

July 2009

PARENT CONNECTION



Upcoming Events:

July

- July 22-23, 27-28, 30—
Registration 10 a.m.—
1p.m. and 3-6:30 p.m.

August

- August 11-Fall Student Athlete-Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- August 18- Freshmen Orientation 5:30 -6:30 p.m.
- August 18—SHS Open House 6:30—8:00 p.m.
- August 20- First Day of School 8:00—11:30 a.m.
- August 21-SHS Blue-Gold Scrimmage—Meet the Warriors 5:00 p.m.

September

- September 7-Labor Day (No School)
- September 16- Early Out (11:30 a.m.)
- September 17-Midterm
- September 18- Homecoming Parade and Football Game
- September 19- Homecoming Dance

Summer Happenings at SHS

Dear Parents,

I trust all of you are enjoying your summer vacation now that the heat of summer has finally arrived. I am extremely excited about all that is going on at Sterling High School this summer.

In June we had six summer school classes in session, as well as teacher trainings in Springboard. Springboard is a college preparatory high school English curriculum that we will begin using in English

I through English 4 next year. All Freshman Academy lockers have also painted by a local Eagle Scout nominee and they look great. The 4th Avenue side of Sterling High School is beginning to receive a makeover.

July will find Sterling High School's second session of summer school taking place and final preparations for the start of school in full swing.

I am excited for August 17th and the return of teachers and even more excited for August

20th and the first day of student attendance. The 2009-2010 school year will be one of great expectations for all students and staff.

Enjoy the next six weeks of your summer vacation. Recharge your batteries and get ready for the start of school and remember Academics + Assets + Activities = Achievement.

Jason Austin
Principal

SHS Website Receives an "Extreme Makeover"

In an effort to improve communication between Sterling Public Schools and all of its stakeholders, the district website and all school websites are receiving "extreme makeovers".

This makeover will make sites easier to navigate and give them a more professional look. All sites should be up and running by the start of school.

The new Sterling Public School district site is already functional and can be viewed at the following link:

www.sterlingpublicschools.org.

Sterling High School's website should be completed by the middle of July. One of the biggest enhancements of the high school's website will be a calendar on the main page that will hold all the dates for everything that goes on at SHS, including athletics, music, drama, and all other clubs. If you are interested in following the progress of the high school's new website, please visit at www.sterlingpublicschools.org/shs.

*First Day of School—
August 20th 8:00—11:30 a.m.*
All Students report to their Homeroom where
IDs, Lanyards, and Student Handbooks will be distributed.



Sterling High School's Mission Statement

Sterling Schools in partnership with parents and community, will create a caring environment in which all students learn. This partnership shall empower all students to become responsible learners and decision-makers as they prepare for the future.

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Travis Myers, Counselor
Kris Hippen, Secretary/Registrar

Parent Coordinator

Janet Freed

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Student Schedules and Registration

Student Schedules for the 2009-2010 school year were mailed the last week of June. If you did not receive a copy of your child's schedule, please contact the main office. Requests for a course change may be made by filling out a "Course Change" request form available in the main office. Office hours are Monday—Friday 7 a.m.—4 p.m.

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held July 22-23, 27-28 and July 30 from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. and from 3—6:30 p.m. at Sterling High School. High School students will need to have their ID picture taken at registration. Two Sterling High School counselors will be available to assist with schedules July 22nd, 23rd, 27th, and 28th.



WILL YOU BE A NEW STUDENT AT STERLING HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FALL.?

If so, please come visit. Call the high school main office at (815) 625-6800 to schedule a time for a tour.

Activities and Athletics

Mandatory Student-Athlete-Parent Meeting

If your child wants to be a student-athlete for fall sports during the 2009-10 school year, a parent and the student MUST attend the scheduled meeting in August at the Centennial Auditorium.

August 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Fall Team Meetings

Fall Team meetings will take place immediately following the Mandatory Parent Meeting. (Football, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Football Poms and Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Girls Swimming).

Fall Practices start on Aug. 12th. Before you are allowed to practice, the following must be on file in the Activities Office:

- Updated Physical
- Participation Fee (\$75 per student/ per sport: \$225 Family Max)
- Emergency Medical Information
- IHSA Eligibility Form
- Mandatory Parent Meeting

(All forms are on line at the Sterling High School web site and Sterling Pride web site)

2009 Season Football Tickets

- Tickets go on sale August 3rd
- Cost is \$25 for 5 home games

This year a Family All Sports Pass will be available. You may purchase the Family All Sports Pass for \$120.00 and that will allow 2 adults and 1-4 students into all home games (excluding tournaments).