

Stanton Swings Into Strong Start at Wayne Invitational

Led by new coach, girls see top 10 finish

By: Junior Mia Sherman



On August 29, the Stanton Girls' Golf Team kicked off its season at the Wayne Invitational. Stanton was among the 16 teams hosted. The five-player Stanton team's combined score placed them among the top ten.

With the team being led by new coach Mrs. Bailey Svehla, the girls were able to significantly increase their scores since this time last year. "Most of the girls improved their skills and consistency with their shots, becoming a real strength," Svehla said.

Returning to varsity were Juniors Chloe Belt and Mia Sherman, and Seniors Emerson Vogel and Olivia Linnaus. The newest member of the varsity team was Senior Brooklyn Espinoza. "It was awesome to make varsity my first year," Espinoza said. "I had only ever golfed for fun, so it was a bit of a change to go from casual golfing to competitive."

The Wayne Invitational began at 9:00 am, lasting about five hours. The Stanton golfers were divided up between the 18 holes to play alongside golfers from other schools. "Sometimes it can be stressful golfing with strangers, but by the time you are done, you're all pretty close friends," Linnaus said. Golfing with unfamiliar players can lead to increased nervousness as well as a heightened focus on performing well.

The Stanton girls had a combined team score of 449, placing 6th out of 16. Belt held the lowest shot score with a 106, Espinoza with 110, Vogel with 114, Linnaus with 119, and Sherman with 126. Belt medaled, placing 18th individually. "It was super cool to be able to get a medal at Wayne, since it is a hard course," Belt said. "And, I outscored my cousin." Since they are cousins, Belt and Vogel have always been competitive, trying to outscore each other at every meet. "Last year, my goal was to beat Emerson," Belt continued. "I finally met my goal at one of the final meets of last season, and was happy to do it again."

One of the most challenging aspects of golfing is maintaining a positive mindset. On the course, it can be difficult to recover from a bad shot, which may cause frustration. Letting go of mistakes is important to ensure consistent performance. "It can be hard to stay positive, especially if you have hit a few bad shots in a row," Vogel said. "But, you have to just let it go and remember that one bad hole doesn't make you a bad golfer." The importance of a positive mindset can allow golfers to stay focused, bounce back from bad shots, and overall allow them to have a better time, no matter their score.

The Wayne Invitation was only the beginning of the season for Stanton Girls' Golf. Svehla hopes that as the season continues, the scores will be beaten, and some will qualify for state. "I am proud of how the girls have done, and I am excited to see what is in store for the rest of the season," Svehla said.

Fairway Focus. Senior Emerson Vogel tees off at Wayne for the first golf meet of the season. Vogel shot a 114. "Our first meet felt like a fresh start," Vogel said. "I just wanted to focus on my swing and enjoy the game."

Summer, Siblings, and Sweetheart Showdowns

Why “The Summer I Turned Pretty” has fans divided and delighted

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Love triangle shows have been a hit for many years, but the most popular ones are those involving brothers. Some of these shows include Vampire Diaries (which is a love triangle between the two Salvatore Brothers and Elena Gilbert), My Life With the Walter Brothers (which is a love triangle between two the Walter brothers and Jackie), and the one that has had every one on the internet buzzing recently, The Summer I Turned Pretty.

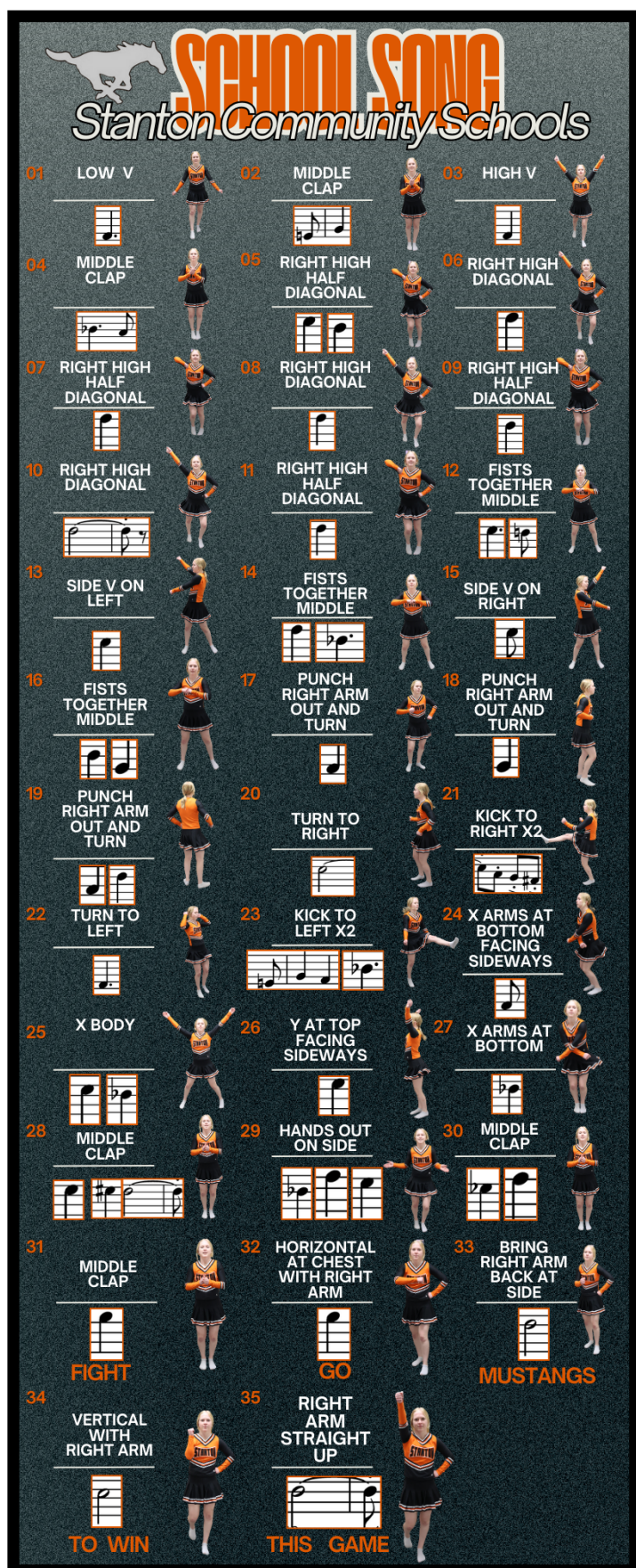
The Summer I Turned Pretty is a show based off of the three books written by Jenny Han. Each book has its own season. The books in order are The Summer I Turned Pretty, It's Not Summer Without You, and We'll Always Have Summer. The show is set in a town called Cousins, where two families go every summer. The two families both stay at this beach house for the whole summer. The families are connected because of the mothers. The mothers have been best friends since college, and had kids around the same time. The mom who owns the beach house is Susannah and has two sons, Jeremiah and Conrad. The other mother is Laurel and has a son, Steven, and a daughter, Isabell. Isabell, or better known as Belly, is the main character as we follow her journey and struggle in choosing which boy she loves.

The show first premiered in June of 2022, with it almost immediately rising to the top of charts. During its premiere weekend, the show itself reached the number one spot on Amazon Prime Video. Season one received a score of 86% on Rotten Tomatoes; however, season two only followed that up with 60%. When they first kicked off the show in 2022, they released all seven episodes of season one at once. In the two following seasons, producers decided to span the show out by releasing a new episode each week. This meant that fans across the globe would all sit down, in suspense, waiting for the next episode to drop.

The debate of Team Conrad and Team Jeremiah has taken over the internet as well at Stanton High School. The debate has divided people and caused uproar from all viewers. “Conrad is the better brother, because he is nicer and has his life more figured out,” Freshman Kenzie Cook said. Junior Chloe Belt argued back that, “Jeremiah is better because he loved her before she essentially “turned pretty,” unlike Conrad.” As you can see, with the show coming back to screens again this past July and leading into September the spark of most conversations is “what team are you on?” This question has become so majorly asked that stores like American Eagle have collaborated with the show to produce shirts saying whether they are Team Belly, Team Conrad, or Team Jeremiah.

The Summer I Turned Pretty allows readers and viewers to feel a sense of nostalgia, reminding them of their own summers and times when they were naive and everything felt possible. Jenny Han's story appeals to the romantic side that most readers and show watchers crave, as well as the emotional side. Whether you go into the series for its beachy aesthetic, love triangle, or exploration of growing up, The Summer I Turned Pretty shows a relatable portrayal of adolescence. The show leaves you still thinking about it even after you finish it, not only because of its romantic drama, but also because of its honest depictions of the joys and pains of growing up.





The History and Heart of School Songs

Familiar tunes turn into tradition, pride, and community

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For years schools have had a song that represents them. They play it to show school spirit and pride. Most of the time, when school songs are played at things such as: assemblies, sporting events, or graduation ceremonies, it goes over our head and we don't really think about what it truly signifies. The history of school songs shows changes in things like community and musical trends. Seeing how these songs have evolved shows how schools can use music to build tradition.

School songs have served as an essential part of school pride for many decades, but how did school songs start? School songs, or also known as fight songs, started in the late 1800's and early 1900's. They began in the United States when college football started to gain popularity. These fans needed a way to all collectively show spirit for their team, so they started singing. They would sing tunes from popular songs or military marches. The popularity of school songs were helped by radio stations. The stations would play college school songs, which helped people to learn the words and allow more people to hear them somewhere other than a game.

In particular, Alma Maters became their own special category of fight songs. Songs for alma maters and fight songs seem similar but are quite different. Alma maters' songs tend to be slower and full of more praise and loyalty. They are solemn, reflective, and celebrate the institution's history and values. Unlike alma maters', fight songs are more upbeat and energetic. Fight songs consist of calls to action like "Fight!," and often mention team mascots and colors. Alma mater songs are more so for alumni, whereas fight songs are for current students.

Some of these popular songs actually emerged in quite a creative way; a song writing contest. For example, the song "Fight On" was written by a USC dental student, Mike Sweet. He wrote the song in 1922 and submitted the lyrics to a Trojan spirit contest. Another example of this is Ohio State's "Buckeye Battle Cry" song, which was written by Frank Crumit. Frank wrote this song in 1919 for a contest, which was being held in anticipation of Ohio's new stadium being built. This song is now a staple at Ohio football games, being most memorably played during the marching band's ramp entrance.

Stanton's fight song is "On Wisconsin." Stanton has had this song for as long as can be remembered. The song has gone through many things. Whether it was school dance changes or different directors, the song has always remained the same. This song is played to represent our Mustang pride. The band plays it before games, after touchdowns, and games that were won. This song reminds Stanton alumni of where they come from no matter where they hear it.