

From the Desk of Mr. Sefcik and Mrs. Peters...

> Our 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start. We are excited to welcome both new and returning families to a new year at Stanton School. September marks the beginning of a new chapter-a chance for all of us to embark on a journey of growth, learning, and discovery. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing for an enriching academic year, full of exciting opportunities for every student.

> At Stanton, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for a child's success. We encourage open communication and involvement from parents/guardians. Your support plays a crucial role in creating a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students.

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Please mark your calendars for the following September highlights:

- Curriculum Night on September 7 at 6:00. Parents/guardians are invited to join us to meet your child's teacher, learn about our curriculum, and gain insights into the year ahead.
- On Friday, September 22, D114 will be hosting our Annual Day of Service. This event is not only supports our PTA, but gives our students and staff an opportunity to come together and make a positive impact on our local community.

Our school website is updated daily with Stanton's announcements and monthly with our newsletters. Please check it regularly for the latest information.

We are thrilled to embark on this journey with each and every one of you.
Together, we can make this an incredible year for our students!
Red Letter Days:
9/4: Labor Day-No school

9/7: Curriculm Night 6:00

9/15: Fall Sports Picture Day

9/219: BOE Meeting 7:00 at Lotus

## 9/22: Day of

Service. 1:30
Dismissal for
Stanton Only
9/29: T1 Progress Reports Posted in Skyward

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## Donations Due September 13

Help Our PTA provide the resources for all the great events they host for every student in District 114 while our students learn the importance of volunteering and giving back to our community.

## 2023 Goals and Incentives

- To have every child participate by bringing in at least one donation. Every dollar counts!
- If a child raises at least $\$ 10.00$ they will choose their service location.
- Every child will be entered in a raffle to win 1 of 13 spots for the Day of Service $\mathbf{2}$ hosted by Mr. Sefcik. For every $\$ 10.00$ raised the child's name will be entered in the raffle again.
- The Top 3 participants in each grade level will automatically qualify for DOS2 field trip.
- A special prize for the child who secures a donation the furthest away from Stanton School.


Mr. Fefferman is the $6^{\mathrm{th}}$ grade paraprofessional and comes to Stanton with over six years of experience in the education field. Most recently, he worked at Lotus in the Special Education Department. Prior to that, he worked for Wauconda Grade School and SEDOL. Mr. Fefferman attended Harper College and has coached girls' soccer. When he is not working, Mr. Fefferman loves spending time in the woods, but his \#1 interest is playing drums with his band, Wildwood Drive. He hates flying and would much rather drive to his destination. He is looking forward to building positive relationships with the Stanton students this year. Welcome to Stanton, Mr. Fefferman!
Miss Bachara, $5^{\text {th }}$ grade paraprofessional, is a hometown girl. She graduated from Grant High School and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she was on the track and field team all 4 years. Before joining the Fox family she was a child welfare case aide for Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She lives with her family and her two catsMittens and Gingy. Her biggest passion is traveling and she has been to 11 countries. So far, her favorite destination is Greece. She is looking forward to building meaningful relationships with her students. Welcome to Stanton, Miss Bachara!

Miss Goorsky is starting her career as Stanton's $6^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies teacher. She attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and graduated with honors in May. She lives in Crystal Lake with her parents, her brother, and her two year old yellow lab named Winston. Not only does Miss Goorsky love to play soccer, but she is coaching the Stanton soccer team this fall. Outside of work, she likes to read, bake, cook and she loves spending time with her family and friends. One thing she is most looking forward to this year is getting to know her students and making a difference in their lives and building relationships with the Stanton community. Welcome to Stanton, Miss Goorsky!


Mrs. Jawnyj returns to Stanton in her role as a special education teacher after teaching Kindergarten and $1^{\text {st }}$ grade at Lotus. She is a well-seasoned educator and is starting her fourteenth year in education. Prior to coming to District 114, she was a paraprofessional in District 118. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and her master's degree in Special Education from Northeastern Illinois University. Mrs. Jawnyj and her husband of nine years love being outdoors and spend their vacations visiting national parks. Mrs. Jawnyj is thrilled to be back teaching at Stanton and looks forward to building relationships with the staff, students, and families. Welcome Back, Mrs. Jawnyj!

Mrs. Leazer is Stanton's $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Special Education Teacher and joined Stanton with a wealth of experience-she worked for District 118 for 16 years! She is a graduate from Northeastern Illinois University and Concordia University. She is married, has two children, and an Alaskan malamute named Nomad. When she is not busy teaching, she loves arts and crafts, genealogy, scrapbooking, decorating, and shopping. She absolutely loves everything about Fall and her favorite holiday is Halloween. In addition to connecting with her students, this year, Mrs. Leazer is looking forward to getting familiar with Stanton's routines and procedures. Welcome to Stanton, Mrs. Leazer!

Mrs. Molidor, although not new to D114, is new to Stanton. Before accepting the position as Stanton's Instructional Coach for ELA, Social Studies, and Wellness, she taught $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade at Lotus for 6 years. She attended Carthage College and earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Aurora University. Mrs. Molidor is married, has an 8 month old daughter, one dog, and two cats. She loves to read, travel, and drink coffee. In her spare time she teaches a special needs dance class. This year, she is looking forward to reconnecting with her past students and working alongside the Stanton staff.
Welcome to Stanton, Mrs. Molidor!

Mr. Perlman, aka, Mr. Mark, is Stanton's long term substitute teacher. He has been a teacher for 21 years and most recently worked at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park. He is currently an adjunct professor at Columbia College in Chicago. Mr. Mark's son and daughter both work for the Chicago Public School system. He loves to play tennis, racquetball, and golf and even throws in a little opera. Mr. Mark once performed in a 40 minute stand-up comedy show, but says he was only funny for 2 minutes. This year he is excited to work with the Stanton staff, reconnect with the students he knew last year, and get to know the new $5^{\text {th }}$ graders. Welcome to Stanton, Mr. Mark!


Mrs. Plescia joins the Stanton staff as a paraprofessional in the ILP-A classroom. This is Mrs. Plescia first year as an educator. She previously worked for the Bureau of Land Management and the Chicago Park District. She currently is a student at the University of Illinois-Springfield in the Secondary Education program and is studying to be a middle school social studies teacher. She is married, has three middle school children, a golden retriever, and a kitten. When Mrs. Plescia is not busy working and studying, she loves to read, garden, and spend time with her family. She also loves visit Universal Studios in Florida and looks forward to getting to know the students. Welcome to Stanton, Mrs. Plescia!

Ms. Skorup comes to Stanton's Special Education Department with a wealth of experience. She has been a teacher for 30 years! Before joining the Fox family, she worked at Hannah Beardsley Middle School in Crystal Lake for 19 years. Ms. Skorup received her undergraduate degree from Saint Xavier University and her master's degree from Governors State University. Ms. Skorup grew up in Chicago with three brothers and has two children and two dogs-Elvis and Toad. Outside of work she likes home remodeling and decorating, fitness, gardening, music, and short trips on the motorcycle. She has moved 16 times in her life. This year she is looking forward to new experiences and reaching new goals. Welcome to Stanton, Ms. Skorup!

Miss Walinski is Stanton's regular daily substitute teacher and cross country coach. This is her first year in the education field and is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri. While at college she worked at the University's Daycare Center. She lives in Wauconda with her family and is the youngest of her siblings. She became a "dog-mom" to her 5 month old charcoal lab. When she is not working or playing with her new puppy, she loves playing softball, listening to music, and drawing. She considers the outdoors her happy place and has never broken a bone. This year she is looking forward to coaching and building strong relationships with the students and staff.
Welcome to Stanton, Miss Walinski!

> Mrs. Wydzierzecki, Stanton's $6^{\text {th }}$ grade English/Language Arts teacher, is no stranger to Stanton. She graduated from Stanton in and has been an educator since 2020. Prior to returning to D114, she worked at Johnsburg Elementary School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Milliken University and she has only one more class to earn her master's degree from National Louis University. Mrs. Wydzierzecki is married and has a cat. She loves iced coffee, reading, hiking, and music--especially Taylor Swift. She has seen over 250 live concerts and so far this year she has read 12 books. She is excited to get to know her students and teach the unit on Greek History. Welcome to Stanton, Mrs. Wydzierzecki!

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## "ATTEUD TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW"

September is Attendance Awareness month. It is no secret that being in school every day and being on time, is an important factor in student achievement. Because we want all our students to have the opportunity to succeed, the goal is 5 or less absences for each child for the year.

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Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday two buses will be at Stanton at 4:30 to take students home from after school activities. One bus will drop students off at stops south of the Route 12 Bridge and one bus will drop students off at stops north of the Route 12 Bridge. Students do not need to sign up in advance to ride the bus.


## On After 8choot study Hall

After School Study Hall begins Tuesday, September 5 from 3:15-4:30 in Miss Curtis' classroom (Room 21) and meets every day except Wednesdays.
Students do not need to sign up in advance just drop in as needed. Late buses available to take students home at 4:30.


According to Policy 1.16 on page 12 of the student handbook, all cell phones and other electronic devices must be kept on silent and out of sight during the regular school day unless the teacher or supervisor grants permission for use. Phones and other electronic devices can be used appropriately in the cafeteria before school or during lunch. If a teacher or supervisor asks a student to put away their phone or other electronic devices, the following steps will be taken:

- 1st Consequence: Polite reminder of the expectation.
- 2nd Consequence: The teacher or supervisor is able to take the device and hold it until the end of the period.
- 3rd Consequence: The device will be given to an Administrator and the parent/guardian must pick it up at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom, cell phones and other devices must remain in the classroom.

- According to Policy 1.9 on page 11 of the student handbook, the only drinks allowed in school are water, juice, and milk. If a student brings in any other drink, it must be finished before first period or kept in their locker. Energy drinks, coffee drinks, or fountain drinks are not allowed in the classrooms, hallways, gym, or bathrooms.

Any questions about either of these policies contact Mr. Sefcik or Mrs. Peters.

The 2023-2024 Student Handbook can be found on the D114 website under the student tab.


# Meet the schlool Counselor \& social Worker 

## 武 Student Wellness Crew

From the Desks of Mrs. Reimers and Mrs. Mack


Mrs. Reimers

Mrs. Reimers is a second-year counselor with a Master's degree in Professional School Counseling from Bradley University. She currently holds a professional counseling license (LPC) as well as credentials as a National Certified Counselor (NCC).

Prior to completing her degree program in Professional School Counseling, Mrs. Reimers obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance Movement Therapy/Psychology. She has been on the fine arts staff at Wauconda High School and a dance educator in Lake County for over 20 years.

Mrs. Reimers is married with three children and a Golden Retriever. In her spare time she enjoys reading,
 We hope you had a wonderful summer and are as excited to return to school as we are.

## Our Role

We are excited for the opportunity to support the social and emotional needs for the students, families and staff at Stanton this year. Our roles are to provide direct and indirect services to students, families and school staff to promote and support academic and social success. We are advocates for your child, working to address and remove barriers that may be impacting their ability to learn.

To access our community resource page, click here


Mrs. Mack

Mrs. Mack is a fifth year school social worker who is excited to begin her second year at Stanton Middle School. Her love for working in education began 9 years ago working as the Library Media Assistant at Round Lake Senior High School.

In 2017, Mrs. Mack received her Master's degree in Social Work with an Advanced Clinical Specialization from George Williams College of Aurora University. In 2018, Mrs. Mack returned to pursue her Professional Educator's License. She currently holds an Advanced Practice Social Work License in Wisconsin and is on track to receive her LCSW in the Spring of 2024.

During her free time, Mrs. Mack enjoys spending time with her family and friends, gardening, hiking, kayaking and reading.

## FUN FACT:

Mrs. Reimers and Mrs. Mack BOTH have Golden Retrievers :

## What Students are Learning?

This year your child will be participating in daily SEL community building discussions and activities aimed to provide opportunities for them to build upon their strengths to become better acquainted with their peers and teachers. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process for which children and adults acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships and make responsible and caring decisions.


September 15


The teams have been chosen and the Foxes are working hard to get ready for the cross-country, soccer, and volleyball seasons. Check the website for each team's schedule and help cheer the Foxes onto victory!

## Cross Country

Noah Brandon, Patrick Bray, Zaine Campos, James Cooper, Brynn Noeller,
 Alivia Grierson, Jayden Gonzalez, Amalia Hamner, Brooke Hopp, Amylynn Howard, Jacob Kapsalis, Katarina Linquist, Ethan Marsala, Grayson Mattox, Shaya Moran, Venitzya Pena. Coaches: Mrs. Livesay and Miss Walinski

## Soccer

Anthony Aguilar, Leo Armenta, Jivan Chatterjea, Jordan Cistaro, Alec Drews, David Florek, Gosha Greene, Romel Gutierrez Solis, Max Horbatenko, Joel Lemus, Ibrahim Mohiuddin, Gerardo Nieto, Lillianna Rabe, Cain Ramirez, Ace Rodabaugh, Angel Rodriguez, Athena Roman, James Ruffner, Brianna Santos, Colten Wegener. Coaches: Miss Goorsky and Mr. Olson

## Volleyball

7th Grade Team: Ava Burke, Jayjanette Conner, Ava Giandonato, Anne Martin, Makayla Pavone, Hayden Royal, Aurora Sampsel, Amaryah Ward, Ashlei Whitmer, Lianna Wicinski

8th Grade Team: Kamrynn Bernicchi, Kylie Burkhardt, Sophia Carr, Rylee Dunlavy,
 Jersey Kettner, Gianna Potempa, Jocelyn Reda, Kara Schubert, Camdyn Schultz, Kelsie Simmons
Coaches: Mrs. Becmer and Miss Falster

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## Caller ID

If you see the school's phone number, 847-973-4200, on your caller ID without a message, the office staff is unable to determine where the call was generated from. If the call was from a staff member, they will leave a message, so please listen before calling the school back. Please encourage your child to leave a message when you are unable to answer. We try, but it is difficult to remember why each student calls home.

Have you been receiving our daily emails?

If not, send an email to jill.becmer@foxlakell4.org requesting an update to your primary email address.
Announcements and other important information is emailed home daily.

Because the safety of our students is our \#1 goal, please follow the student drop off and pick up procedures. In the morning and at dismissal, please turn right and enter the west parking lot for dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not park in front of the school; this area is for the buses and staff parking only.


If you have questions contact Band Director, Ms. Alexis Hiner at alexis.hiner@musicarts.com

| Fox Lake District 114 Stanton Breakfast Menu September 2023 |  |  |  |  | Served Daily <br> Choice of cold, refreshing milk. <br> 1\% White or Fat Free $\qquad$ <br> WG Cereal Choices: <br> Kellogg's Assorted Flavors <br> (100\%) Juice <br> Choices: <br> Apple, Grape, <br> Orange and Fruit Punch, <br> Fresh Fruit: <br> Gala, Red and Golden <br> Apples, Bananas, Oranges Yogurt Flavors: <br> Strawberry, Blueberry, Peach, Banana-Strawberry <br> Granola Bar <br> Cereal Bar <br> Oatmeal Bar <br> -There will always be a second serving of fruit available that the student can take- <br> Any questions or concerns <br> Please Call <br> Georgette at 847-973-4220 <br> Menus are subject to change without notice. |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\quad 1$ Surprise Breakfast Sack Fresh Fruit or Juice $\because$. Milk $\vdots$ |  |
|  | 5 Warm Cinnamon Pretzel Stick Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 6 General Mills Cereal Bowl(2 oz) Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 7 Breakfast Super Donut Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 8   <br> 8 <br> Surprise Breakfast <br> Sack <br> Fresh Fruit or Juice <br> Q: Milk   <br>    |  |
| ```1 1 General Mills Cereal Bowl(2 oz) Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk``` | 12Apple FritterFresh Fruit or Juice <br> Milk | 13 <br> Egg, Cheese, Sausage Uncrustable Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 14 <br> Yogurt Parfait <br> Granola <br> Fresh Fruit or Juice <br> Milk | 15   <br> Surprise Breakfast   <br> Sack   <br> Fresh Fruit or Juice   <br> $\because$   <br> Milk   |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 18 \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { Kellogg's Cereal Bowl } \\ (102) \\ \text { Graham Crackers } \\ \text { Fresh Fruit or Juice } \\ \text { Milk } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | ```1 9 Muffin (2oz) Cheese Stick Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk``` | ```2 0 Pop Tarts Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk``` | 21 <br> Yogurt Cup Giant Goldfish Graham Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 22 <br> Surprise Breakfast <br> Sack <br> Fresh Fruit or Juice <br> $\because$ Milk <br>  |  |
| 25 General Mills Cereal Bowl(2 oz) Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | ```26 Mini waffles Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk``` | 27 2 Zee Zee Bars Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk | 28 <br> Chocolate <br> Crescent <br> Fresh Fruit or Juice <br> Milk |  |  |


| Fox Lake District 114 Stanton Lunch Menu September 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1 <br> Cheese Pizza <br> Romaine Salad Cucumber Slices <br> Apple Sauce Cup | refreshing milk. Varieties: 1\% White, Skim Chocolate $\qquad$ |
| 4 <br> No School <br> 18 <br>  | 5 <br> Chicken Nuggets Graham Crackers Green Beans Mango Splash | 6 <br> Mini Corn dogs <br> Vegetarian Baked Beans Baby Carrots Banana | 7 <br> Cheeseburger Oven Fries Pickle Spear Slushy Sidekicks | 8 <br> Cheese Pizza <br> Romaine Salad <br> Cherry Tomatoes <br> Mandarin Oranges | Lunch Daily Choices: <br> Salad to Go or <br> PBJ with Cheese stick Or Yogurt Cup |
| 11 <br> Glazed French Toast Scrambled eggs Hashbrown patties Baby carrots Juice Cup | 12 <br> 4 Mini Quesadillas Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Apple Slices | 13 Hot Dog Vegetarian Baked Beans Pickle Spear Banana | 14 <br> Nacho Grande Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Slushy Sidekick | 15 <br> Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli Florets Peach Cup | Any questions or concerns Please Call |
| 18 Chicken Tenders Graham Crackers Baby Carrots Red Peppers Grape Juice Cup | 19 <br> Soft Beef Tacos Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Peach Strawberry Gelatine Cup | 20 <br> Mac and Cheese with Dinner roll Mixed Vegetables Paradise Punch Juice Fresh Fruit | 21 <br> Chicken Sandwich Romaine Lettuce Sliced Tomatoes Slushy Sidekick | 22 Hor Dog Baby Carrots Pickle Sun Splash Apple Slices Doritos and mini rice Krispies treat | Georgette at 847-973-4220 <br> Menus are subject to change |
| 25 <br> Chicken Nuggets <br> Graham Crackers Green Beans Mango Splash juice Pear Cup | 26 <br> Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce Broccoli Florets Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit | 27 <br> Corndog <br> Vegetarian Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes Banana | 28 Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes with gravy Corn Apple Sauce Cup | 29 <br> Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Cucumber Slices Peach Cup | availability. |



