

# We Are Spartans

Every student in the Stanwood-Camano School District is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future of their choice.



## SPARTAN PRIDE GOES FAR AND WIDE

- P** Polite and Positive
- R** Respectful
- I** Integrity and Involved
- D** Determined
- E** Empathetic and Effort

Stanwood Middle School  
2023-24

**2023-24 Student Handbook**

**The ABC's of Stanwood Middle School**

# Basic Spartan Expectations



## CAFETERIA

- ✔ Stay seated when eating
- ✔ Clean up after yourself
- ✔ Use inside voice

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## BATHROOM


- ✔ Get in, get out
- ✔ Clean up after yourself
- ✔ Use fixtures & materials appropriately

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## LIBRARY

- ✔ Be kind
- ✔ Be calm
- ✔ No food
- ✔ Walk

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## OUTSIDE

- ✔ Show sportsmanship
- ✔ Respect yourself and others
- ✔ Keep SMS clean

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## HALLWAYS

- ✔ Walk with a purpose
- ✔ Keep language positive
- ✔ Be safe and in control

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## CLASSROOM

- ✔ Be prepared and ready to learn
- ✔ Respect personal space and property
- ✔ Comply to requests from adults

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Welcome to Stanwood Middle School. Our core philosophy is that middle school students are in a unique developmental stage of social, emotional, and physical transition. We believe in challenging our Spartans to reach their highest potential, providing opportunities in the arts, academics, technology, service, and athletics that will enrich lifelong learning.

- Stanwood Middle School students are expected to attend class regularly and on time.
- Stanwood Middle School is a closed campus. All students must remain on campus from their arrival until dismissal. Visitors are required to check in at the office upon arrival.
- Stanwood Middle School students are expected to obey reasonable requests from all school staff including bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, cooks, and school assistants.
- Stanwood Middle School students are expected to dress in a manner that does not disrupt the educational process.
- Stanwood Middle School students are expected to avoid inappropriate physical contact, foul language, and dangerous behavior.
- Stanwood Middle School students will enjoy a climate free from harassment or any other form of verbal or physical intimidation.

**Advisory** (See Spartan Space)

Wednesdays, 9:00-9:25 a.m.

### **Athletics**

At Stanwood Middle School we encourage students to participate in our extracurricular activities. Participation and doing one's best is stressed above winning. Great effort is made to assure that all students who want to participate have a chance to do so.

We have a variety of after-school sports from which students can choose. Our hope is that something will be of interest to you and that you will join a Stanwood Middle School team during this school year.

To participate each student must:

- Have a sports physical which is good for up to two years,
- Be covered by insurance (school or personal),
- Fill out all information in Final Forms
- Purchase an A.S.B. card
- Read and sign documentation indicating that you have read and will follow the athletic code
- Pay the participation fee prior to competing in the first competition. Reduced fees are available for families who qualify for the National Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program. (Contact your coach or athletic director for information.)

According to WIAA rules, each sport also has a specific number of turnouts required before an athlete may compete against other schools. Therefore, if you begin turnout late or miss practices you may not be able to participate during the first games of the season until you have met this requirement.

## **The Sport Seasons**

### **First Season—Starts either the first or second day of school in September**

Girls Soccer 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade

Boys & Girls Cross Country 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Second Season**

Girls Volleyball 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade—starts last week of November/First week of December

Boys Basketball 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade—starts mid October

### **Third Season**

Boys & Girls Wrestling 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade—starts early February

Girls Basketball 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade—starts early February

### **Fourth Season**

Boys & Girls Track 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade—starts late March

Boys Soccer 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade

Most events start at 3:45 P.M. and are finished by about 6:30 PM. Students will receive specific schedules from coaches.

*Stanwood Middle School is a member of the Northwest Middle Schools League.*

## **Attendance**

If you are absent due to illness or family emergency, your parent should call the school on the day you are absent at 360.629.1350 or excuse it through Skyward. *All absences must be excused within 72 hours.* Please note that school attendance is mandatory and schools are required to take action when students miss school without a legitimate excuse.

If you are going to be absent for more than one or two days you may get your assignments by calling the office. Teachers need at least one day's notice to get your assignments. Assignments may be picked up in the school office at the end of the day.

Regarding appointments:

Regular attendance in class is an important part of being a successful student. It is recommended that whenever possible, you should schedule appointments outside the school day. Students must check out from the office when they leave and check back into the office on their return.

## **Bathrooms**

One student at a time

Sign in/out of your classroom

Use bathroom closest to classroom

Math hallway—West Gym bathrooms

Science/FCS—Main Foyer bathrooms

Upstairs classes—upstairs

Only go to a different bathroom if there is a line of more than two people waiting to use the bathroom.

Please use the bathroom (unless it is an emergency) at the start of class, during direct instruction, or the last 10 minutes of class.

## **Bell Schedule**



## Spartan Bell Schedule 2023-2024

### Regular Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 7:40 - 8:37 (57)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 8:40 - 9:37 (57)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 9:40 - 10:37 (57)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Period:

#### Lunch A

10:40 - 11:10 (30)  
11:13-12:10 (57)Class

#### Lunch B

10:40 - 11:37 (57) - Class  
11:40-12:10 (30)

5<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:13 - 1:10 (57)  
6<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:13 - 2:10 (57)

### Wednesday Schedule

Spartan Space: 9:00-9:25 (25)  
1st Period: 9:28-10:07 (39)  
2nd Period: 10:10-10:49 (39)  
3rd Period: 10:52 - 11:31 (39)  
4<sup>th</sup> Period:

#### Lunch A

11:34-12:04 (30)  
12:07-12:46 - Class (39)

#### Lunch B

11:34-12:13 - Class (39)  
12:16 -12:46 (30)

5<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:49 - 1:28 (39)  
6<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:31 - 2:10 (39)

## **Bikes and Skateboards**

Bikes should be locked to the racks to prevent theft.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN AWAY FROM THE BIKE RACKS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**

Skateboard and scooter use is not allowed on school grounds and should be left at home. Students may not carry skateboards into classrooms.

## **Checking out books/Chromebooks/equipment**

Chromebooks are not checked out to students this year. Teachers assign a Chromebook to students to use during class. Teachers monitor the condition of a Chromebook throughout the day; if a student causes damage, a fine may occur. If a student checks out a textbook, library book, or other equipment from the school, they are responsible for damage above normal wear and tear and if they lose the item.

## **Closed Campus**

Stanwood Middle School has a closed campus. This means that when a student arrives at school, he or she is expected to remain on campus until 2:20 PM. The only acceptable reason for leaving campus is if a parent comes to check the student out through the office. Whenever a student leaves campus they must be signed out in the main office by a parent or guardian.

### **Breakfast**

7:15 a.m. daily; 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday

Students must be eating breakfast to be in the cafeteria before school.

Students must clean up their mess and listen to the directions of the supervisors

### **Buses**

Stanwood buses leave first—students need to immediately go to their bus

Camano buses are second wave—students will go to a classroom based on their route.

15-Wall, 151

14-Bliss, 153

12-Donovan, 159

11-ten Hoopen, 105

10-Berg, 107

Y- Schonberg, 218

### **Cell Phones**

Stowed daily, 7:25-2:10

Students may ask permission from an adult to check their cell phone, make a call/send a text. Cell phones are taken to the office when used without permission. When a cell phone is taken for the second time, a parent/guardian will receive a notice from the office asking to come and pick it up.

### **Clubs/Activities**

Stanwood Middle School has a variety of clubs and activities available for students in addition to our athletic program. To be eligible to participate as a member of a club, a student must be passing all classes and purchase an ASB card. For further information about clubs or special activities, listen to the daily bulletin, announcements at lunch, and Mr. Klundt's weekly newsletter.

### **Counselor Requests**

Students need to fill out a counselor request form in the office and will be called down as soon as possible.

### **Detention/Suspension**

Students earning a lunch detention will serve the detention as soon as possible after receiving the detention. Detention is for the entirety of the lunch break. Teachers or administrators assigning detention will notify home with either an email or phone call explaining why the student earned a detention.

### **Dress Code**

Student dress is a form of expression and often a family decision. Student dress should not interfere with teaching and learning in a classroom. Students who wear clothing that has a gang affiliation, illegal substance/alcohol reference, or inappropriate language will be asked to change their clothing.

### Earbuds/Headphones

Not in hallways; only in class w/permission. If seen in the hallway, will be sent to the office until the end of the day.

### Energy Drinks & Soda

Energy drinks are not allowed at school. Soda brought to school will be for individual consumption only.

### Equity

We as a district will place equity at the center of all decision-making and planning, ensuring that all students and staff have a voice and the resources they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in our schools. Join our equity club and be at the forefront of this work!

Equity Advisor: Jayde Piggott–Club name: Somos Unos



### Gum

Stanwood Middle School is a gum free zone.

### Harassment and Bullying

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying will not be tolerated among students, staff, or volunteers at Stanwood Middle School.

“Harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means any intentionally written message or image, including those that are electronically transmitted, a verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080(3), (race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristics, when an act:

1. Physically harms a student or damages the student’s property; or
2. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education; or
3. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
4. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

If a student at Stanwood Middle is reported to be involved in harassing, intimidating, or bullying behavior an investigation of the situation will be conducted. If any

student is found to have participated in such behavior, that student will engage in an educational conference with an administrator to learn about the definition and effects of harassment, will be expected to abide by an Anti-Harassment Contract, and possibly receive an infraction, possibly including suspension. Any further incidence of bullying will result in consequences ranging from one day to long term suspension, depending on severity. Repeat offenses will result in progressive discipline and will be documented on the student's school record.

Victims are encouraged to report bullying, intimidation, and harassment to: 1) teachers, 2) administrators, 3) counselors, and 4) parents. Administrators and/or the counselor will work with the victim until the reported bullying has stopped. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to report bullying to a school administrator/counselor.

### Hallways

Students expected to take the most direct route to class.  
Safe walking pathways  
No running, shoving, etc.

### Hats/Hoods/Beanies

Students are not allowed to wear hats, hoods, or beanies except with permission from the administration, and on permitted spirit days.

### Health Room/Illness

Students should stay home:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or greater within the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Runny nose with drainage that is cloudy, yellow, pus-like or green
- Thick mucus or pus-like drainage from the eye or pink eye
- Body rash, especially with fever or itching
- Sore throat, especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck
- Cough, especially with fever, loss of appetite or weight loss.

Stanwood Middle School's health room nurse and health room assistant are available to care for sick or injured students. During hours that health room staff are not available, office staff will help you if you get sick or are hurt in class. Before coming to the office, tell your teacher and get a pass.

The health room is not very large, so we may ask that you make one of the following choices if you are ill:

- You may lie down for 15 minutes. If you feel better you may return to class.
- You may phone for someone to take you home.

Any student who is at school with a fever of 100 degrees or above will be sent home. Stanwood MS staff can take care of small problems that can be fixed by a bandage or an ice pack. A parent will be called for anything more serious.

Students are not allowed to have medications at school unless their doctor has completed an authorization form and parent has delivered both medication and authorization form to the nurse. The only medication students are allowed to carry with them are inhalers or epi-pens and the same process of doctor authorization needs to be followed. The school does not give aspirin or Tylenol at any time. A trained adult must



give all medication and it will only be dispensed as directed by a doctor. Rules for dispensing prescription medicine are available from the school nurse.

### **Library**

Our library is open Monday, every other Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; it is open during lunch on Tuesdays.

Students using the library are expected to be calm and respectful to the space and adults in it.

During lunch time, students are expected to be sitting down: playing games, working on schoolwork, doing art, or talking quietly at their table.

### **Litter/Vandalism**

We have a beautiful campus and school. Please use garbage cans for litter and help keep our school and campus clean. Please dispose of gum properly in the garbage can. Recycle whenever possible. There are containers for paper throughout the school. Please take care of bathrooms and use appropriately. Should vandalism occur in bathrooms, they might be shut down during the day for a period of time.

### **Office Etiquette**

Courtesy is the key when entering the office. The office is a place of business, and our office staff has many responsibilities including helping parents, students and school staff. Please be patient when you are requesting help from the people in the office. They are interested in helping you promptly. Because several conversations may be going on at one time it is especially important to use a voice level appropriate to the situation.

### **Spartan Pride Awards**

Students are honored weekly on Wednesdays during the morning announcements for demonstrating Spartan PRIDE:

Polite & Positive

Respectful

Integrity & Involved

Determined

Empathetic & Effort

Each week, students earning this honor have their picture taken (appearing in Mr. Klundt's family message the next Sunday), a prize, and the red slip with the write-up is mailed home for proud display on the refrigerator.

### **Spartan Space (Advisory)**

On Wednesday late start days, we have Spartan Space at 9:00 a.m.

Each week during Spartan Space, students (hopefully) learn a little bit about themselves, how to work together in community, and work toward their greatest potential academically. We also often have school presentations during this time.

### **Tardiness**

Students are expected to arrive to class on time with all materials necessary to be productive in the classroom. Tardiness interrupts the learning in the classroom. There is plenty of time to move from one classroom to another during passing period.

### **Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Free Schools**

Under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, all Stanwood-Camano Schools must be totally free of unlawful drugs and alcohol. **No one is allowed to possess, use or distribute such drugs or alcohol while at school or while taking part in school activities.** In addition, State Law and Board Policy prohibit the use of tobacco products by anyone on public school property.

### **Visitors**

Students are not allowed to bring friends or relatives to school during the school day.

Parents are welcome to visit their children's classrooms. We ask that you contact the teacher in advance and arrange a mutually agreeable time for the visit. All adult visitors are asked to check in at the office prior to entering classrooms. Please remember that conferring with the teacher is probably not possible during your visit because the teacher will be busy teaching and monitoring students.

### **Valuables**

We cannot emphasize strongly enough the need to keep personal valuables at home. Theft or damage to personal items is all too common in a middle school setting. The school is not able to promise the security of personal items. Students are frequently upset to learn the new cell phone they got for a birthday gift was taken from their bag during lunch or the PE locker room. Toys (stuffed animals, etc.) are not appropriate at school either. Please take this advice and leave items of this sort at home where they are more likely to stay safe.