

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

As we approach the final months of your student's senior year, it's essential to share information about a new Nebraska law that affects all graduating seniors. This legislation requires that every senior either complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or formally opt out by signing a waiver.

Per Nebraska law, students must fulfill one of these requirements to graduate. The FAFSA is a crucial step for students planning to attend college, trade school, or other postsecondary education programs. It determines eligibility for various types of financial aid, including federal grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. Completing the FAFSA ensures students explore all possible resources to help make their educational goals more affordable.

For families who decide not to complete the FAFSA, Nebraska law allows an opt-out option. Families choosing this route must sign a waiver indicating their decision. Opt-out forms can be obtained from Mrs. Heusman, the school counselor, and must be submitted before graduation.

This new legal requirement is intended to ensure that every student and family is fully informed about the financial aid opportunities available to them. Even if your student is unsure about their future educational plans, submitting the FAFSA keeps options open in case plans change.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Whether you choose to complete the FAFSA or sign the opt-out form, we are here to support you and your student every step of the way.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. For those without current ties to our district, if you or any families you know are looking for an excellent school in a welcoming community, feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to share why Sterling could be a wonderful fit. **Go Jets!!!**



💡 College dreams don't just hatch themselves. Break out of your shell and apply for financial aid today!

👉 Start here 👉 <https://DoTheFAFSA.org> or go straight to the Federal Student Aid Website: <https://studentaid.gov/>

More info from Nebraska Department of Education: <https://www.education.ne.gov/fafsa/>

2024-2025 ACT TEST DATES

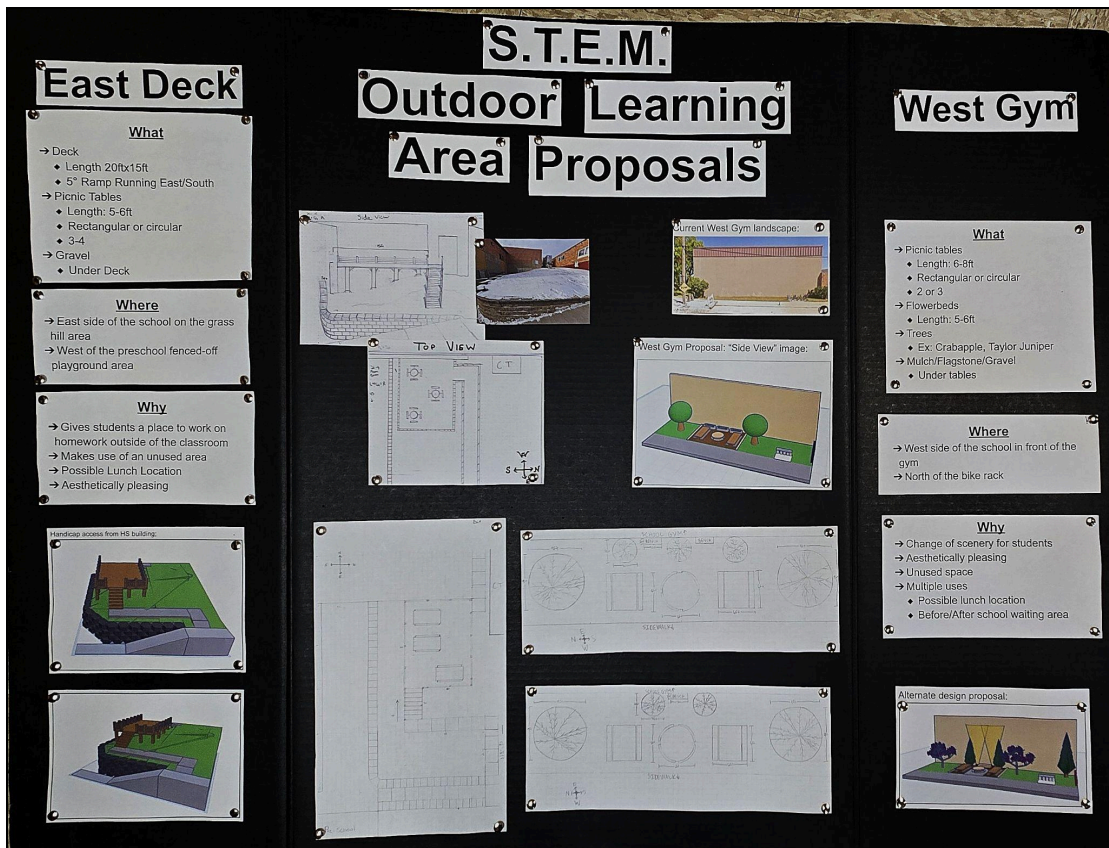
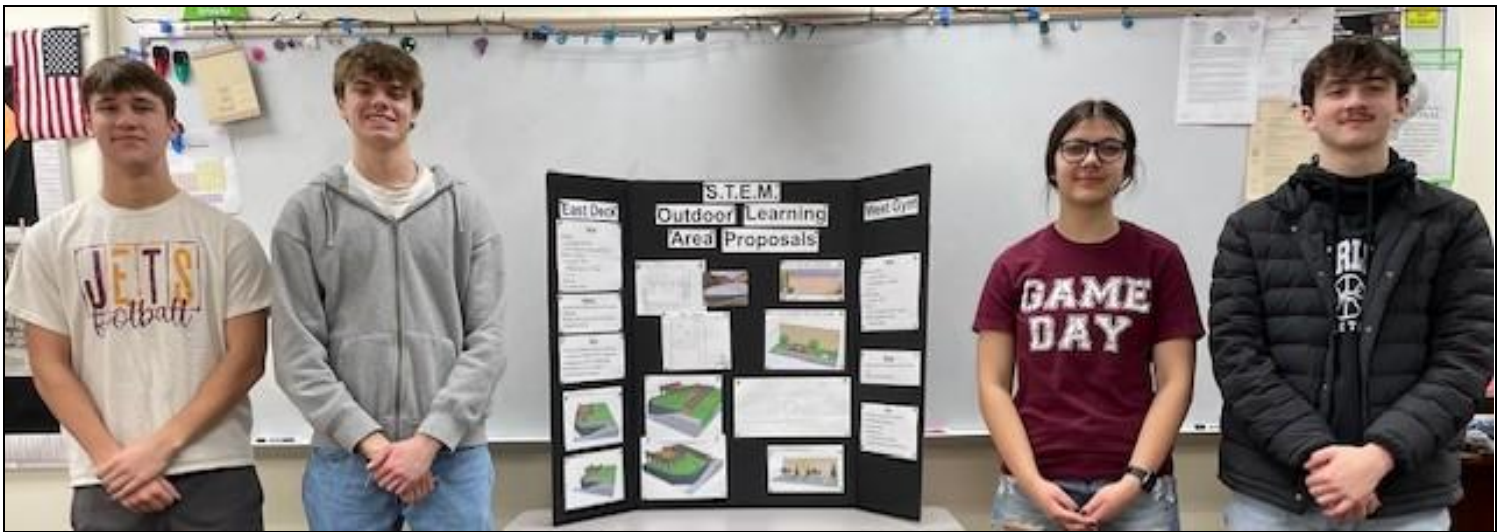
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

S.T.E.M. Outdoor Learning Areas

The SHS S.T.E.M. class had the opportunity to present to the Sterling School Board on Monday January 20th, 2025. The students in this class currently include Ridge Bredthauer, Piper Kinney, Callen McAuliffe, and Colin Wambold. The class and their teacher, Mrs. Rachel Goracke, are seeking approval to move forward with the donation drive and building of their proposed Outdoor Learning Areas (O.L.A. 's) for the school.

The goal is to have the building complete by the end of this school year. The class shared the plans for two possible O.L.A. 's and the estimated costs for each. These proposed areas are a deck addition on the East side of the school building (\$30,000) and a landscaping project on the West side of the building (\$8,500). Proposed areas will include a space with tables and benches that can be utilized by any class PreK - 12th grade.

Thanks to GENEROUS donations from local businesses and families, WE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL!!!



2024-2025 HONOR ROLL

QUARTER 2 SEMESTER 1

Honor Roll of Distinction		Grade	Honor Roll	
Students receiving all A's			Students receiving no class grade lower than a B	
Hailey	Goracke	6th	Malcolm	Harris
Savanah	Heidtbrink		Wyatt	Shelton
Harlea	Thies		Anusha	Thomas
Aubree	Weiland			
Charli	Wusk	7th	Gabriel	Addleman-Platt
			Harper	Allen
			Brinnly	Chadwick
			Riley	McCoy
			Jack	Sterup
		8th	Gideon	Matkins
Braylee	Houghton	9th	Bryce	Goracke
Jocelyn	Rathe		Chloe	Paulson
Miles	Wambold		Kynli	Portwood
Ellen	Winter			
Joie	Janssen	10th		
David	Roecker			
Taylor	Truscott			
Owen	Uher			
Brody	Horstman	11th	Jubilee	Matkins
Chloe	Smith			
Ridge	Bredthauer	12th	Lauren	Hoak
Oliwia	Ferdyn		Callen	McAuliffe
Piper	Kinney		Emily	Meyer
Colin	Wambold		Lucía	Ortega Perez
Callene	Wusk		Peyton	Tallant

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			Marshall	Winter
Jack	Sterup	7th	Gabriel	Addleman-Platt
Charli	Wusk		Harper	Allen
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			Riley	McCoy
			Carter	Paulson
		8th	Gideon	Matkins
			Nora	Uher
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Miles	Wambold			
Ellen	Winter			
Joie	Janssen	10th	Trevor	Pella
David	Roecker			
Taylor	Truscott			
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Callene	Wusk			

DO YOU USE A VEHICLE FOR YOUR CAREER?

We are looking for your help!

Sterling Public Schools'

CAREERS ON WHEELS FAIR

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
1PM - 3PM

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THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY.

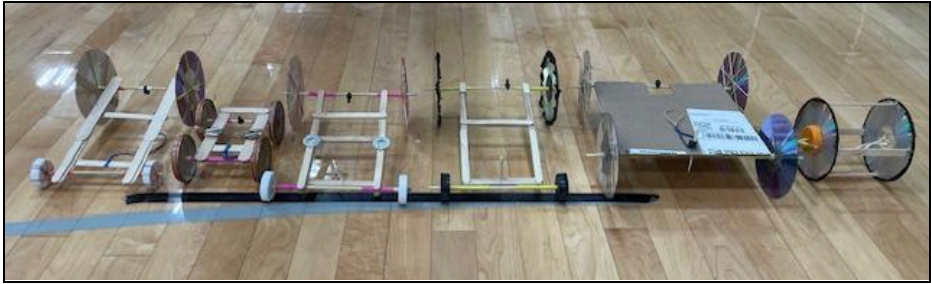
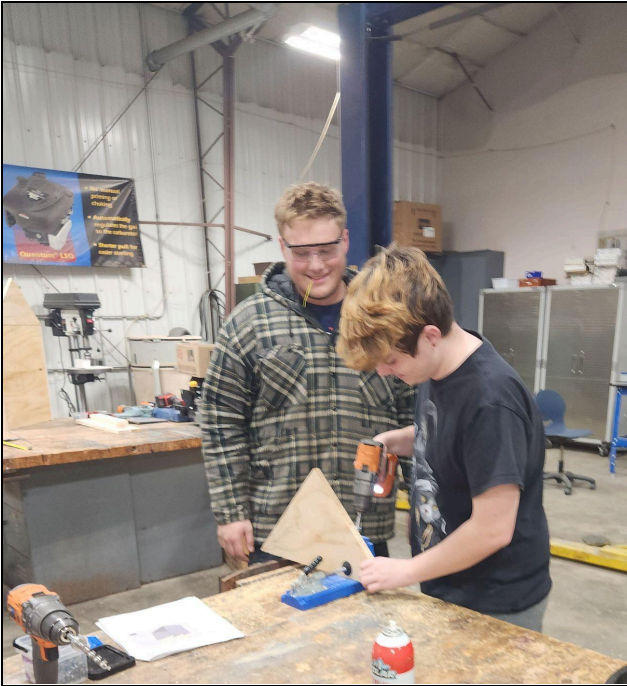
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING STUDENTS PURSUING A SECONDARY EDUCATION.

STERLING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

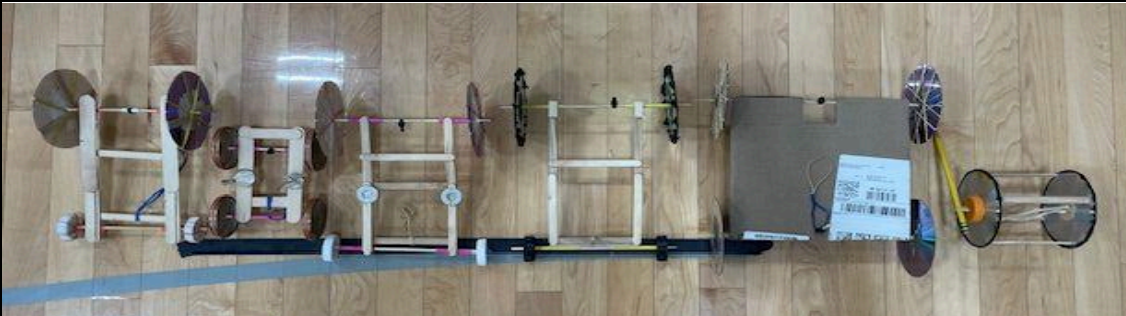
Jets in Action...



CONSTRUCTION & SMALL ENGINES



S.T.E.M. RUBBER BAND CARS



MARCH 2025 MENUS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 B - Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Little Smokies L - Hamburger	4 B - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt L - Taco & Rice	5 B - Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Hash Browns L - Fish, Roll	6 B - Cook's Choice L - Cook's Choice	7 NO SCHOOL
10 B - Pop Tart, Sausage Patty L - Corn Dog	11 B - Bagel w/ Cream Cheese, Bacon L - Rib Patty	12 B - Breakfast Burrito, Egg Patty L - Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes	13 B - Cook's Choice L - Cook's Choice	14 NO SCHOOL
17 B - Tornado, Scrambled Eggs L - Sloppy Joe, Fries	18 B - Breakfast Sandwich, Yogurt L - Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick	19 B - Pancake, Eggstravaganza L - Biscuits w/ Gravy, Eggs	20 B - Cheese Omelet, Polish Sausage L - Chicken Sandwich, Chips	21 B - Donut Holes, Egg Patty, Sausages L - Mac & Cheese, PB&J
24 B - French Toast, Sausages L - Chicken Teriyaki, Rice	25 B - Chocolate Oatmeal, Ham Patty L - Cheeseburger, Fries	26 B - Muffins, Sausage Patty L - Pizza	27 B - Breakfast Pizza, Hash Browns L - Chicken Nuggets	28 B - Biscuits w/ Sausage Gravy, Egg Patty L - Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese
31 B - Uncrustable, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages L - Frito Chili Pie	<p><i>*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p> <p><i>*Menu is subject to change without notice.</i></p>		<p><i>*Breakfast served with Fruit, Milk, Juice.</i></p> <p><i>*Lunch served with Fruit, Veggies, Salad Bar, Milk.</i></p>	

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LETTER JACKET FORMS
are available on the
school website:
www.sterlingjets.org

2nd Annual Boys Basketball Fish Fry



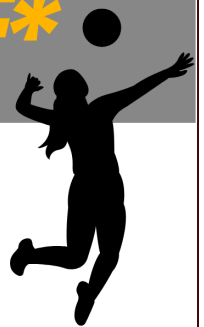
March 21st
5:00-7:30PM

Includes- Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Hush
Puppies, Dessert, and a
Drink.

Sterling Community Building
440 Illinois Street

Dine-In OR Get It To-Go

YOUTH SPORTS KICK-OFF



Interested in getting your kids involved
in youth sports or just have questions?

Come chat with our Youth Sports
Representatives at the **Boys Basketball
Fish Fry on March 21st from 5-7:30PM**
at the **Community Building!**





MARCH 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar subject to change.						1 Boys BB District Finals
2	3 1st Day of Track Practice Johnson-Brock JH GBB Tournament - 4PM	4 Freshmore Music Clinic @ JCC	5	6	7 NO SCHOOL	8
9	10 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM College Visit to York College	11 1st Grade Field Trip to SAC Museum 10th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln - 1:30PM	12	13 College Visit to UNO	14 NO SCHOOL End of 3rd Quarter	15 JH/HS Trap Shoot @ Crete Izaak Walton Club
16	17 District Speech Contest @ David City - 9AM School Board Meeting - 7PM in the Library	18	19 NO PRESCHOOL Pioneer Conference HS Quiz Bowl @ Diller-Odell	20 Health Career Day Malcolm Music Contest (Grades 6-8)	21 HTRS Music Contest (Grades 5-8) Boys BB Fish Fry @ Community Building	22 JH/HS Shoot @ Otoe County Wildlife Club MUDECAS All Star BB Games - GIRLS @ 4:30PM/BOYS @ 6:15PM
23	24 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM Pioneer Conference JH Quiz Bowl @ Southern	25 ACT Test Date 6th Grade Field Trip to Homestead National Monument 7th/8th Grade Visit to SCC-Milford 9th/10th Grade Visit to Highland Community College	26 NO PRESCHOOL NO ELEMENTARY Pioneer Conference Indoor Track @ Crete/Doane - 9:30AM	27 ESU HS Quiz Bowl @ PSC 3-6:30PM	28 Peru State Math Competition Palmyra Track Triangular - 3PM	29 JH/HS Trap Shoot @ Crete Izaak Walton Club Class D All State Band Competition
30	31 FFA Pancake Feed - TBA	April 1 Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend - 10AM	2 2:45PM DISMISSAL	STATE SPEECH CHAMPIONS		5 JH/HS Trap Shoot @ Beatrice Gun Club ACT Test Date Prom
				STATE FFA CONVENTION		

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

Adrian Allen

PREK - 12 PRINCIPAL

Jacob Davenport

March 2025								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
						1	7	NO SCHOOL - State BB
						14	14	NO SCHOOL - State BB
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	19	NO PREK
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	26	NO PREK
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	26	NO ELEMENTARY - Elem. Teacher Inservice
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							
April 2025								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	2	2:45PM Dismissal - Teacher Inservice
							9	NO PREK
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9	2:45PM Dismissal - Teacher Inservice
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18-21	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	30	NO PREK
27	28	29	30					
May 2025								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
				1	2	3	7	NO PREK
							7	(Seniors) Last Day of School
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	Graduation @ 2PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	14	(PreK) Last Day of School
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	14	PreK Graduation
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	21	(K-11) Last Day - 1:37PM Dismissal
							22	Teacher Workday

No School PreK-12

No Elementary

Early Out @ 2:45PM

Parent/Teacher Conferences

No PreK

First/Last Day of School

Early Out @ 1:37PM

CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE