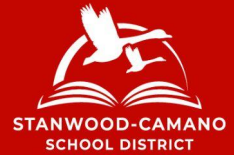




FRIDAY FAMILY MESSAGE

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Family Communication

January 6, 2023

Hello Families,

Happy New Year! The start of a new year typically brings with it a renewed sense of purpose and intent around goals and aspirations for the coming months.

We call these new year resolutions. I would guess most of us have made new year resolutions in the past. Some of those resolutions are simple, others more grandiose. As a superintendent, I look forward to what we can accomplish in the coming year for our students. As you know, our promise is that **“every student in the Stanwood-Camano School District is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future they choose.”**



We deliver on this promise through our daily actions. While we may make large-scale changes to our system, the daily habits of our students and staff in classrooms, on buses, during lunch, and throughout the day matter. Some of the things we focus on daily include:

- Creating welcoming environments for all students
- Deepening meaningful relationships related to schooling
- Provide high-quality lessons and learning experiences
- Provide feedback on progress to students and families
- Support and challenge students based on their needs and interests

While these are not new, it is important to revisit and recommit to them regularly. I look forward to working alongside staff during the second half of this school year.

Get school updates via text

We are adding text messaging capability to our school communication system. The system will be configured to send text messages to cell phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. The texts will be in addition to receiving phone calls and emails from us.

If we have a cell phone number for you on file, you should be receiving a text from 67587 at about 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, requesting you to opt-in to continue receiving important informational text messages from your child's school.

The message will ask you to Reply Y to confirm (messaging and data rates may apply). This requirement addresses any concerns related to the accuracy of the database.

Once you opt in, you won't receive any additional invites. In the future, if a recipient's cell phone number is changed or a new number added to our information system database, the new number will automatically be sent an opt-In message.

New elementary school boundaries

We expect new school boundaries to be in place at the start of the 23-24 school year. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) and the work thus far. You can also review our Facility Master Plan and a recent demographic study we did to help us plan more effectively through the 2031 school year. Lastly, the regularly updated CFAC webpage has an FAQ section to answer common questions from our community thus far.

Our new Transitional Kindergarten program is open to all!

There is still time to sign up your child for the new Stanwood-Camano School District program aimed at helping children prepare for kindergarten.

The Inclusionary Transitional Kindergarten (ITK) program will start January 31 at Twin City and Utsalady elementary schools. Our goal is to provide families with the opportunity to ensure their students begin their school careers ready for kindergarten. This program will provide an equitable start for students by offering a high-quality early learning experience before they enter the traditional kindergarten classroom.

For more information about the ITK program and how to enroll, click [HERE](#)

Learn more [HERE](#).

Get social with us!

Please remember to follow the SCSD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), and follow my tweets [@rumbaughsup](#).

Respectfully,
Deborah Rumbaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent