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YEARBOOK THEME: Closing the Chapter 2025-2026

Opening Page: Every Story Starts Somewhere.

Every story starts somewhere, and our story began on August 13, to open our 2025-2026 school year. When we first launched into the new school year, we wanted to skip the page on new policies and new rules. Phones and electronic watches were banned, a 9th period was added to the schedule, and the assessment protocol was changed. “It’s probably a good thing that we have a ninth period,” Senior Tae Ketelson said. “It makes us actually get our work completed on time.”

Despite the changes, both students and teachers were ready to tell their story. Throughout the year, we shared laughter in the hallways, learned lessons in the classrooms, and created memories that will last longer than the dust collected on our storybook.

Our yearbook staff selected this theme to showcase that everyone: students, custodians, teachers, and support staff has a story to tell. Although it is just another year, it is a chapter well done. This yearbook is more than just photos and names, it’s a record of the experiences, friendships, and achievements that wrote our school year. As you turn the pages, we hope you remember the plots that mattered, and that every ending is the start to a new chapter.

Classes Divider Copy: Meeting the Characters

From students beginning pre-school to seniors awaiting graduation, these characters help tell our story. Each day brought new challenges, achievements, and moments that shaped our character.

Every class tells their own story of learning, growth, and time spent together. This school year, we characters explored new ideas and shared memories that made this chapter worthwhile.

“I refereed the Senior Kickball game during Homecoming, but due to an illness, I couldn’t play,” Senior Rylan Hansen said. “I had more fun reffing than actually playing,” Hansen added. “I made some questionable calls, but no one argued with me.”

For our seniors, this is the final chapter in these halls. It’s a time to celebrate friendships, achievements, and the experiences that have shaped them. And through it all, our teachers and staff have been there: guiding, encouraging, and helping every student shape their character.

Characters are what make the story, and the people, memories, and connections made in 2025-2026 make it a chapter worth remembering.

Academics: Turning Pages, Gaining Knowledge

We can’t tell the story without understanding what we’ve learned. From English and History to Math, Science, Spanish, Agriculture, Business, Tech, and Physical Education, each course added its own depth of knowledge to our year. These subjects challenged us, taught us new skills, and gave us a chance to grow together. “I love reading together in English,” Sophomore Maci Shellpeper said. “It is way easier to understand what is happening than when I have to read it myself.”

This year we welcomed new teachers in both the elementary and high school, and new courses were also added to the schedule. This year was a time of learning, discovery, and expanding on our depth of character.

Athletics: Pages Powered by Passion

This year our athletes pushed limits and set new personal bests, while also breaking records along the way. Every game, meet, and match added to our story and was defined by effort, teamwork, and determination. While some teams grew in numbers, others grew in strength

and skill. “We only lost one basketball game,” Eighth Grader Levi Hekerdle said. “We won a lot of football games too. “I’m excited to see where we continue to grow.”

This section celebrates the moments that were made this year: on the field, the court, the mat, the course, and the track, where confidence and skill blended together to reach success.

Activities: More Pages to be Filled

This school year, students brought their energy and creativity to every stage, every rehearsal, and every performance. From One Act to Band, Choir, FFA, and more, these activities show the dedication and perseverance of teamwork and talent in action. “Making All-State Band was an amazing experience that not many student musicians get to say they’ve experienced,” Freshman Mitchell Larson said.

Our students are heavily involved in extracurricular activities. This section highlights the moments that made our school year full of excitement and growth. School Spirit skyrocketed, and success soared.

Events: The Climax

Our school year isn’t just filled with homework, sporting events, concerts, and performances, but memories of the events that celebrate our contributions to this chapter in our lives.

Homecoming and Prom brought energy, excitement, and unforgettable nights. Performances, field days, and celebrations throughout the 2025-2026 school year added their own moments of laughter, teamwork, and school spirit. “The Homecoming Dance was so much fun,” Sophomore Bergan Pohlman said. “I danced with people I barely knew.”

Each event was a rising action in our climatic chapter. These events allowed us a chance to come together, celebrate achievements, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Seniors finally reached their turning point, turning their tassels from the right to the left as they crossed the stage of Stanton one last time. Events are where memories are made and celebrations are cherished.

Awards: Acknowledgments

The 2025-2026 school year was filled with hard work, dedication and achievement. Academic accomplishments and extracurricular honors tell tales of their own including: effort, growth, and perseverance. This section celebrates our characters whose achievements added proud and memorable moments to our school year. “I love being recognized for my accomplishments,” Seventh Grader Teaghan Johnson said.