

PARENT BULLETIN

2025–2026

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 will continue to focus on academic and behavior expectations.

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 may be lost. Any student who has been given the consequence of out-of-school suspension between January 12th and April 24th 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. Our Winter Dance for all grades will be held February 21. Students that receive ANY administrative consequence will lose the privilege of attending the Winter Dance. Students with 3 or more unexcused absences will not be permitted to attend the Winter Dance. 3 unexcused tardies will equal 1 unexcused absence.

Students will receive report cards 1/24 and they will also be 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 retake 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. Please continue to check ProgressBook to monitor your child's progress.

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

482 students earned Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

113 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

Tina.simpson@madriverschools.org

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 2026). 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

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
3/21– Winter Dance 7pm-9pm
3/30—4/3—Spring Break (resume 4/7/2025)
4/6—Waiver Day, No School
4/24– Prom
5/13—Last Day for Seniors
5/14—Graduation, Nutter Center, 7:00pm

~JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM~

Friday, April 24th 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 24th to attend Prom. Students who purchased a ticket to Prom will be permitted to leave at 5th period to prepare.

Students who receive an out of school suspension between 1/12 and 4/24 are not permitted to attend Prom . Students can not miss more that 5 days of unauthorized absences between 1/12-4/24. 3 unexcused tardies equals 1 unexcused absence.

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

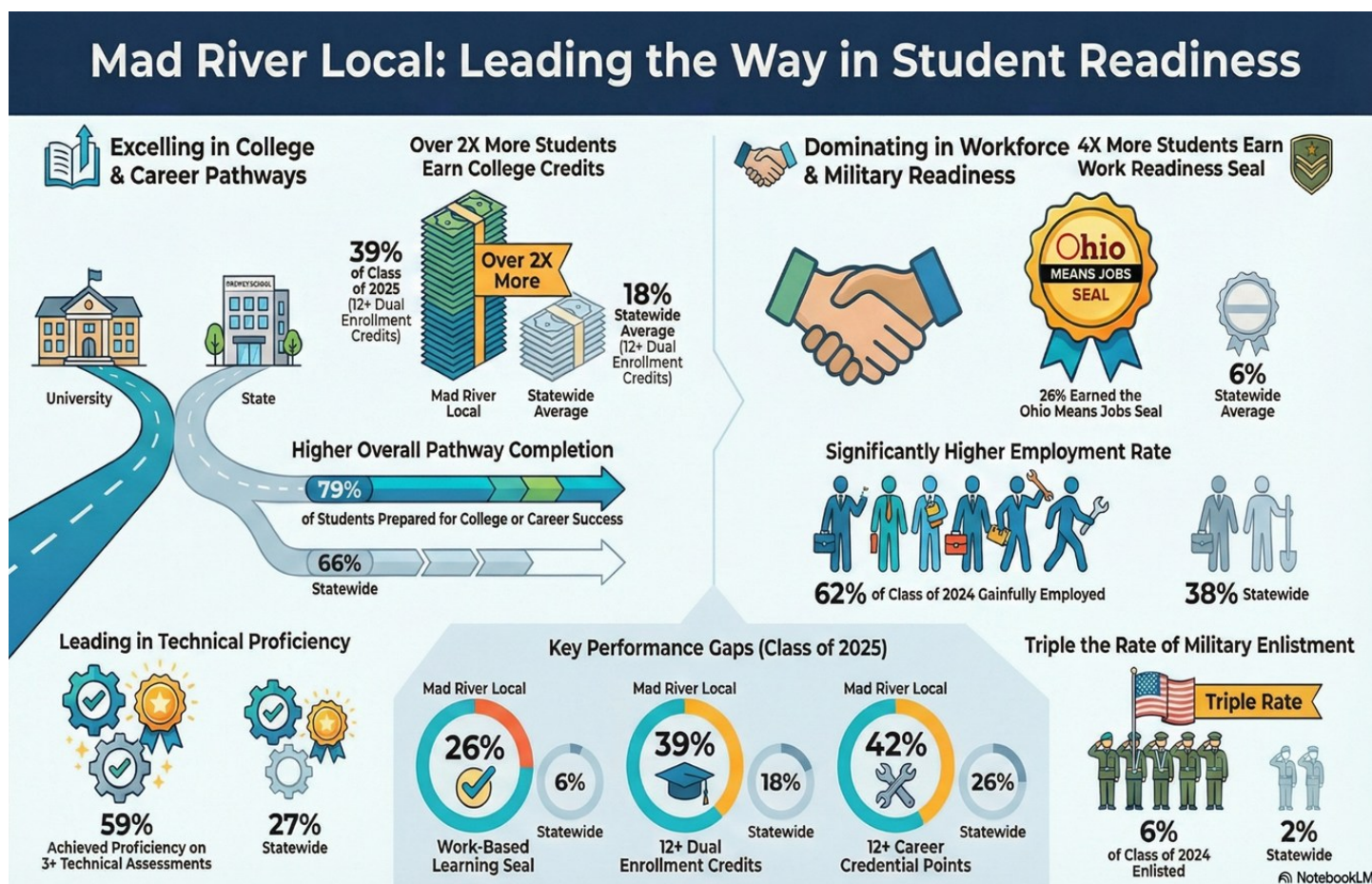
Gift basket with company products/gift cards

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.

What's your E? Ask your student this question. At Stebbins we are putting all students on a path to Enrollment, and/or Enlistment and/or Employment. We offer opportunities and supports that go beyond high school and the data in the chart below shows how Stebbins is above the state average in this area!!



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:

- 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.
- 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.

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.9th) cost will be \$10.

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

ACT Testing

The Juniors will take the ACT test on February 24th. This State mandated and free of charge to all Juniors.

This is a mandatory day of attendance for Juniors. Freshman, sophomores, and Seniors will not attend on February 24th. More information will be communicated.

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

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.

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



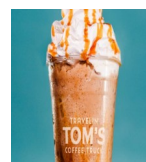
Toms Coffee & Beverages **\$3—\$6**

11/14/2025

12/12/2025

1/16/2026

2/13/2026



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.

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.