maintain a somewhat normal school year thus far. During this first quarter of school we have only had one school day where we were under the official state mandate of having to wear a mask. If you follow the COVID-19 numbers in Montana you may notice there is often a discrepancy between what the state is reporting and what the Central Montana Health District is reporting. For the purpose of school and the mask mandate we will use the Central Montana Health District numbers as that is the most current information available. Those numbers come out in the evenings during the week and will determine our status as a school for the next day on whether masking is required.

As we finish up the first quarter of the school year I again want to thank all the staff and board of trustees for doing their part to help keep our students and school safe. Without their commitment and dedication to the school district the success of the first quarter would not have happened. As you have noticed we often have changes to our athletic schedules on a regular basis due to what is happening in the region. But our Athletic Directors and coaches are doing everything in their power to provide opportunities for students in the safest manner possible so changes occur often. We are unsure how the basketball season is going to play out, but we thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the process. Please continue to monitor our social media and webpage for changes as they occur. I wish everyone a safe November and thanks again for your support of the students at Stanford Schools. Take care and be safe.

- *Superintendent Brad Moore*

GOAL OF NEWSLETTER

It is the goal of the school district to put out a monthly newsletter to the community of the happenings at Stanford Schools. Our newsletter will be available online on our school webpage, but if you would like a hard copy mailed to you monthly, please contact the school office and we will gladly do that.

High School English Update

By Amanda Ernsberger

We are done with the first quarter and I hope that everyone is doing well. Students are trying hard and improving their grammar using creative and research based writing assignments. Coming up in November we will be learning more about the history and importance of harvest and hunting on society. It is thanks to strong harvest and hunting that a culture is able to thrive and create epic works of literature. December is a fun month where the students learn a bit about the history of the English language and why manuscript, or fancy writing, was so important. We are also reading dystopia based novels in class to help with reading comprehension, which will be important for March. Students will get the chance to shine for their presentations this November; they will be shown more ways to give a presentation to help them thrive in their future careers. I hope everyone has a great month. □



Mr. Neumann's Classroom Update



Happy post Halloween to all, hope everything is going great. Very exciting time here at Stanford and the DGS co-op with our fall sports wrapping up, Jr. High BBall beginning, and High School in the near future. Hopefully all goes well in everything.

Our 1st period Government class has been plenty to chat about daily with our federal, state, and local elections coming up. We just recently completed a statewide student election and are looking forward to results coming back on some voting decisions our youth would make. Will be interesting to see how it compares to the adult elections. Along with this the main focus of discussion is the history of our nation's government and the why and how it was set up. Hopefully this helps us gain a deeper understanding of why what goes on in our government does and how decisions are made. It is a lively bunch of seniors and we have a great time in class.

In our 2nd period U.S. History we completed the same statewide student vote. As far as our timeline we have just cruised through the Civil War and are moving on to our nation's period of reconstruction. It is very interesting as a main focus of conversation is human rights, a conversation that is still wide spread on the news today. So we are able to relate and bounce things back and forth from today to back in the 1860s and 1870s. Never a dull moment with the sophomores and juniors.

In our K-12 P.E. classes we have been over our kickball, soccer, football, and just finishing our volleyball units. With the change of seasons I am going to start our 5-12 basketball unit and will do parachute games with the littles, and start their basketball unit in December. I love my P.E. classes and am fortunate to see all of our students for at least two hours weekly. We have a great mix of hard work and plenty of fun on top of it. There is some wonderful up and coming athletes in our school and I look forward to what their futures will hold.

In the weight room we have been getting after it for a few months and will complete our max's here in the down time between seasons.

Thank you all for the time with your kids!

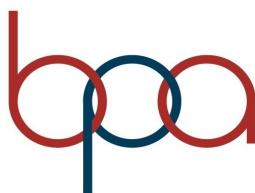
Mr. Matt Neumann



News from Business Professionals of America

On October 5, both middle and high school members of Business Professionals of America (BPA) participated in the Fall Leadership Conference that was held virtually via Zoom. Students were able to learn more about many of the opportunities that BPA offers. Students were also able to hear from guest speakers on leadership. The students enjoyed this event. The next event for BPA is the Regional Competition in January for the high school members. They will need to attend this to qualify for the State Competition in March. The middle school members will participate in a virtual state competition in late January or early February, a final date has not been determined at this time.

-Mr. John Flamand



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Business Class



Students in business classes have been participating in the BigSky BizSim for the past couple of weeks and have performed very well. Students make decisions that would be expected of them if they were running a business. This will run through to December. Students have also learned about checking and savings accounts and creating their resumes and cover letters for their careers. Students will be learning other ways to become a financially successful citizen as we go throughout the year including learning about taxes, credit, and more. *-Mr. Flamand*



DGS Football Program

Our football season wrapped up with a 1st round playoff loss to PDB. I just want to give a huge shout out to all 10 MEN that completed the season. We were down to suiting up 7 and these fellas fought their hearts out. Couldn't be prouder for what we accomplished.

With that being said I am going to get a plug in for our football programs. I believe there is nothing better for a young man in our school system than playing football. The growth made in a season of football is more than you will see in any other program a school can offer. Along with this football brings our community and our co-op communities together like nothing else can.

Quite frankly, we are in danger of losing this. We were unable to field a Jr. High team this year due to lack of participants and had to forfeit a game due to lack of healthy bodies stemming from lack of participation in the high school for a week this year. (Unsure I have ever heard of a playoff team forfeiting a game mid season.)

I feel if we cannot sustain a football program it will lead to much further reaching affects in our school system then one might realize. The #1 thing being that we will lose boys, more than likely our better athletes to neighboring schools so they can play football. In turn this will affect all of our sports. I believe that success in sports leads directly to the attitude and atmosphere in the school, and success in one area leads to success in another. You can see where I'm going with this. So this is my plea to all parents and guardians out there, please, please, give your child the nudge that they might need to play football.

If you have any questions about our program and the safety of the game, please reach out to me. I would be more than happy to have that conversation and hopefully change some minds or opinions of those who may be on the fence. Also, reach out to some of our former players about what they have to say about the program. I guarantee you this will want to make many more students go out for football. Anyway, I hate to have this conversation here, rather than praise those that had a great season for us, but losing football in our school is a huge issue right now, and it will not go away unless we get more commitment from participants. There is no reason we cannot field a team of 15 plus boys every year. The numbers are there and the participation can be. It can be done and the more we have come out the safer the game becomes.

Thank you all and thank you for letting us work with your kids!

Mr. Matt Neumann





Happy Fall from K2!

The Terrific Ten Super Heroes have had a wonderful first quarter!! (Super Heroes wear masks). Even though they have been out of school since March they really adjusted well to our full day routine and mask wearing.

We have been so busy learning about fall, families, and community helpers. The children made glyphs representing their families which are displayed in the hallway. We visited the Post Office, Firehouse, ambulances, and the local police officers visited us with K1.

The big excitement for K1 and K2 was visiting a Pumpkin Patch in Great Falls, each kiddo picked a pumpkin of their own!!! We were very excited for Halloween!

Mrs. Tracy Wildung



Counselor's Corner



Hello Everyone!

Can you believe that 1st quarter has come to a close, and we are onto Quarter 2?! Once again, I am only working part-time; therefore, I will only be at the school 2 days a week. I will always be here on Tuesdays from now until Christmas Break since I go on maternity leave from January through March. I will return the first Tuesday in April. However, I will always be available by email so please do not hesitate to contact me through my email.

Announcements

**If anyone would like to be added to the (in)eligibility email list as a parent, please call or email me at the school with the email you would like notifications sent to. I will then email you that same day if your student is ever on the (in)eligibility list rather than a paper report by mail.*

**If any parent needs a new Infinite Campus login to get into their parent portal, please let me know, and I will get you the login information that you need so you can keep up with your students' academics as well as help us keep them successful! There is also an Infinite Campus app for your phones that notifies you of your students' academic progress so if you do not have that yet, I really encourage you to download that app on your phones! Same goes for students!*

Some important Dates & Reminders

November 12 - 15: Senior Trip to Bozeman-Cancelled

November 16 - 20: FAFSA (Financial Aid) Completion Week - Goal is to get students to apply now before the December 1st Priority deadline

November 25 - 27: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - FAFSA Priority Filing Deadline for Montana Colleges - Come see me for any help!!

December 22 - Deadline to talk to me about Add/Drop Classes for Semester 2.

Deadline to enroll for Dual Credit classes for Spring Semesters at Great Falls College MSU

Please be checking your student's grades on Infinite Campus Parent Portal.. Please contact me to setup login information if needed.

FAFSA

**The priority deadline is December 1 for Montana Colleges. Please contact me if you need anything. For more information: <https://studentaid.gov/> or www.reachhighermontana.org has really good information as well.*

Scholarships

**There are several scholarships available if you look for them. I will scan copies of scholarships to seniors that they can work on throughout the year that come across my desk as well as websites. Seniors need to be getting recommendation letters for scholarship applications. There are varying due dates for each scholarship so be aware of deadlines! Some great scholarship helpers are scholly.com and gomerry.com that will match your students profile with scholarships that they are eligible for. Check scholarship application deadlines for colleges you are interested in and make sure you fill those out on time so you do not miss out! You can fill those out while being undecided as well so do not feel like you have to be going to that school to apply for scholarships. Come see me for any more information or guidance.*

College Information

**If anyone needs information about colleges or help with anything, please do not be afraid to come see me. I have an abundance of brochures, catalogs, etc. I will help in any way that I can or you are more than welcome to call me at the school! I have told students that I am always available by email. :)*

****Students get 2 days that do not count toward absences to tour colleges, so please take advantage of this opportunity!**

Counselor's Corner –continued

Montana Digital Academy

MTDA registration for Spring Semester is January 2021. Available for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. For class information, go to <http://montanadigitalacademy.org/programs/course-catalog/>. If interested, come see me in December!

Dual Enrollment Classes

Available for juniors and seniors to take classes that qualify for high school and college credit at a fraction of the cost of paying for it as a college student post high school graduation. Go to <http://www.mus.edu/dualenroll/> for more information. Contact me to get registered for spring semester in December prior to Christmas Break!

Spring Testing Schedule

NAEP Testing: 8th Grade only - Math & Reading - Window: January 26 - March 19, 2021

SBAC: 3rd - 8th Grades - Math & ELA - Window: March 8 - May 14, 2021

MSA (Science): 5th & 8th Grades - Science - Window: March 15 - May 7, 2021

ACT w. writing: 11th Grade - Math, ELA, & Science - Approx. April 20, 2021

Final Thoughts

Once again, please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help in any way. I will do my best to answer any questions or help in any way that I can.

-Mrs. Shelby Fiedler, K-12 School Counselor - sfiedler@stanford.k12.mt.us



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Quarter 1 - Honor Roll

High School

4.0

3.67-3.99
Isaac Claver
Boone Smail
Zack Solomon
Sydney VonBergen
Kara Reed
Reese Von Bergen
Whitley Keimig

3.25 - 3.66
Makayla Bossen
Ace Becker
Garrett Davis
Indy Goodhart
Brody Shields

3.0 - 3.24
Orren Oltrogge
Lily Crawford

Junior High

4.0

McKenzi Milburn

3.67-3.99
Shaylee Berg
Alexa Marquardt
Lyla Mitchell
Dani Taylor
Eliza Tureck
Andrea Bell
Taelie Breen
Kellton Holzer
Olive Marquardt
Katelyn Mikkelson
Kameron Myllymaki
Chantry Sherer
Tyce Smith
Tater Watson

3.25-3.66
Warren Antonich
Clay Harwood
Royce Holzer
Axel Becker
Ross Harwood
Kynzee Sharp

3.0-3.24
Dylan Claver

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Happy Thanksgiving!

