

STORM TRACKER

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CALENDAR:

January

- 26 Stahl Booster Club Movie
Night 6:00 p.m. "Real Steel"
- 27 NO SCHOOL for students
- 30 Regular full day for students

February

- 2 End of Semester
- 2 EARLY RELEASE for
students 10:45 a.m.
- 13 Tentative - grades avail. in HAC
- 17 NO SCHOOL-Mid Winter
Break
- 20 NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

March

- 9 Full school day - Snow make
up day
- 14 Full school day (MSP testing)
- 20 Spring Concert - Band
- 22 Spring Concert- Band
- 27 Spring Concert - Choir
- 30 Late Start (Wednesday schedule)

April

- 2 - 6 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

May

- 25 Regular Schedule - Snow make
up day
- 28 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

June

- 19 Last Day of School

WatchDOG Dads at Stahl !!



Stahl's WatchDOG dad program is up and running !!

Thank you to our first three dads for coming in and spending the day with us: Mr. Mike Casper, Brenden Casper's dad; Mr. Eric Jones, Blake Jones' dad; and Mr. Craig Hill, Mackenzie Hill's dad. The staff and students enjoyed having you here. If you are interested in joining us as a WatchDOG dad, please call Kris Conner at 355-6978 or Stahl's office at 840-8881.

Storm community-

It is hard to believe that we have bid farewell to 2011 and just about completed the first semester of the school year. A new year and a new semester always provide so many great opportunities. We get the chance to continue the actions and work that are on course and the chance to change the things that don't seem to be working.

As principal, I enjoy having the opportunity to analyze the goals we have set here at Stahl. We are reaching some of the goals we have set and we have some work to do on others. One set of goals we use is from the school's Continual School Improvement Plan (CSIP.) These goals are set based on the School Board goals for the district:

Increase student performance on the MSP. (Board Goals 1,4)

Decrease the percentage of failing grades recorded each semester. (Board Goals 1,4)

Increase the percentage of 9th graders going to high school with 6 credits. (Board Goals 1,4)

Increase parent/teacher/student communication. (Board Goal 3)

As a staff, we are committed to these CSIP goals. If you would like any more information about these goals or have questions on how you can help support these goals with your own students, please get in touch with us.

Here's to an amazing 2012!

Troy Hodge, Principal

Season 3 Sports Information: (Girls Soccer and Boys Basketball)



8th and 9th grade boys basketball will start on Monday, January 23rd, right after school (2:00 p.m.)

7th grade boys basketball starts on Tuesday, January 24th, at **5:45 a.m.**

8th and 9th grade girls soccer will start on Tuesday, January 24th, right after school (2:00 p.m.)

7th grade girls soccer will start on Wednesday, February 1st, right after school (2:15 p.m.)



****All athletes must be "cleared"** by Mr. Halverson before they are eligible to turn out. He will be available for clearance during all lunches from Tuesday, January 17th through Monday, January 23rd.

Any "new" athletes must have a completed Athletic Packet (with a grey Travel Card) ready to turn in. Any athlete who participated in a sport during seasons 1 and/or 2 just need to see Mr. Halverson for their card.

**Information from our counselors:**

As we move into the second semester for the 2011-12 school year, the counseling office would like to communicate some important details to the Stahl Storm community. Students will receive their second semester schedules on the last day of the first semester, January 30th.

The counseling office will not be changing schedules for students who wish to change their elective. The classes are very full at this point in time, so students must remain in the classes they previously selected.

Beginning in February, the counselors will be visiting with 7th and 8th graders regarding their schedules for the 2012-13 school year.

A team will be formed to build the master schedule based on the courses each student requests. For the most part, students can expect to be placed into their first or second choice as their schedule will allow. Please understand that once a student has signed up for a course, it cannot be changed. The master schedule for the entire building is based upon student requests. That is why we cannot make schedule changes in the event that a student changes his/her mind about his/her elective. **It is imperative that students choose their courses wisely and gain input from their parents or guardians.** Please take the time to look over your student's registration form when it comes home in February.

7th and 8th grade students can expect to receive their registration forms the week of February 13th-16th.

High school counselors will be visiting with the 9th grade students the week of February 21st-24th. Registration forms will go home at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with the counseling office or encourage your student to make an appointment. We can be reached at 253-840-8881. Jackie Bridges serves students with last names beginning with A-J, and Donovan Bridges serves students with last names beginning with K-Z.

ATTENDANCE NEWS:

New procedure:



For the safety of your child, we ask that you call to report absences on the date of the occurrence. If a student returns to school without a note or phone call, they will be required to contact a parent before being admitted to class. If they cannot reach a parent at that time, the student will be issued a lunch detention and progressive discipline will apply thereafter.

Our 24 hour attendance line is 840-8881: option 1.

If your child is leaving early, please send a note with them to bring to the office before school starts. This way, they will be waiting in the office for you when you arrive. Early dismissals are difficult during the last 15 minutes of the day. Whenever possible, please avoid scheduling appointments for that time of day.

Thank you for your continued support. The safety of our students is always our top priority.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act annual notification is available. If you would like a copy, please call the office, 840-8881.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Americans with Disabilities Act Statement:

The Puyallup School District is in the process of reviewing its activities, services and programs to identify and eliminate any barriers to full participation by all otherwise qualified persons regardless of any disability. If you are aware, or become aware, of any such barriers to access or to communication associated with any of the school district's programs, services or activities, please notify the Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 compliance person for the Puyallup School District: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8764.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

The Puyallup School District provides equal opportunities in education and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability is recognized as and declared to be a civil right. For specific information please contact: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8764.

Telecommunications Relay Service:

For persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, all staff members may be contacted through the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service at the following telephone numbers:

Tele-Braille: 1-800-833-6385

Voice: 1-800 833-6348

TTY: 1-800-833-6388

ADA Accommodations:

The Puyallup School District provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the ADA/504 coordinator at least seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings, training, or events to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary. Please contact: Amie Brandmire, Director of Employee Relations, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8645.



Summer Athletic Planning Meeting Monday, April 16, 2012



A parent meeting to discuss summer athletic planning will be held on **Monday, April 16, 2012** at each of the district's three comprehensive high schools.

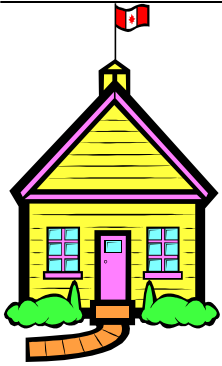
The meetings, which are for parents only, begin at 6:30 PM in the Emerald Ridge, Puyallup, and Rogers high school gymnasiums.

The event is designed to provide parents an early opportunity to receive communication from coaches about summer athletic plans, team camps, and training calendars. In this way, parents will have the information early in spring to help them as they plan summer vacations and family activities.

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) restricts schools from encouraging student athletes (out of season) to participate in a given sport, or from distributing information to athletes pertaining to a specific event or activity.

Coaches are permitted to have one meeting with squad members prior to the opening day of practice to issue equipment and distribute information. The coaches plan to meet with student athletes at a later date; therefore, the April 16 meeting is for parents only.





The school waiver process is under way. If you would like to apply to attend a school outside your attendance area and have not submitted an application, you may pick up one up in the main office. Any waiver applications received after January 10 will not be considered until April 1-5 . Applications received after April 5 will be considered June 1-5.

Out-of-district applications: Please visit your residential district to request a “Release of Attendance.” Complete a “Non-Resident Application for Enrollment” form. Submit both to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

In-district applications: If your student is currently on a waiver, and you wish for him/her to attend this same school next year, you do not need to do anything. According to new policy guidelines, the student will continue automatically at the same school unless *rescinded by the parent* or *revoked by the school*. Parents who wish to request a new school for their student will need to complete an “Intra-District Transfer of Schools” form. Submit this form to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

Bully Free Zone!

Keeping a school “bully free” is an ongoing daily task at any Junior High in America. At Stahl we strive to keep our environment friendly and safe every single day! Everyone knows that unkind words and actions can hurt deeply; no one needs negativity in their life!

So what makes junior high age students so prone to giving and receiving hurtful remarks to each other? Some reasons could include basic immaturity, spontaneity, jealousy, and lack of refined adult communication skills.

What can a student at Stahl do if they are being bullied?

Maybe the student already asked the person to stop, tried to ignore them and moved to a new seat but the person seems to persist.

One thing you don’t want to do is make a violent threat!

Let an adult help you solve the problem. Tell an adult, teacher, security or school counselor.

If you have a friend that is going through this help them, hear them out and suggest getting adult help.

Get out of the area! If someone is making a threat or saying unkind things remove yourself from the threat. Come to the office and make a report. Fill out a complaint form.

If you see bullying don’t stand around and watch it happen. Maybe someone says something like “that’s not cool” and leaves the area with you. That can make a powerful statement that we do not tolerate bullies at Stahl!

Be sensitive about what you say when using electronics, over a million people could have access to what you post!

Talk directly to the bully with an adult, (not a whole group of students).

Talk to a friend but no third party gossip.

If this is an ongoing problem make an appointment with the counselor and request mediation.

It’s important to try and solve the problem as quickly as possible.

Our goal is to make sure Stahl is an enjoyable and safe environment for every single student, adult, teacher, employee, and community member that walks through our doors.

