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FALL 2023



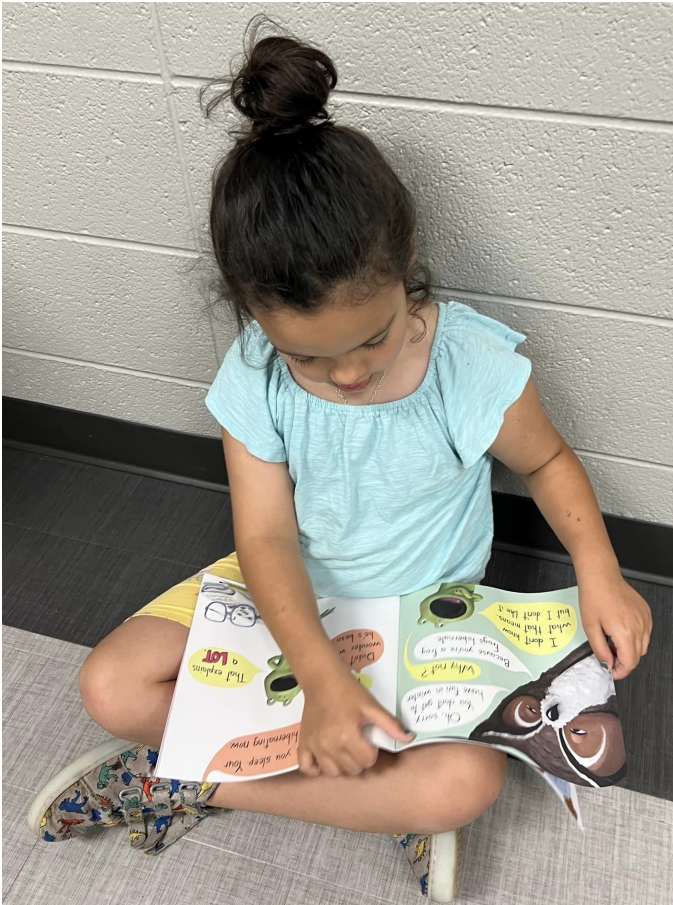
Superintendent's Message

Whether we like it or not, we are all lifelong learners, because experience and change demand it. At Sturgis Public Schools, we are embarking on an exciting journey of learning to proactively better ourselves through Stephen R. Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, so that we can better serve you. Stephen Covey said, "To achieve goals you've never achieved before, you need to start doing things you've never done before."

Art Ebert
SPS Superintendent



We Are For You



Rhyleigh Villanueva reads a book at Summer Academic Camp.

Mission Statement

Sturgis Public Schools provides rigorous learning environments that are student focused, strategically collaborative, and taught through a variety of experiences and opportunities. We remove barriers that prevent success and cultivate lifelong

Board of Education*

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The public is welcome to attend the monthly study sessions and regular meetings of the Board of Education. The Board meets at 5:30 p.m. for the study sessions at the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room on the second Monday of each month. On the third Monday of the month the regular meeting is held at 5:30 p.m. in different schools in the District. Please see the schedule of the meetings posted on the Sturgis web page at www.sturgisps.org under the Board of Education menu listing.

Cover: J'mir Cofield running alongside Summer Academic Camp staff member Precious Smiley.

Superintendent's Corner

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To this end, we (staff throughout the district, which includes every teacher, bus driver, secretary, educational assistant, administrator, and so on) are embarking on a deep dive into Covey's 7 Habits. During the 2023-24 school year, our focus will be on Habits One through Three. The first three habits represent our Private Victory over all aspects of our lives.

Habit 1: Be Proactive

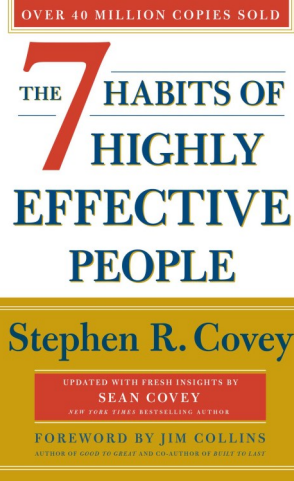
I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor. - Henry David Thoreau

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least. - Goethe



The quotes above, were pulled from and are foundational to Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. I encourage you to pick up a copy, and learn alongside us.

Our learning will start on Thursday, August 17th as we bring in four certified trainers from FranklinCovey for a full day of learning.

With appreciation,
 Dr. Art Ebert
 Superintendent
 Sturgis Public Schools

SPS Mobile App

Sturgis Public Schools has a mobile app that allows you to view school calendars, peruse local news, locate contact information, link to student attendance and grades, find athletic schedules, preview lunch menus, receive school and district alerts, and make online payments. The Sturgis Public Schools App can be downloaded from the *Google Play Store* or the *Apple Store*.



News

Before/After School Care

Eastwood Elementary School hosts safe, convenient, and affordable before-and after-school care for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The program is run by Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan. All of the staff are trained to provide safe, inclusive places where kids can build confidence, explore interests, and enhance skills. The Boys & Girls Clubs before and after-school care curriculum includes an education program designed to prepare youth to be competitive graduates. A leadership and character development program empowers youth to become good citizens. A healthy lifestyle program encourages positive behaviors and stress management. To participate in the program there is a one-time membership fee of \$5 per student for the entire school year. Shuttle service will be provided to and from Congress, Wall, and Wenzel Schools.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Substitute Teachers

EduStaff is an educational staffing company that specializes in training and providing quality substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and other employee types for Sturgis Public Schools. Substitute teaching offers flexible scheduling, the opportunity to work in your child or grandchild's school, and potential hiring opportunities. To become a substitute teacher in Michigan, applicants must be fingerprinted and pass a criminal background check and have one of the following qualifications:

- Current Michigan Teaching Certificate
- Expired Michigan Teaching Certificate
- 60+ credit hours from an accredited community college or university with no less than a 2.0 GPA
- Valid Out-of-State Teaching Certificate accompanied by an official transcript

To apply, or to find out more information about becoming a substitute teacher, log on to www.EduStaff.org or call 877-974-6338.

School Open Houses

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| Congress | Wednesday, August 16th | 4-6 PM |
| Wall | Wednesday, August 16th | 4-6 PM |
| Wenzel | Wednesday, August 16th | 4-6 PM |
| Eastwood | Thursday, August 17th | 4-6 PM |
| Middle School | Thursday, August 17th | 5-7 PM |
| High School | Wednesday, August 16th | 5-7 PM |
| ECSE & GSRP | TBA | |



SPS Transportation Department wins the 2023 Sturgis Fest Electric Night Parade's "Most Electrified Award."

District Improvements

Sturgis Public Schools is committed to providing safe, comfortable, and engaging learning environments for our students. Summer gives us a unique opportunity to maintain and improve our school grounds, buildings, and equipment. Here is a list of our 2023 Summer projects:

- ◆ Built new inclusive playgrounds at Jerolene School and Sturgis Central Commons.
- ◆ Painted and installed new flooring in classrooms at Congress Elementary School, Wall Elementary School, Wenzel Elementary School, in the EDGE Classroom and Office at Sturgis High School, and in the Boardroom at Sturgis Central Commons.
- ◆ Replaced student chairs, tables, and desks at Congress, Wall, and Wenzel Elementary Schools with new flexible furniture.
- ◆ Replaced chairs and tables in the Boardroom at Sturgis Central Commons with new flexible furniture.
- ◆ Upgraded heating, cooling, and ventilation throughout the district, and added air conditioning to the main gym and auxiliary gym at Sturgis High School.
- ◆ Renovated a second floor wing at Sturgis Central Commons for ISD special education programming.



New classroom furniture at Wall Elementary School.

Safety Enhancements

Sturgis Public Schools is committed to providing safe learning environments for our students. We were fortunate to be able to take advantage of several safety grants this year. Here is a list of some of our safety upgrades:

- ◆ Adding a half-day School Resource Officer (SRO) who will focus his efforts on serving our Elementary Schools.
- ◆ New building crisis plans.
- ◆ New classroom emergency flipcharts.
- ◆ Replaced old non-robust interior doors and frames with new robust interior doors and frames throughout the district.
- ◆ Purchased 50 new portable two-way radios for communication and emergency response.
- ◆ Installing Raptor district-wide, which is an integrated school safety software that enables schools to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from an emergency.
- ◆ Replacing select surveillance cameras throughout the district.
- ◆ Adding a set of double doors at Sturgis Central Commons to separate the preschool programs from the rest of the building.
- ◆ Adding seven new door access card readers that select entrances throughout the district to support our efforts of moving away from keyed entry.



Aldo Cruz Nieves shows off his patriotic spirit at Summer Academic Camp.

Food Service News

Free School Meals for All Students:

Breakfast AND lunch are FREE for ALL PreK-12 students.

Dietary Concerns or Allergies:

Accommodations are made for students with dietary and/or allergy concerns. Please fill out a form at their school to request these accommodations. Forms must be updated each year.

Questions About Food Service:

Call (269) 659-1546 or email dcline@sturgisps.org.



Wood door & frame getting replaced by a metal door & frame at Wall Elementary School.

Required State and Federal Notices

Family Rights

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Parents may inspect and review educational records of their students within 45 days of making a written request to the building principal.

Parents may request that records be amended by the school where there is a belief that inaccuracies exist. Such requests shall be made in writing and directed to the building principal.

The school may disclose the contents of a student's educational records to school officials having a legitimate educational interest without parental consent. School officials include administrators, supervisors, counselors, teachers, support staff members, a school board member, or a person or company contracted by the district to perform a special task.

The school may release directory information without parental consent, unless the parent has filed a written objection to releases with their building principal. Directory information about a student includes: Name, address, telephone number, date of birth, photograph, major field of study or grade, participation in school activities, dates of school attendance, honors and awards, and other general information generally found in yearbooks.

Parents have a right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office in the U.S. Department of Education.

The above parental rights transfer to the student when he or she turns 18 years of age or enters a post-secondary educational institution at any age.

Protection of Pupil Rights

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) governs the administration to students of a survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight protected areas:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondent have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognize privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

If such surveys are funded by the U.S. Department of Education, prior written parent approval must be received before the survey is administered. Non-department funded surveys may be conducted without written parental permission provided there is prior notification to the parent indicating the purpose, approximate dates of administration and an opportunity for the parent to opt their student out of participation.



Bodie Klopfenstein looks through the pretzel that he is making during a field trip to Ben's Pretzels.

Highly Qualified Teacher

Our district receives funding from many resources, one of which is Title I, Part A, a grant provided by the federal government. As a requirement for receiving funds under this program, each school must meet the guidelines for "highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals" in each subject area using a system approved by the Michigan Board of Education.

Parent(s), may request information on your child's teacher(s):

- Certification for grade level and subject.
- Emergency or provisional status.
- BA major and graduate degrees.
- Whether a paraprofessional teachers your child.

The district will notify you when your child is being taught for 4 consecutive weeks by teachers NOT highly qualified.

If you would like to receive this information, please put your request in writing to **Nicole Gittinger**, 107 W. West Street, Sturgis, MI or email ngittinger@sturgisps.org. A response to your request will be provided in five business days.

Educational Services

Educational Services to Homeless and Migrant Children

Homeless Students: Students who qualify as homeless by state guidelines are eligible for immediate enrollment and educational services, with or without required entry documents.

Migrant Students: Students whose families have moved within the past 36 months to obtain temporary employment in agriculture or fishing are eligible for regular school year and summer programs designed to provide basic instruction in the core curriculum. Priority will be given to those who have moved during the academic year and are in jeopardy of not meeting the academic standards of the core curriculum.

Required State and Federal Notices

Nondiscrimination Policy

In compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Sturgis Public Schools District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment. For more information, or to communicate website accessibility issues, contact: Nicole Gittinger, Assistant Superintendent 107 W. West Street, Sturgis, MI 49091 (269) 659-1506.

Declaration of no Discrimination

En conformidad con el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Título IX de las Enmiendas de Educación de 1972, la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990 y la Ley de Derechos Civiles de Elliott-Larsen de 1977, es política del Distrito de las Escuelas Públicas de Sturgis que a ninguna persona, por motivos de raza, color, religión, origen nacional o ascendencia, sexo, discapacidad, altura, peso o estado civil, se le excluya de participar en, se le niegue los beneficios de, o ser objeto de discriminación durante cualquier programa, actividad, servicio o en el empleo. Las Formas de Quejas de las Escuelas Públicas de Sturgis pueden ser obtenidas llamando a la Oficiara del Director General al (269) 659-1506.

Grievance Procedures

Any person believing that the Sturgis Public School district or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of any of the following principles have the right to file a grievance:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability;
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
- Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976 prohibits discrimination in Michigan on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status or marital status in employment, housing, education, and access to public accommodations;
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, prohibits discrimination on the basis of age

For more details about grievances and/or SPS procedures please visit our website or contact **Nicole Gittinger** at (269) 659-1506.



Class of 2023 Scholarships

\$863,757

**College Scholarships
\$677,240**

**Scholarships From Other Sources
(Services Clubs, Sturgis Foundation, etc.)
\$70,517**

**(Possible) Michigan Competitive Scholarship
\$116,000**

Class of 2023 Future Plans

Colleges, Universities, and Technical Centers that 2023 Sturgis High School graduates plan to attend:

Two Year Colleges

Alpena Community College
Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Southwest Michigan College
Waubensee Community College (Illinois)

Four Year Colleges

Ball State University (Indiana)
Benedictine College (Kansas)
Central Michigan University
Columbia College-Chicago (Illinois)
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
Full Sail University (Florida)
Dakota State University (South Dakota)
Grand Valley State University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Northern Michigan University
Oklahoma Wesleyan University (Oklahoma)
Olivet University
Southwestern Michigan College
Spring Arbor University
Trine University (Indiana)
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
Western Michigan University

Technical & Certificate Programs

Airline Transport Pilot-Ypsilanti
Coastal Pines Technical College (Georgia)
Cosmetology and Spa Academy
Kalamazoo Center for the Healing Arts
University of Technical Institution
Western Michigan College of Barbering

Required State and Federal Notices

Pesticide Policy

Sturgis Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

1. Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
2. Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting **Ben Currier** at bencurrier@sturgisps.org or 269-659-1590.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail post-marked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, contact Ben Currier at bencurrier@sturgisps.org or 269-659-1590.



Adam Miller

Annual Report

The Annual Education Report (AER) is a report designed to meet federal and state requirements. The report provides detailed data on state administered student assessment results, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results, teacher qualifications information, and the state results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). There is a District Annual Report link on the front page of the Sturgis Public Schools' website at www.sturgisps.org. Every building will also have an Annual Report link on the front page of its website.

Hard copies are available at the Sturgis Central Commons. Please contact Brain Tallmadge at (269) 659-1500.

Contact Information

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| Congress, Wall, Wenzel: | 8:35 - 3:30 (1/2 day 11:55) |
| Eastwood: | 8:50 - 3:45 (1/2 day 12:10) |
| Sturgis Middle School: | 7:25 - 2:20 (1/2 day 10:45) |
| Sturgis High School: | 7:40 - 2:35 (1/2 day 11:00) |
| GSRP Preschool: | 8:35 - 3:30 (1/2 day 11:55) |

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| District Office (Main Switch Board) | 659-1500 |
| Superintendent: Art Ebert | |
| Assistant Superintendent: Nicole Gittinger | |
| Finance Director: Ray Sterling | |

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| High School - Grades 9-12 | 659-1515 |
| Principal: Nick Herblet | |

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| Middle School - Grades 6-8 | 659-1550 |
| Principal: Jimmy Lamb | |

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| Eastwood - Grades 3-5 | 659-1560 |
| Principal: Mike Miller | |

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| Congress - Grades K-2 | 659-1565 |
| Principal: Vince LaPorte | |

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| Wall- Grades K-2 | 659-1570 |
| Principal: Harmonee McCrea | |

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| Wenzel- Grades K-2 | 659-1575 |
| Principal: Vince LaPorte | |

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| GSRP Preschool | 659-1570 |
| Principal: Harmonee McCrea | |

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| EDGE Alternative Education | 659-5373 |
| Principal: Nick Herblet | |

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| GED/Adult Education | 659-1540 |
| Career Navigator: MiChelle DeVries | |

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| Technology Department | 659-1512 |
| Technology Director: Chad Bennett | |

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| Athletic Department | 659-1535 |
| Athletic Director: Andy Hatt | |

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| Food Service | 659-1545 |
| Food Service Director: Darlene Cline | |

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| Transportation | 659-1590 |
| Transportation Supervisor: Doug Camburn | |

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| Facilities | 659-1590 |
| Facilities Supervisor: Ben Currier | |

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| Community Pool | 659-1585 |
| Community Pool Director: Ray Martin | |

www.sturgisps.org

Required State and Federal Notices

Parental Involvement Plan

Parental involvement is the participation of parents in regular, two way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that parents are involved in:

- Developing and implementing appropriate strategies for helping their child achieve the learning objectives that lead to accomplishing desired learning outcomes.
- Providing a mutually supportive school and home environment which encourages learning.
- Their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Action Plan

1. The Sturgis Public Schools (SPS) District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district/school parent involvement plan:
 - The School will form Parent Advisory committees with representation from: parents (including representation from significant subgroups), teachers and administrators to review parent involvement policy and how dollars will be spent.
 - The Parent Advisory committees will meet to review the parent involvement plan and achievement strategies for improvement.
 - Each school will distribute to parents in writing the parent involvement policy in a language parents can understand.
 - Each school will convene an annual meeting at a convenient time in which all parents of children participating in the Title I program are invited in order to inform parents about Title I and their right to be involved.
2. The SPS District will involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, flexible and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of parent involvement plans and Title 1 programs, including planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement plan.
3. The SPS District provides coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
4. The SPS District will build it's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement.



Asbestos Policy

The Local Education Agency (LEA) or Sturgis Public Schools is required under Federal law to maintain a copy of the management plan in the administrative office and each school building. Sturgis Public Schools must notify in writing; parents, teachers and employee organizations at least once a year regarding the management of the asbestos in the schools. The management plan shall be available during school business hours for review without cost or restrictions by the public, including teachers, other school personnel and parents.

Periodic surveillance (inspections) of asbestos containing materials will be completed every six months. Ben Currier is the designated person for the school district. If you have any questions, please call (269) 659-1590.

Military Release Policy

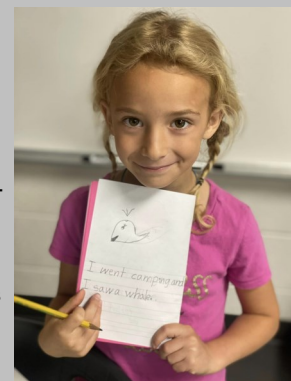
Two federal laws and one Michigan law require the Sturgis Public Schools District to provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students. A parent/guardian or 18-year-old student may exercise the option to withhold consent for the release of this information to military recruiters by contacting Sturgis High School at (269) 659-1515 and following a set of procedures.

Photography Policy

Photos and/or video footage for the purpose of media are taken of school children throughout the year. If you do not want your child to appear in any of the published pieces, please advise the principal at your child's school.

How do Parents Know?

- **Download the Sturgis Public Schools App** - Go to the Google Play Store or Apple Store and download the Sturgis Public Schools App. It allows users to find contact information, view school and athletic schedules, obtain local news, and receive school closing and delay alerts.
- **"Subscribe" to one or all of the school calendars on the website** - Go to www.sturgisps.org, click on "Calendar", click on the "Subscribe" icon, and then enter your email address.
- **Check Facebook** - Sturgis Public Schools has Facebook pages for each school and an overall Sturgis Public Schools page.
- **Check Backpacks** - All sorts of important information could be lurking in your child's backpack.
- **Ask your child's teacher how he/she communicates with parents** - Many teachers use "Remind" or "Class Dojo".
- **Check out the Sturgis Public Schools website** - www.sturgisps.org



Isabelle Thurston

Programming

GSRP Preschool

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a low-cost or free preschool program for income-qualified four-year-old children who live in the Sturgis Public Schools District or reside in St. Joseph County. GSRP features qualified teachers, bilingual support staff, and free transportation. The full-day program is offered at Jerolene School and Sturgis Central Commons.

Children must be four by September 1, 2023. Students turning four between September 1, 2023 and December 1, 2023 may apply for a waiver. Over-income families may attend if there are spots available after all qualified children are enrolled. Apply at www.helpmegrowstjoe.org to enroll your child. For more information about the program, call (269) 659-1570.

EDGE Alternative Education

An enhanced version of Alternative Education is offered at Sturgis High School through the Education for a Greater Experience (EDGE) program. EDGE is taught and mentored by two certified teachers in a newly renovated classroom at Sturgis High School. A secretary dedicated to supporting the EDGE students' needs rounds-out the EDGE staff.

Early Middle College

If tuition-free college sounds good, Sturgis High School's Early Middle College (EMC) program might be for you. EMC allows students to earn their high school diploma and their Glen Oaks Community College associates degree concurrently and in half the time. For more information about Early Middle College, contact the high school guidance office at (269) 659-1520, or call **Anita Lopez-Schlabach** at Glen Oaks Community College at (269) 294-4234.

Adult Education

We provide English as a Second Language (ESL), General Education Diploma (GED), and High School Diploma programming to our adult learners at Sturgis Central Commons. Students must be 18 years of age by July 1, 2023 and be a resident of St. Joseph County or a neighboring county in Michigan or Indiana. For more information, contact **MiChelle DeVries** at (269) 659-1540.



Adeline Johansen painting at Summer Academic Camp.



Wally Wheeler mentors CTE students as they build a house in coordination with the Sturgis Neighborhood Program in Sturgis.

New School Staff

Sturgis High School

Katherine Kruse - Math
Katie Herblet - Business (Former Wall Teacher)

Sturgis Middle School

Amanda Morgan* - Science
Joseph Ehler* - Social Studies (Former Eastwood Music Teacher)
Marissa Proshek - Science

Eastwood

Sam Setterblad* - 5th Grade
Madison Pueschel* - Special Education

Congress

Andrea Abbs* - EA
Patricia Hagadorn* - At-Risk (Former EDGE Teacher)

District

Amy Albarran - Human Resources (Former Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent)
Jessica Foster* - Food Service Secretary
Pam Keeslar - Special Education Coordinator (Former Eastwood Teacher)
Cathy Smith - Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent

*Sturgis Public Schools Graduate

Extracurricular

SHS Marching Band

Presents their 2023 show: Sturgis Billboard's Top 4

Our program takes you through the favorite songs the band has performed over the last ten years. The band opens their show with the John Williams classic *Imperial March*, featured in many of the *Star Wars* movies. *The song then transitions to Raiders March from Indiana Jones.*

The band continues with music from the movie "Back to the Future", including the 1985 number one hit, *The Power of Love* by Huey Lewis and the News.

Next, the band will play *You're Welcome* from Disney's *Moana*. *Moana, the chief's daughter, is chosen by the ocean to help her island. Moana sets sail in search of Maui, a legendary demigod to help her in her quest.*

Do foxes bark, yelp or scream? The top trending video of 2013 by the comedy duo Ylvis aimed to answer that question. The band will conclude their show with *The Fox*.

The Sturgis High School band is made up of 107 members. The band is under the direction of **Jim Whitehead** with **Lauren Whitehead** and **Chloe Clark** serving as drum majors.



2023 SHS graduate **Walter Ebert** playing Taps.



Jerimiah Glenn, Simeon Reed, and Semaj Reed enjoying Summer Academic Camp.



Viviana Medina smiles for the camera at Summer Academic Camp.

Trojan Manufacturing

Trojan Manufacturing students brought home 8 first place, 10 second place, and 3 third place finishes at the Michigan Industrial and Technological Educational Society (MITES) state competition. Pictured below is **EJ Miller** one of the 8 first place winners.



Sports

Trojan Football News

The 2023 Sturgis Football team is looking to continue their success from the 2022 season. The Trojans made the playoffs for the first time since 2015 and saw great success at home going 5-0. This year's team will be senior dominant (18 players) as the Trojans will have the most seniors the program has seen in 20 years. The season kicks off with the renewal of the Coldwater rivalry with an away matchup on August 24.



Former SHS quarterback **Chance Stewart** begins his fourth season as the Trojans' head coach.

Season Sport Passes

For your convenience, you might want to consider one of our 2023-24 athletic sports pass options: **The Family Sports Pass** costs \$245 and is good for general admission to all Sturgis home athletic contests for members of one household (maximum of two adults and only those children living in the household). An **Individual Pass** for \$70 is good for general admission to all home athletic events. **Punch cards**, good for entrance into ten home sporting contests, can be purchased for \$42. **Sturgis senior citizens can obtain a free season pass by visiting the athletic office and showing their ID.**

To purchase a sports pass, visit the athletic office or print and mail the season ticket form found at sturgisps.org. For questions about sports passes contact the Athletic Office at 659-1535.

Athletic Ticket Prices

| High School Events | Adult | Student |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Home | \$7 | \$1* |
| Away (Wolverine Conference) | \$7 | \$7 |
| Middle School Events | | |
| Home | \$5 | \$1* |
| Away (Wolverine Conference) | \$5 | \$5 |

*Students must present their SPS Student ID to get the home ticket discounted pricing.

MHSAA Tournaments and away contests outside of the Wolverine Conference may have different entry fees from what is listed above.

Athletic tickets can be purchased with cash at the gate or online at: https://www.sturgisps.org/athletics/ticket_sales__online_

Home Sports Schedule

BOYS FOOTBALL

| | | | |
|-------|---------------------|------|---------|
| 08/31 | Kalamazoo Central | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 09/08 | Paw Paw | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 09/22 | Niles | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 09/29 | Otsego (Homecoming) | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 10/20 | Edwardsburg | Home | 7:00 PM |

BOYS TENNIS

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------|------|---------|
| 08/17 | Great 8 Invitational | Home | 9:00 AM |
| 08/19 | Sturgis Triangular | Home | 9:00 AM |
| 09/06 | Plainwell | Home | 4:00 PM |
| 09/18 | Vicksburg | Home | 4:00 PM |
| 09/20 | Three Rivers | Home | 4:00 PM |
| 09/23 | Big Rapids | Home | 9:00 AM |

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------|------|----------|
| 09/19 | Paw Paw | Home | 5:00 PM |
| 10/03 | Sturgis Triangular | Home | 5:00 PM |
| 10/14 | Kiwanis Invitational | Home | 10:00 AM |

BOYS SOCCER

| | | | |
|-------|--------------|------|---------|
| 08/28 | Harper Creek | Home | 6:30 PM |
| 09/13 | Plainwell | Home | 6:30 PM |
| 09/27 | Vicksburg | Home | 6:30 PM |
| 10/02 | Three Rivers | Home | 6:30 PM |

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

| | | | |
|-------|-------------|------|---------|
| 09/07 | Paw Paw | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 09/21 | Niles | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 09/28 | Otsego | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 10/19 | Edwardsburg | Home | 6:00 PM |

GIRLS SWIMMING

| | | | |
|-------|-------------|------|---------|
| 09/07 | Hastings | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 09/19 | Marshall | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 10/09 | South Haven | Home | 6:00 PM |

GIRLS GOLF

| | | | |
|-------|---------------------------|------|---------|
| 08/25 | Three Rivers | Home | 1:00 PM |
| 08/28 | Sturgis Jamboree | Home | 4:00 PM |
| 09/08 | Lady Trojan Invitational | Home | 9:00 AM |
| 09/19 | Sturgis Bank Invitational | Home | 9:00 AM |
| 10/03 | Coldwater | Home | 4:00 PM |

New Athletic Coaches for 2023-24

Volleyball

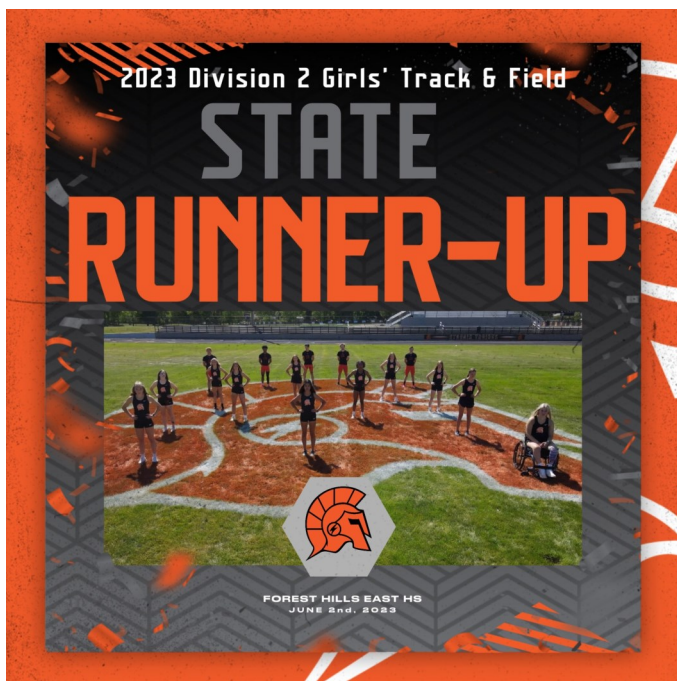
Brian Jordan - Varsity
Melissa Gales - Junior Varsity

Football

Rylee Cain - Assistant Coach
Zachary Chapman - Assistant Coach
Brady Webb - Assistant Coach

Insurance for Athletes

All students must have medical insurance to participate in SPS athletics. Student athletes without insurance may purchase a student accident insurance plan at <https://1stagency.com/voluntaryaccidentcoverage>.



The SHS Girls Track & Field Team was State Runner-Up at the MHSAA's 2023 Division 2 Finals.

2023-24 District Calendar

| | | |
|-----------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| August | 16 | Congress/Wall/Wenzel/SHS Open House |
| | 17 | Eastwood/SMS Open House |
| | 21 | First Day - 1/2 Day for Students |
| September | 1-4 | Labor Day Weekend - No School |
| | 18 | No School for Students |
| October | 4 | Pupil Accounting Day |
| | 9-12 | Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences |
| | 16-19 | Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences |
| | 20 | End of Marking Period |
| November | 22-24 | No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| December | 22 | Half Day - End of Semester |
| | 25-29 | No School - Winter Recess |
| January | 1-5 | No School - Winter Recess |
| | 15 | No School for Students - MLK Day |
| February | 9-12 | No School - Mid-Winter Break |
| | 14 | Pupil Accounting Day |
| March | 4-7 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| | 15 | End of Marking Period |
| | 22-29 | No School - Spring Break |
| May | 27 | No School - Memorial Day |
| | 31 | Last Day - 1/2 Day for Students |



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