

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL



Upcoming Events:

September

- September 5th--Labor Day
No School
- September 12th-17th
Homecoming Week
- September 14th—
Homeroom Schedule
- September 14th-Athletic
Booster Meeting 7 p.m.
- September 19th-Marking
Period 1 Ends
- September 19th—ABC
Meeting 7 p.m.
- September 21st-Early
Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
- September 21st-Physics
Boat Races
- September 21st-Senior
Night Meeting



SHS Starts Strong with Open House

Wow! If the Open House is any indication of the year we are going to have at SHS, we are in for a great school year! There were approximately 320 families and over 200 individual students who attended on August 15th. It was awesome! The halls were crowded with students acclimating themselves to the building and parents and teachers meeting for the first time, establishing important communication lines. Many enjoyed the free food and a few lucky winners came away with some nice prizes.

If you were unable to attend our Open House, there are many ways for you to be active in your child's education. First and foremost is keeping communication open with your child. If you have not established an Edline account, please contact the main

office at (815) 625-6800. Edline provides parents and students with up-to-date online information about their grades and homework in each of their classes.

Daily announcements are on our webpage at www.sterlingpublicschools.org/shs. And, most recently, we established a Facebook account. Like "Sterling Golden Warriors" and see events and activities streamed live.

Walking through the hallways these past few weeks, I have witnessed first hand the great job you are doing raising your children. They are polite, engaged, and learning. It truly has been a great beginning. May the beginning of our school/parent relationship carry your children to be our leaders of tomorrow.

Jason Austin
Principal

LOCK YOUR LOCKER!

Please talk to your children about locking their lockers! We have beautiful new lockers and would like to keep them that way. Many freshman and sophomore students are failing to do this! Lockers not locked encourage theft and destruction. Items stolen out of an unlocked locker will not be investigated. Please help us keep your child's things protected and show pride in our new lockers. It will save everyone in the long run...in time, effort and money!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

Parents and students are invited to attend a great educational, entertaining and free event sponsored by the Sterling Township. On Wednesday, September 21st and Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00 PM – 7:30PM, nationally renown speaker Eddy Weiss will be at the Sterling High School Centennial Auditorium.

With a background in crisis counseling and rescue work, Mr. Weiss has become a leading authority in the areas of Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Mitigation, and practical problem solving for families and their children during a crisis. Mr. Weiss, who serves as the Assistant Director of Chasing4Life as well as for [The Whirlwind Foundation](#), brings a unique perspective and a breath of fresh air into a subject few wish to talk about; "Disaster, what if it happens here?"

PARKING AT SHS!

As you may have noticed already this year, Sterling High School has adopted new parking regulations. These regulations are meant to allow parents and all visitors easier access to Sterling High School during the school day. The cul-de-sac side of 4th Avenue, where the main entrance is located, is reserved for visitor and handicap parking during school hours. Please call the main office at (815) 625-6800 if you have any questions about the new parking regulations.





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.

Sterling High School

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Mary Rhodes, Secretary

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Counselors

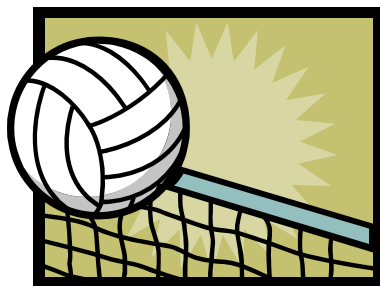
Darci Francis, Counselor

Kaileen Gaumer, Counselor

Cami Hartman, Counselor

Travis Myers, Counselor

Kris Hippen, Secretary/Registrar



Homecoming 2011

Surf, Sand and Fun!!

Fri., Sept. 9th

Pre-Homecoming Assembly 2:20 p.m.

Announce Dress Days and

Class competitions

Tues., Sept. 13th

Yearbook Dedication—2:20 p.m.

Entire School will report to the auditorium for the yearbook dedication ceremony and then go to the field-house to receive/purchase yearbooks. Students will have time in the field-house to look at yearbooks.

Coed Cross Country—4:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer—4:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis—4:30 p.m.

Girls Swimming and Diving-4:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept 14th

Powder Puff Football—5:30 p.m.

Bonfire—7:30—9:00 p.m.

Homecoming Court Announced at Bonfire

Thurs., Sept. 15th

SSF BBQ 11 a.m.—7 p.m.

Make plans to attend the 2011 Sterling Schools Foundation Homecoming BBQ, Thursday, September 15th at the SHS cul-de-sac. SSF will be selling delicious BBQ pork chop and chicken fillet sandwiches. Proceeds will benefit various SSF student-support programs, including the A+ Initiative and Bucks for Books. See you there!

Boys Golf—4:30 p.m.

Girls "Pack the House" Volleyball—5:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 16th

Homecoming Assembly 2:20 p.m.

Line Up for Parade 3:00 p.m.

Parade 3:30 p.m.

Sophomore Football vs. Dekalb 5:15 p.m.

Varsity Football vs. Dekalb 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 17th

Dance - Fieldhouse 8- 11 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale Monday through Friday during the lunch hours during the week of homecoming in the cafeteria hallway.

Single: \$8 Couple: \$13 if bought in advance

Single: \$10 Couple: \$15 at the door



**CAREER /
COLLEGE
LUNCHES**

Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Lunches will be starting this month. Each month, we will choose a different topic to present to students pertaining to career and college preparation. This month's topics include:

Sophomore Lunches:

Sophomores can join the counselors during lunch on September 6th. This month, students will reflect on freshman year, and work to develop goals to help them be successful this year as sophomores.

Junior Lunches: Juniors can join the counselors during lunch on September 7th. This month, students will focus on career research and learn how to navigate the Career Cruising website.

Senior Lunches: Seniors can join the counselors during lunch on September 8th. This month, students will focus on college applications and essays.

Valuable information is given to those who attend. Please encourage your child to bring his/her lunch and join us!

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COLLEGE NIGHT AT SHS

Attention all senior parents!

We will be hosting our annual College Night on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. We will be presenting information on the college selection and application process, as well as information regarding financial aid and scholarships. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Your senior student will be meeting with his/her counselor this month to discuss college and career opportunities. At this meeting, your son/daughter will be given a "Senior Folder". This folder has valuable information such as important dates, ACT test information, college application information, scholarships, and much more. Please ask to see your child's folder, and feel free to call one of the

HISPANIC COLLEGE FAIR

The Hispanic College Fair will be Thursday, October 13th. We will be taking students to Rockford to attend the Hispanic College Fair. This is an all-day event for interested junior and senior students. There will be over 50 representatives from colleges, universities, and trade schools. Please ask your junior or senior student to sign up in the counseling office.

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES:

A Potential Funding Source for Students with Disabilities who attend College or Vocational-Technical Training after High School

High school students with disabilities who are found eligible for services from the Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) may qualify for college or vocational/technical training services that will assist them in pursuing their chosen field of study after high school. Some of the potential services available from DRS include: financial contribution towards tuition/fees, financial contribution towards room/board, and financial contribution towards textbooks, supplies, and other materials required of all students in the chosen program of study. DRS can contribute funds for the cost of one application to an Illinois institution of higher education.

In order to qualify for these services students must meet certain criteria and submit specific documentation to DRS. Approval of college or vocational/technical training services is made by the Rehabilitation Services Supervisor of the DRS office. Factors that influence whether or not a student will qualify for these services include: ACT, SAT, Prairie State, or college placement exam scores; high school curriculum; class rank; cumulative gpa; previous work experience; and other diagnostic tests as appropriate. Appropriateness of the chosen vocational goal is also taken into consideration. Students can start researching their vocational interests/goals early using a tool at www.thecareerindex.com, this website provides labor market statistics such as salary ranges, educational/training requirements, likelihood of job openings in certain demographic areas, and skills needed for specific jobs. Students must complete the FAFSA application for financial aid, provide proof of award or denial letter from the college financial aid office, show proof of acceptance to their chosen program of study, provide information for financial analysis, and provide a final high school transcript. State of Illinois training programs and institutions of higher education are given priority over private and out of state institutions.

Current students who are receiving DRS services should begin working with their DRS counselor as soon as possible if they are interested in pursuing college or vocational/technical training after high school and would like DRS assistance to do so. Most of the planning/preparation for these services are done in the last semester of Senior year, but students should not wait until that time to discuss these services with their counselor. Students who are not currently receiving services from DRS, but are interested in doing so should contact the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for Sterling High School for further information:

Jessica L. Edwards 2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 1 Sterling, Illinois 61081 (815) 625-8885

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Event Changes and Cancellations

If an event gets cancelled or changed, there are a few places you should be able to find the information.

SHS Callout (Parents)

WSDR

www.sterlingpride.com

www.highschoolsports.net

Shop at Kroger and Support Your Golden Warriors

Kroger makes a donation equaling 3% of all money added to the rewards card. This past year over \$3700 was earned in the program. It is easy as a credit card to use. Remember, this program helps out all Activities at Sterling High School. Contact any booster club member or email shsboosters@comcast.net with your contact information and they will get a card for you.



ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES

BOARD POLICY 7.245

On August 17th, the Sterling Public Schools Board of Education amended Board Policy 7.245. In order to participate in athletics at Sterling High School, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA each semester. If a student would fail to reach a 2.0 in a particular semester, they would have to go to academic remediation in order to regain their eligibility. Academic remediation would consist of attending study table 4 out of 5 days a week, as well as maintaining a weekly 2.0 GPA. Failure to do these would deem that student-athlete ineligible for the next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3 rd	Water Warrior Invite	Duis Center
September 9 th	LaSalle -Peru FB (Hall of Fame Night)	Roscoe Eades
September 16 th	DeKalb FB (Homecoming)	Roscoe Eades
September 17 th	Sauk Valley Freshmen VB	Westwood
September 24 th	40th Golf Invitational	Emerald Hill
September 24 th	Rock River Run	Hoover Park
October 1 st	Volleyball Invitational	Westwood

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday November 26, 2011

2ND ANNUAL SHS ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Join us for the second SHS Alumni basketball event! Get together with former teammates, enjoy a day of basketball, and make new memories. Entry fee is just \$20, which covers the cost of a t-shirt with your name and number on the back and entry fee. Not only is this a terrific event, it is also a fundraiser for the girls' and boys' basketball programs; any donations above and beyond \$20 will go directly to support the basketball programs at SHS. Deadline to register is Friday November 11, 2011. Online registration available @ www.sterlingschoolsfoundation.org

Any questions can be directed to:

Julie Schroeder (jschroeder@sterlingschools.org) or

Ryan Brown (rbrown@sterlingschools.org) or

Call the Sterling Schools Foundation 815-626-0022

GO WARRIORS!