



From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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BULLDOGS ARE BACK

Our staggered start began Aug. 18, and I spent the morning visiting schools, greeting our elementary students, high-fiving fifth graders at Lakeview, talking with seventh graders at Kimpton and welcoming our incoming freshmen to the high school. It was rewarding to see students settling in and staff ready to support them.

The staggered start gave students entering new buildings and grade levels time to become comfortable with their surroundings, meet teachers and learn new routines. On Aug. 19, we were happy to welcome the rest of our students in grades 1–12 back into the halls and see our schools fully come to life.

I am grateful to our staff and families for the preparation and partnership that made the first days of school successful. As we move forward, our focus remains on providing every student with strong instruction, meaningful relationships and opportunities to grow.



BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH FUN

The **Back 2 School Bash** on Aug. 15 was a great way to bring students, families, and staff together before the start of the school year. I enjoyed welcoming families to the Field House alongside our teachers and principals, who were there with school supplies, books, and treats to help students feel prepared and excited to return.

Thank you to our community partners who joined us, including the Stow Police Department, SMF PTA, Greenleaf Family Center, Stow Dairy Queen, and the Stow Public Library.



Reminders!

- **Kindergartners** begin school on Tuesday, Aug. 25 and **Lil' Bulldogs Preschoolers** begin on Wednesday, Aug. 26.
- Join us at the **Varsity Football Home Opener** vs. Barberton on Friday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Note: the side entrance will close promptly at 7 p.m. **Purchase game tickets here.**
- Kindergarten Families: Participate in the **Kindergarten Welcome** before the Home Opener! Every kindergartner and two adults receive FREE admission to the game. Meet at the tennis courts at 5:15 p.m. for the 5:45 p.m. Bulldog Walk, including a lap around the track, a run through the Bulldog head, and stops for goodies, books, and surprises!



STAFF KICK OFF A NEW YEAR AT CONVOCATION

Before our students returned, we had the opportunity to bring our staff together for Convocation and officially begin the 2026–27 school year. It was a chance to reconnect, reflect on the work ahead, and recognize the important role every staff member plays in supporting our students.

We were pleased to welcome several special guests, including Stow Mayor John Pribonic, Board of Education President Jason Whitacre, Board Member John Moyer, Student Board Representative Ella Dunmire and Fishcreek Elementary student Idabelle. Our SMF football team, cheer team, and pep band also helped bring plenty of Bulldog energy to the morning.



SENIOR TRADITIONS BEGIN

Senior traditions are officially underway for the **Class of 2027**! Our seniors kicked off their final year by painting their parking spaces, filling the lot with creative designs that reflect their personalities and school pride.

KINDERGARTNERS SIGN WITH SMF SCHOOLS

On Aug. 18, Riverview Elementary welcomed its newest Bulldogs for a special Kindergarten Signing Day. Students "signed" their commitment to our district, completed their screening, and toured their classrooms. **Kindergartners begin school on Aug. 25.**



STATE OF THE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST - SEPT. 15

Mark your calendar: The Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce will host the **State of the Schools breakfast** on Sept. 15. We will present updates and priorities under this year's theme, "Heart of a Bulldog: One Community, One Vision, One Future." The breakfast will take place at the Field House from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

[Reserve your seats now!](#)

