



## Post Prom Spaghetti Supper

The Junior Class will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 8:00 pm in the Café. Menu will include spaghetti, breadsticks, tossed salad, cookies/bars and lemonade or water. Cost of the meal will be \$6 a plate. Starmont basketball will be hosting West Central for parent's night.

## Dates To Remember

- Feb. 1** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 pm  
Teacher Inservice 2:15 – 3:45 pm
- Feb. 2** Iowa Assessment Testing
- Feb. 3** Junior Class Spaghetti Supper  
4:30 – 8:00 pm, café
- Feb. 4** State Large Group Speech, Dubuque 8:00 am  
Robotics at Sioux City
- Feb. 8** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 pm  
Teacher Inservice 2:15 – 3:45 pm
- Feb. 10** 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Dance  
7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Feb. 13** School Board Meeting 6:30 pm,  
Conf. Room
- Feb 14** Elementary Valentine Parties 2:30 pm
- Feb. 15** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 pm  
Teacher Inservice 2:15 – 3:45 pm
- Feb. 20** National FFA Week Begins
- Feb. 22** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 pm  
Teacher Inservice 2:15 – 3:45 pm
- Feb. 23** NHS Induction 7:00 pm
- Feb. 24** Variety Expo 7:00 pm, Café
- Feb. 25** Variety Expo 7:00 pm, Café  
District Ind. Speech, Maq. Valley 8:00 am
- Feb. 26** State DECA Conference @ Des Moines



## Starmont High School Presents...

# A Night at the Movies

## Variety Expo 2017

Friday, February 24

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Saturday, February 25

at 7:00 p.m





# February 2017

## Wed. Feb. 1

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 2:00 pm**  
Teacher Inservice – 2:15 – 3:45 pm

## Thurs. Feb. 2

7/8 B BB @ N. Linn 4:00 pm  
JV/V G/B BB @ Ed-Co 4:00 pm

## Fri. Feb. 3

Iowa Assessment Training  
JV G/B BB vs. W. Central 4:45 pm  
(JV G play ½ game only. JV B start around 5:30 pm)  
V G/B BB vs. W. Central, parents night 6:15 pm  
Junior Class Spaghetti Supper 4:30 – 8:00 pm, Café

## Sat. Feb. 4

State Large Group Speech @ Dubuque 8:00 am  
Wrestling Sectional @ Postville 12:00 pm  
Robotics @ Sioux City

## Mon. Feb. 6

7/8 B BB @ Maquoketa Valley 4:00 pm  
JV/V B Bball @ Postville 5:00 pm  
(No JV/V Girls Game)

## Wed. Feb. 8

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 2:00 pm**  
Teacher Inservice – 2:15 – 3:45 pm

## Thurs. Feb. 9

7/8 B BB vs. Lisbon (H) 4:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Round Regional Var. Girls BB @ Starmont 7:00 pm

## Fri. Feb. 10

7/8 B BB vs. Oelwein (H) 4:00 pm  
6-8<sup>th</sup> Student Council Dance 7:00-9:00 pm

## Sat. Feb. 11

District Wrestling @ Starmont 12:00 pm

## Mon. Feb. 13

K-8 Fundr Raising Kickoff 2:45 pm, elem. gym  
7/8 B BB @ Central City 4:00 pm  
School Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Conf. Room

## Tues. Feb. 14

**Elementary Valentine Parties 2:30 pm**

## Wed. Feb. 15

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 2:00 pm**  
Teacher Inservice – 2:15 – 3:45 pm

## Thurs. Feb. 16

7/8 B BB vs. Alburnett (H) 4:00 pm  
State Wrestling Meet

## Fri. Feb. 17

State Wrestling Meet

## Sat. Feb. 18

State Wrestling Meet

## Mon. Feb. 20

National FFA Week Begins  
Upper Iowa Conf. Individ. Speech @ NF-Valley 4:30 pm  
7/8 BB vs. East Buchanan (H) 4:00 pm

## Wed. Feb. 22

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 2:00 pm**  
Teacher Inservice – 2:15 – 3:45 pm

## Thurs. Feb. 23

NHS Induction

## Fri. Feb. 24

Variety Expo., H.S. Café 7:00 pm

## Sat. Feb. 25

Indiv. District Speech @ Maq. Valley 8:00 am  
Variety Expo., H.S. Café 7:00 pm

## Sun. Feb. 26

State DECA Conference @ Des Moines

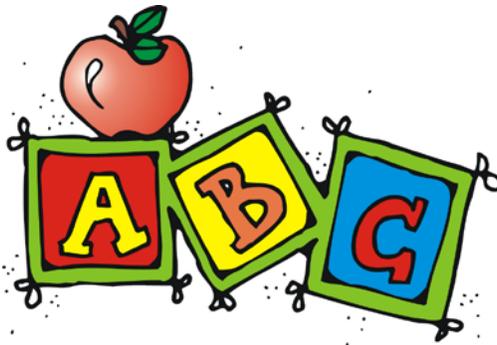




## *Starmont Starlights*

# Kindergarten Round Up

Kindergarten round up will be **Wednesday, March 1** from **9:00 am – 1:45 pm**. There will be a parent meeting at 9am in the elementary meeting room. Your child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2017. Please call the elementary office at 563-933-2238 to register your child if they do not currently attend a 4 year old preschool. Registration packets will be mailed to you about a week before round up.



## Preschool Registration

Preschool registration will be held on **Tuesday, March 7** from **6-7:30 pm** in the elementary gym. Students must be 4 years old by September 15, 2017. Students will be accepted to preschool on a first come, first serve basis.

# Starmont PTO Family Fun Night

Starmont will be hosting a Family Fun Night for students in preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade on **Friday, March 3** from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the high school gyms and cafeteria.

Kids will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of games including a Reaching for the Stars Game, Photo Booth, Nose Pick, Ducks in a Pond, Paddle Wheel, Target Shoot Game, Ring Toss, Face Painting, Basketball Dribbling Course, Ladder Golf, Balloon Art, and Child I.D. There will be a silent auction for teacher-created privileges and INFLATABLES!

Game tickets are 25 cents or one bag of 25 tickets for \$5.00. It will cost \$5.00 to play on the inflatables for the evening. A concession stand will be available in the high school cafe.

We ask each family to please donate one bottle of pop (any size) and have it to school by February 28. Thanks for your help!

Let's get our families together for an evening of fun! Thank you for your support of our children.

## Cooking with the Stars Cookbooks

### Valentine Special

**1 cookbook = \$15.00**

**2 cookbooks = \$25.00**



## **Mini-Dance Marathon raises \$600 for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital**

Beginning in November, Starmont FFA and National Honor Society came together to begin plans to host a mini dance marathon in partnership with the University of Northern Iowa. UNI Dance Marathon is the largest student organization on the Cedar Falls Campus and has been working with the University of Iowa to raise funds for the Children's Hospital since 2011. To help reach their final fundraising goal, UNI reaches out to high schools in the surrounding areas to host mini-marathons.

Students in the Ag Leadership class as well as NHS members planned every aspect of the mini-marathon. Their goals were to hold a fun event for students to get involved in and raise funds for a great cause. Leading up to the week of the event on Saturday January 11th, the groups organized a penny fundraiser and sold Dance Marathon t-shirts.

With nearly 15 UNI students and 60 Starmont students, dancing and games were held from 8-11 in the high school gym. Participants were able to play twister and jenga throughout the night as well as dodgeball, tug-of-war, and limbo that took place at the top of every hour. One of the most special moments of the evening was when the miracle family, that also enjoyed the night of dancing, shared the story of their journey as their daughter spent time at the University of Iowa NICU after she was born.

By the conclusion of the event, a total of \$600 was raised to be donated to UNI Dance Marathon. Liz Fitzgerald, Director of Development for UNI Dance Marathon shared, "The amount you raised is close to what some 5A schools raise. Schools triple the size of yours raise only a couple hundred dollars more and they have thousands of students. You guys have created so many miracles and I am so so proud of all the work that was put in." Starmont FFA and NHS would also like to extend a big thank you to anyone who donated to the cause or helped to make the event run smoothly; it truly made a difference!

# Starmont Robotics

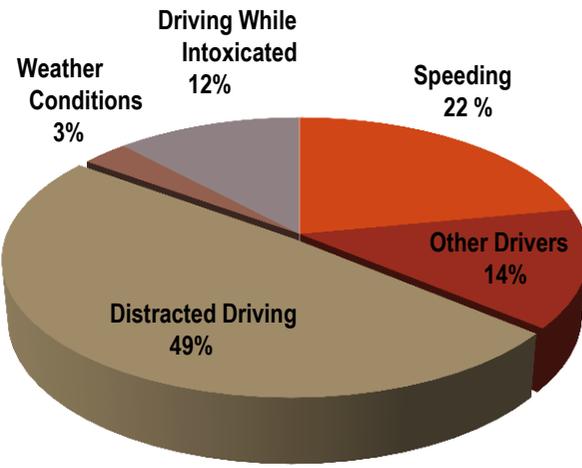
The Starmont Sun Devils Robotics Team #6661 participated in a league championship tournament at Fort Dodge on Saturday, January 14th, 2017. There were 24 teams from northeast and north central Iowa competing. After qualification matches, the Starmont team was selected as alliance partners with teams from Manning and Garner Iowa. With these teams, Starmont moved through semi-finals winning in two matches. They then advanced to the finals and won two out of three matches. As a member of the winning alliance, the Starmont team will move on to the next round of competition in Sioux City on Saturday, February 4th.

The First Tech Challenge (FTC) encourages students to engage in community outreach, learning to create a budget, fundraising plans, sustainability plan, increase social skills, and other activities which will benefit them later in life. The day of the event team members are interviewed by judges to discuss their robot design and process from beginning to end. The team must also pass hardware inspection and field inspection. Teams advance based on criteria including robot performance, outreach, documentation of engineering design process, and their team interview to the next round of competition.





## Parent's Behind The Wheel Fears



You've spent a lifetime helping your child grow and learn while most importantly-**keeping them safe**. A right of passage as they get older is the freedom and independence of having a driver's license. However, with it comes a tremendous amount of risk and potential disaster. Have **YOU** prepared them for this challenging time? Have you done everything you could? Have you sought out sound advice about the dangers of driving as a teen driver before they hit the road alone?

**Their life could depend upon it.**

## Do You Know Why They Crash?

### LACK OF EXPERIENCE

Don't perceive risks  
Minimal hands-on supervised practice

### Distractions:

- Multiple teen passengers
- Cell phone/electronic devices
- Music
- Eating/Drinking

Overconfidence

Impaired (alcohol/drugs)

Drowsy Driving

Speeding

Emotionally Charged (anger)

Various road types/conditions

Overcorrecting

## Do You Know Where They Crash?

Rural roads (includes gravel)  
(single vehicle lane departures)  
80% of IA roads considered rural  
Urban roads (intersections)  
Predominately at night

Sources- NHTSA/FARS

## What You Can Do NOW To Help

Talk to your teen about safe driving;  
Set a positive example; Be a role model;  
**Don't take their abilities for granted;**

### Your Responsibilities:

#### Before Driver Education:

- Talk safety/traffic laws
- Set the example
- LET THEM DRIVE**
- Mentor/coach them
- Set rules/boundaries

#### During Driver Education:

- LET THEM DRIVE**
- Meet the Driver Education instructor
- Talk traffic safety & discuss what they're learning
- Mentor/coach them
- Be an active supporter

#### After Driver Education:

- LET THEM DRIVE**
- Ride with them
- Talk traffic safety/traffic laws
- Stay engaged with them

#### Beyond the Intermediate License:

- Stay current with traffic laws
  - Ride with them
  - Talk traffic safety/laws
  - Reinforce good driving behavior
- Don't take their abilities for granted.***

## Iowa Traffic Laws

(Iowa Code 321)

### Current Seat Belt Law;

- Mandatory for all front seat occupants & rear passengers under 18 years old

### Electronic Devices (cell phones, etc.)

- No electronic devices used (under 18)
- No wireless or corded connections with radios (under 18)
- Only manufacturer equipment used
- No texting (all ages)

### Graduated Driver License (GDL):

- 3 stage licensing program

#### -Learner's Permit (age 14-16)

must be held for 12 months)

- Supervised driving required (20 hrs- at least 2 hours at night)

-Must have prior to driver education

#### -Intermediate License (16-17 yr. old)

- Supervised driving required (10 hrs- at least 2 hours at night)

-Passenger restriction

-Only 1 unrelated teen passenger for the first 6 month\*

\* (Waiverable by parent/guardian

- Restricted driving times (curfew)

#### -Full License (18 years +)

- Full driving privileges with no restrictions.

## PARENTS..... YOU HOLD THE KEYS TO YOUR TEEN'S SUCCESS AND SAFETY!



### Reality Check:

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year olds.

Nearly 50% of fatalities are NOT buckled.

Multiple teen passengers is the main distraction for young drivers.

*You model behavior for teens.*



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITH TEEN DRIVERS



**WHAT YOU NEED TO  
KNOW AND DO  
TO HELP YOUR  
TEEN SURVIVE THE  
DRIVE.**



Iowa Department of Public Safety  
Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau



**Starmont CSD**  
**3202 40<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Arlington, IA 50606**

### **Starmont Equity Statement**

The Starmont Community School District does not intentionally discriminate on the basis of sex, race and color, national origin, religion and creed, age, marital/parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, or socioeconomic status or familial status in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices, or as otherwise prohibited by statute or regulation. If you believe such discrimination has occurred and want to receive more information about the grievance procedure, please contact the Superintendent/Equity Coordinator at 3202 40th Street, Arlington, Iowa 50606 or call (563) 933-4598.

Please help us.....

We are asking parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to take a quick survey regarding technology use. This information is vital so we can choose the right technology for our classrooms. If you have more than 1 child enrolled at Starmont, please use the survey for the youngest child. Please complete the survey no later than, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks for you help!!

If you are a parent of a 3-5<sup>th</sup> grader, please use the following link:

<http://www.BByt.es/3G7ZP>

If you are a parent of a 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grader, please use the following link:

<http://www.BByt.es/PJ9NP>

If you are a parent of a 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader, please use the following link:

<http://www.BByt.es/9Q93P>