

PARENT BULLETIN

2024-2025

Issue 3



A message from Principal Tina Simpson:

Parents and Guardians:

The second half of the year is off to a great start for the staff and students! This is a good time to replenish needed school supplies. Second semester classes have started which means students have some new courses and teachers. We are already half way through the 3rd quarter. Please continue to check ProgressBook to monitor your child's progress. If you cannot access ProgressBook please contact Rhonda Pearson at 237-4250 ext. 7179.

School Mission Statement

Stebbins High School provides a comprehensive environment where all students have diverse opportunities to learn and prepare for their future.

**Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Show Pride**

Showing Pride, Being Respectful and Being Responsible are our three core behavior expectations. Students who meet these behavior expectations will continue to be successful and enjoy the activities at Stebbins High School. Students who do not meet the behavior expectations will have consequences and lose privileges. Prom is a privilege that can be lost. Any student who has been given the consequence of out-of-school suspension between January 9th and April 25th will not be permitted to attend Prom. Students with 5 or more unexcused absences will not be permitted to attend Prom. 3 unexcused tardies equals 1 unexcused absence.

Students received their first semester report cards and they have also been mailed home. It is important to look at how many credits your child earned first semester. Credits are earned by passing the semester with at least a 60% average for the first two quarters. If your child failed a course first semester they will have to re-take that course or attend Summer School. All students must earn at least 21 credits (in specific courses) to graduate. Our goal is to keep your child's credits on track so they may graduate with their cohort. The Second Semester is a fresh start for students. Please discuss with your child the importance of working hard during the third quarter.

Congratulations to the students that earned Honor Roll and the Straight A Club!

359 students earned Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

96 students earned the Straight A Club and ended First Semester with a 4.0 or better.

We will continue to recognize and reward the wonderful students that are meeting our academic and behavior expectations. We have many outstanding, hard-working students that make Stebbins a great school. Those students will continue to be a focus and point of pride for Stebbins High School.

Tina Simpson, Principal

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GRADUATION COST

As a Junior a one-time Graduation Cost will be added to the student's school account. This will also be added to current Seniors (Class of 2025). The cost of this will be **\$100**. This will help cover a variety of items for graduation such as, cap and gown, diploma cover, diploma, class composite. This cost will ensure that the student will have everything they need for the graduation ceremony. We are adding this cost Junior year in order to give our families time to pay.

School fees can be paid in the main office daily from 8:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Students can also make payments at the cashier's window during lunch time and study hall/tribe time. Payments can be made by cash, check, or money order. Information regarding credit card payments will be sent out after school starts and fees have been assessed

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STEBBINS

2/17—Presidents' Day, No School
2/25- ACT/ASVAB testing—no Seniors/Freshman
2/27—Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-6:30pm
3/12 – Spaghetti Fest @ Stebbins 5:00—7:00pm
3/14—End 3rd Grading Period, 2 Hour Early Release
3/31—4/4—Spring Break (resume 4/7/2025)
4/21—Waiver Day, No School
4/25— Prom—Mandalay
5/14—Last Day for Seniors
5/15—Graduation, Nutter Center, 7:00pm
5/22—Last Day for Grades 9-11

~JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM~

Friday, April 25th at 7pm at Mandalay Banquet Center

Only Junior and Senior students are permitted to attend, and approved* guests under age 21.

Students must attend school on Friday, April 25th to attend Prom. Students who purchased a ticket to Prom will be permitted to leave after 5th period to prepare.

Students who receive an out of school suspension are not permitted to attend Prom between 1/8 and 4/25. You can not miss more that 5 days of unauthorized absences/tardies. Remember we track attendance in minutes and hours, tardies add up quickly.

Theme (if applicable), ticket information, etc. will be sent out by the Prom Committee at a later date.

*Students who would like to bring a non-Stebbins student as a guest must fill out a request form that will be available from Administration closer to Prom.

AFTER PROM DONATIONS

The PTO is looking for businesses willing to donate to SHS After Prom. This is event is a safe way for our students to celebrate after Prom. Please contact stebbinspto1@gmail.com if you or your company would like more information about donating

Cash Donation

Gift Cards/Gift Certificates

Gift basket with company products/gift cards

Food/drinks

ProgressBook for Parents

Parents will be able to access ProgressBook to check their child's grades and attendance after the first few weeks of school. Parents new to Stebbins/District will receive a letter in the mail with information to register for an account. Users can reset the password for their existing accounts by using the "forgot password" link on the ProgressBook sign-in page, or by emailing rhonda.pearson@madriverschools.org.

Stebbins High School Lunch Policy

Lunch will be at NO COST for the 2024-2025 school year.

Stebbins has a closed lunch policy. Restaurant food may not be consumed in the cafeteria. If restaurant food is dropped off for a student by their parent or legal guardian, the student must consume their meal in the office. They will not be permitted to share the meal with other students.

Students are not permitted to order food through any delivery service, including Door-Dash-type of services.

Breakfast for the 2024-2025 school year will be at no cost to all Mad River students. Lunch applications for free/reduced lunch are available at the building. You can also go to www.lunchapplication.com to fill one out online.

KONA ICE

Stebbins will have Kona Ice once per month as a positive behavior reward. The dates are:

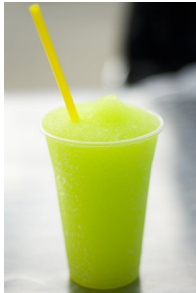
01/24/2025

02/14/2025

03/28/2025

04/18/2025

05/09/2025



ATHLETIC PASSES

Season Passes (Winter):

Student- \$40 Winter Season Only- all freshman, JV, and Varsity Events at SHS only. One pass per student.

Adult- \$65 Winter Season Only- all freshman, JV, and Varsity Events at SHS only. One pass per student.

Sale begins in Early November

All-Sport Passes: Best Value

Student- \$50 All year long every athletic event at SHS for SY 24-25. One pass per student

Adult- \$80 All year long every athletic event at SHS for SY 24-25. One pass per student

Family- \$230 All year long every athletic event at SHS for SY 24-25. Up to (2) adults, (3) students

Sale begins Wednesday July 24, 2024 Sale ends Sept. 14 for the year.

Student Parking Passes

Students must have a parking pass to drive to school. Most parking spots are numbered and assigned to students. Those who drive to school without a parking pass may be subject to a fine and disciplinary action.

Applications for student parking passes can be obtained from the cashier's window outside of Office A. The cost for a parking pass is \$20 per year—cash, check, or money order only. Students must bring their driver's license, proof of insurance, and payment when they turn in their application. If your student begins driving 2nd semester (Jan.13th) cost will be \$10.

****If you would like to paint your spot you will need to submit your design for approval and \$10.**

ACT/ASVAB Testing

The Juniors will take the ACT test on February 25th. This State mandated and free of charge to all Juniors.

The Sophomores will take the ASVAB Career Exploration Program test on February 25th.

This is a mandatory day of attendance for Juniors and Sophomores. Freshman and Seniors will not attend on February 25th. More information will be communicated.

STEBBINS CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS

Cell phones and ear buds must be put away when the bell rings to start class. The teacher will let you know if/when you may use your device. Phones may not be used for photos, videos, voice or facetime calls during school hours. If students need to call home they must come to the office.

RED ZONES: No cell phone use permitted

Restrooms

Office

Hallways during class time. (Must leave phone in classroom when you get a pass to leave class)

YELLOW ZONE: Cell phone used for educational purposes only.

In classrooms, with teacher approval

GREEN ZONE: ONE earbud, low volume with headphones/earbuds only. May watch videos, text, play a game.

Hallways during class change

Cafeteria during breakfast and lunch

Before and after school

Visitor Policy/Meetings

All parents/guardians who would like to speak with a teacher, counselor, or administrator must schedule ahead of time. Teachers, counselors, and administrators are not available to meet with unexpected walk-in visitors.

Parents/Guardians may email the staff member directly to schedule a meeting, or can call the Stebbins office at 937-237-4250.

Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct & Board Policy for full visitor policies and guidelines.

Student Flower/Gift Delivery Policy:

We understand that birthdays and other events are important to students and family, and are reason for celebration. Please be aware that flower and gift deliveries for students will only be accepted by the office if they were sent by a parent or legal guardian. This is to help protect the privacy and safety of our students. Students will be called down to see the delivery, but will not be able to remove the item(s) from the main office until the end of the school day.

Winter Weather

As we are coming into the months of uncertain weather. We ask that if you need to update a phone number or an email address contact Mrs. Wetzel, at 937-237-4250 or jacque.henson-wetzel@madriverschools with those changes. Our district communicates through phone, text, email, Mad River App, and all local TV channels. Just as a reminder we are listed as **Mad River Local Schools**.

If the district has a 2 hour delay on Wednesday, then Stebbins will not have an early release. We will release at 2:55.

Parent Square

We are excited to let you know that this year we'll be using ParentSquare to communicate with you at the school, in your classrooms, and groups. ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect.

With ParentSquare you'll be able to:

Receive all district, school and classroom communication via email, text, or app.

Please use the link below to set up your account

