

PARENT BULLETIN

2025–2026

Issue 2



A message from Principal Tina Simpson:

We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and I couldn't be prouder of our students and staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to success. As we move into the **second quarter**, this is an important time for reflection—both for students and families. **Report cards** have been sent home with students and mailed to families. We encourage you to take time to review them together, celebrating areas of strength and identifying goals for improvement in the upcoming quarter.

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

Passing classes and earning credits are critical steps toward meeting **graduation requirements**. Each semester grade is made up of two quarters, with each quarter counting for **50% of the semester grade**. Students must earn at least a **60% for the semester** to receive credit for a course. For example, if a student earns a 55% in the first quarter, they must earn at least a 65% in the second quarter to achieve the passing 60% semester average and earn the ½ credit.

To help your child stay on track, we encourage you to **monitor their progress through ProgressBook**. If you need help accessing your account, please contact **Rhonda Pearson** at Rhonda.Pearson@madriverschools.org or call **937-237-4250 ext. 7179**. Students also have their own access and should be checking grades regularly to stay on top of assignments and performance.

We truly value your **continued partnership and support** in helping every student succeed. Together, we can ensure all of our students remain focused and earn the credits needed for graduation.

We also want to take a moment to **celebrate our amazing students!** This quarter, we inducted **25 students into the National Honor Society** and **106 students into the National Technical Honor Society**. In addition, an impressive **529 students earned Honor Roll recognition** for the first quarter. Congratulations to all of our hardworking students—you make Stebbins proud every day!

Once again we will have a Winter Extravaganza during school, before winter break. This is a way we celebrate the MANY students that are Respectful, Responsible, and Show Pride. Any student that does not follow behavior expectation and is given an administrative consequence, will not attend the Extravaganza.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on December 4. Please don't hesitate to contact your student's teacher(s) if you need to meet. This is a great opportunity to work together to ensure success for your student.

Tina Simpson, Principal

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Stebbins Cell Phone Policy based on State Law HB 96

Cell phones, personal communication devices, and ear buds are not permitted during the School Day. All cell phones must be turned in to first period/upon arrival to school or left at home.



Red Zone: No Phones, headphones/earbuds Permitted During School

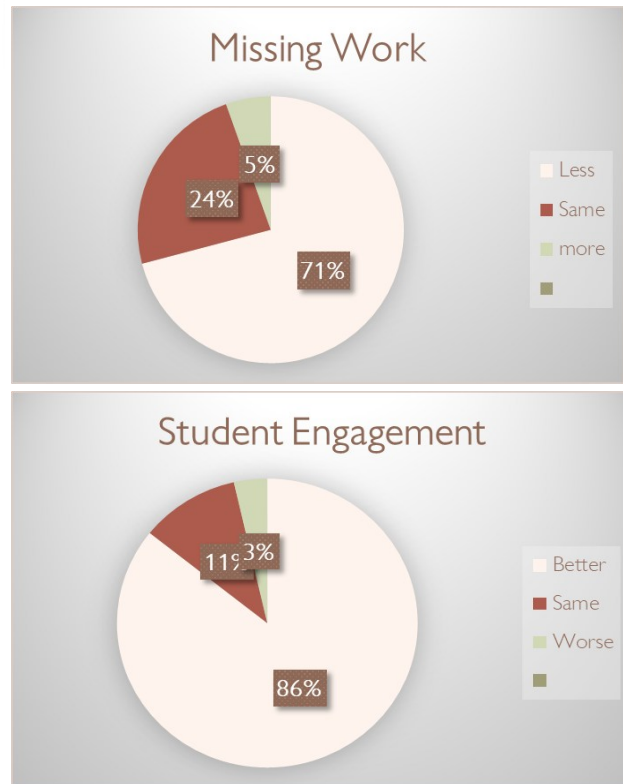
From the time the cafeteria doors open to enter the academic wing at 7:25 until dismissal at 3:05. Phones will be locked and stored in first period or the main office.

Green Zone: Text only. At breakfast before the cafeteria doors are open. After dismissal when phones are returned at the end of the day.

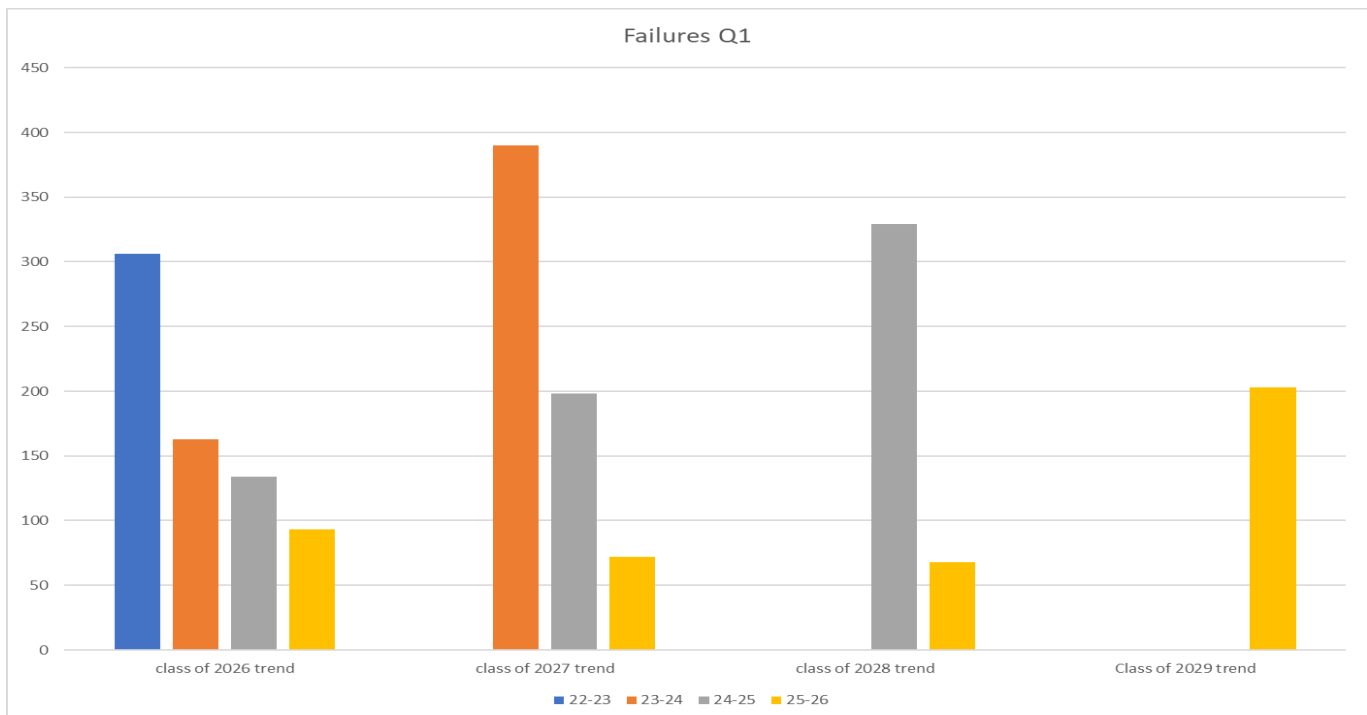
Consequences

1. Teacher will confiscate any phone seen after 7:25 AM.
2. Teacher will confiscate phone and bring it to administration and give a teacher detention. Teacher will contact home.
3. Teacher will confiscate phone and bring it to admin and write an office referral. Admin Detention will be assigned.
4. All steps above and parent must come collect the phone after school.
5. Student will check into main office every morning to turn in their phone.
6. Step 5 plus AIM or OSS

Staff data on how the amount of missing work and student engagement is this year compared to last year. The data looks positive.



The improvement in missing work and student engagement has positively impacted quarter 1 course-failures. This chart shows the number of classes failed per cohort group. Notice, students failed less classes this year during quarter one. Keep up the good work!



GRADUATION COST

As a Junior a one-time Graduation Cost will be added to the student's school account. 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.

The Class of 2025 total cost for the graduation ceremony was \$35,000.00. This encompasses the rental of the Nutter Center, security, medal detectors, live stream, rental of piano, printing of programs, floral/plants on stage, also this includes honor cords, stoles, awards.

Here is a break down of the graduation cost of \$100.

Cap & Gown—\$50	Diploma Printing—\$10
Diploma Cover—\$14	Class Composite—\$25

Parents you can visit the Stebbins Website and find links to progress book, the district calendar, Stebbins calendar, graduation information, scholarship information, athletics, and much more.

<https://stebbinshs.madrierschools.org/>

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@madrierschools.org.

You can find the link for progress book on the Stebbins Website.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STEBBINS

11/4—Waiver Day, No School
11/10—Picture retakes—Expressions Photo
11/24-11/28—Thanksgiving Break
12/4—Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:45-6:30pm
12/22-1/2—Winter Break (resume 1/5/2025)
1/9—End 2nd Grading Period, 2 Hour Early Release
1/19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
2/16—Presidents' Day, No School
2/26—Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-6:30pm
3/4 — Spaghetti Fest @ Stebbins 5:00—7:00pm
3/13—End 3rd Grading Period, 2 Hour Early Release
3/17—Wavier Day—No School
3/30—4/3—Spring Break (resume 4/7/2025)
4/6—Waiver Day, No School
5/13—Last Day for Seniors
5/14—Graduation, Nutter Center, 7:00pm

Stebbins will have Kona Ice/Toms Coffee & Beverages once per month as a fundraiser and positive behavior reward. The dates are:

3/06/2026

4/17/2026

5/01/2026

Toms Coffee & Beverages

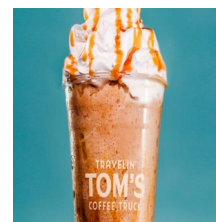
\$3—\$6

11/14/2025

12/12/2025

1/16/2026

2/13/2026



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.

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.**

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.

PARENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

We will continue to use ParentSquare to communicate with parents/guardians. ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for the district and staff to communicate with parents/guardians and students.

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



WORK PERMITS

The State of Ohio requires minors under the age of 18 to obtain a work permit to be employed. Work permit applications can be obtained on the Stebbins website under the "For Students" tab, or they can be picked up from the Stebbins office.

The minor and their parent fill out the top portion of the work permit application and the employer fills out the bottom portion. That form, along with the physician statement, should be turned back in to Stebbins for processing. If you have questions please contact Lauren Woehl at:

lauren.henson@madriverschools.org

FAQ

Q: Can the school revoke my work permit?

A: Yes, a work permit is a privilege that can be revoked if Administration determines it is interfering with a student's ability to meet graduation requirements.

Q: Do I need a new work permit if I change jobs?

A: Yes, each work permit is specific to the employer. Anytime a student changes places of employment, they will need to fill out a new permit application. Physicals are valid for one year, however.

Q: Do I need a physician form if I play sports at Stebbins?

A: If you have a sports physical on file with the school that is less than 1 year old, that can be used in place of the physician statement. The student should contact athletics for a copy of their physical prior to turning their work

From The Guidance Office

Class of 2027 will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, February 24th. More information will be provided closer to the testing date.

Scholarships for Seniors:

1. **ScholarshipCONNECT** – Will be open from December 17th until March 6th at 4PM. Students can create an account and fill out one application to be matched with over 300 different scholarships. They will need a transcript, resume, essay, completed FAFSA, college acceptance letter, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher. More information and links to apply will be sent to student's email.
2. Dayton Montgomery County Scholarship (DMCS) - Will open on January 5th until the beginning of March. Students who qualify with a 2.75 or higher GPA will receive a letter with their login information from Mrs. Neves. Students will need to provide their SAI from their completed FAFSA as well as their college acceptance letter. This scholarship prioritizes financial need over GPA.

