



STRAFFORD R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY BRETT SODEN, SUPERINTENDENT

The Strafford R-VI School District is excited to start the 2018-2019 school year. Our main goal is to provide the best possible education for students. We will strive to be one of the best school districts in the state of Missouri. Strafford schools are proud of our students, staff, and community.

There are several ways you can assist the school in communication efforts. For instance, visit the school website, download the mobile app, follow our school social media pages, and provide a current email address. We will work hard to make sure that parents have the opportunities to get as much information as possible from the Strafford School District.

We are excited for our new administrators at Strafford High School. Doug Fields will be returning to the district as the high school principal. Mr. Fields taught history at Strafford for twelve years before serving as the high school principal at Fordland. Brett Bough will be the assistant principal and athletic director. Mr. Bough has taught and coached at Strafford for seven years. We have also added Brandon

Kovach to our technology department. This is a new position added in preparation for expanding technology opportunities to all students in the Strafford School District. Mr. Kovach brings twenty-three years of school district technology experience to Strafford.

The returning administrators for the 2018-2019 school year include: Dr. Michelle Gardner, Elementary Principal; Dr. Ashley Bough, Assistant Elementary Principal; Marcia Chadwell, Middle School Principal; Shane Pierce, A+ Program Director and Assistant Middle School Principal; Dawnielle Baker, Special Education Director.

New faculty members will report to school on Thursday, August 9 and all returning faculty members will report on Friday, August 10. Students will begin classes on Wednesday, August 15.

We look forward to a great 2018-2019 school year. You may contact the central office if you have any questions at 736-7000 ext. 1500.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**AUGUST 15
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 3
NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY**

School supply lists can be found on the district website.

CHANGES TO THE YOUR SCHOOL NEWS DELIVERY

The district has decided to change the delivery method of the newsletter in the future. The August/September 2018 edition will remain the same and be mailed as normal.

Beginning with the October/November 2018 edition, we will **not** be mailing the newsletter to every Strafford mailbox. The district will be emailing it to all staff and parents/guardians of current Strafford students. We will also continue to have it available on our school website and mobile app. A mailing list will be created for anyone who wishes to still receive a paper copy in the mail. If you want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Marcy Easterly at 736-7000 ext. 1503 or marcye@straffordschools.net.

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Strafford Elementary and Cogdill Early Childhood Center

MICHELLE GARDNER, PRINCIPAL

ASHLEY BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LESA COLLINS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

this year is “Learn, Lead & Succeed. Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

The early childhood center welcomes new members to their tribe: Michaela Morton- administrative assistant, Jamie Muncy- Parents As Teachers, and Krista Miller- special education. The early childhood center and Parents As Teachers (PAT) both have a Facebook page, please like these pages to receive valuable information. If you have any questions about PAT or preschool, please contact the early childhood center at 736-7000 ext. 1100.

The elementary is excited to welcome to their tribe: Charlie Maness-kindergarten, Courtney Lyons-first grade, Jamie Hurtgen-third grade, Emily Penland-fourth grade, Teal Mathie-Speech Language Pathologist and Stacy Austin - administrative assistant, and Melissa Morris will be the new elementary librarian.

New elementary student registration is set for Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1, from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. You may begin the registration process by emailing elementaryregistration@straffordschools.net. Be sure to include your student’s name and grade. In addition, you will need the following items to complete enrollment: birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. Please bring these items with you on one of the registration days. If

you do not have access to the internet, forms will be available in the office.

The first day of classes will be on Wednesday, August 15. The early childhood center invites you to their orientation for preschool and PACE on Monday, August 13. Morning preschool orientation will be from 5:30-6:30 pm and afternoon preschool and PACE orientation will be from 7:00-8:00 pm. The early childhood supply fee is \$30.00 and can be paid at orientation. Elementary students and parents are invited to open house on Monday, August 13, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The elementary supply fee is \$35.00 per student. In addition, 5th grade students are asked to purchase planners for \$5.00. We request these supply fees be paid at open house.

Again this year parents will receive an email link to verify and update their student’s information. Health forms and free/reduced lunch forms will be available at open house.

Parents will continue to be able to monitor their child’s progress, check and pay student lunch account balances, etc. throughout the school year with parent portal access for Lumen. If you do not have your child’s Lumen parent portal login, please be sure to stop by the office with a valid ID to pick up your login information.

Student handbooks are available online for you to review with your student. We look forward to a great year where we encourage our students to, “Be the change you wish to see in the world”.

IMPORTANT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER & ELEMENTARY DATES

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| July 31-August 1 | Elementary New Student Registration and Enrollment 8:00 am-3:00 pm |
| August 1 | Early Childhood Center Daycare and Pow-Wow Opens |
| August 13 | ECC AM Preschool Orientation 5:30-6:30 pm ECC PM Preschool & PACE Orientation 7:00-8:00 pm Elementary Open House 5:00-7:00 pm |
| August 15 | First Day of Classes |
| August 28 | Picture Day |
| September 3 | No School |
| September 6 | Grandparent’s Day for kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade |
| September 7 | Grandparent’s Day for preschool, PACE, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade |
| September 17-21 | Scholastic Book Fair |

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL

SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to the school year in the middle school! New this year, registration packets will no longer be mailed. Parents will receive an email with a link to update contact info. Students can pick up their schedule at the times listed below at the middle school office. Planners can be purchased at this time for \$3 or the first day of school.

7th grade registration—Tues., August 7 - Noon - 3:00 pm

8th grade registration – Wed., August 8 -Noon- 3:00 pm

6th grade orientation, registration, and open house will be held on Monday, August 13 from 5:30-6:15 pm in the auditorium. The teachers/principals will be going over a short presentation about 6th grade. Parents/students will then be dismissed to the middle school for a “come and go” open house. Students will receive their class schedule and locker assignments from their advisory teacher that night at the middle school. Students are welcome to bring their school supplies to put in their lockers.

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are required to have Strafford Student Planners and to fill them out for each class. Planners are \$3 for each student and can be purchased on this night or on the first day of school.

7th and 8th grade will host an open house on Thursday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm as a “come and go”. Please feel free to stop by to meet each teacher.

The middle school staff will include some new members for the school year. Grant Brown will be teaching 8th grade math. Shelly Keene will be moving to 7th grade English and Alicia Hill will move from our elementary to 6th grade reading. We are excited for our new changes!

Practices for fall sports (cross country, volleyball, cheerleading, and football) at the middle school will begin in

August. Students must have a physical on file prior to the first practice. Cleave Perryman is the head coach of the football team. Duane Fabro is coaching the cross country team with Grant Brown assisting, and the volleyball teams are coached by both Kayla Davidson and Emily Penland.

Please be sure to login to your student’s parent portal account to stay up-to-date on grades, attendance, lunch account balance, behavior, and schedule. If you do not have the login and password to your student’s account you will need to come by the middle school office with a photo id during the hours of 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

Please be sure to keep the office informed of any changes to your email address, telephone numbers, or mailing address. We rely on having current information in case of an emergency.

There will be no school on Monday, September 3. Parent/teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 16 from 3:45-7:45 pm and Thursday, October 18 from 3:45-7:45 pm. There will be no school on Friday, October 12 and Friday, October 19. Parents will be contacted if their child has a C- or lower to set up a conference. If you would like to request a conference with a teacher you are more than welcome to contact the office to set up a time.

Please utilize the drop off and pick up on the south side of the middle school facing the elementary. The right lane will be used for drop off/pick up and the left lane for travel. Students are not to be at school prior to 7:30 am. We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

New student registration begins Tuesday, July 31 in each of the building offices.

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

DOUG FIELDS, PRINCIPAL

BRETT BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

From the High School Principal:

I would like to thank everyone for a warm welcome back to the Strafford Family. My wife, kids, and I are excited to come back home and continue the great legacy for which Strafford is known. I am ready to hit the ground running and look forward to getting reacquainted with the Strafford Community.

I would also like to welcome new staff members for the 2018-2019 school year. Tyler Ryerson will be the new head boys basketball coach, boys golf coach, and PE teacher. Twila Rowen will be a new special education teacher.

The school year will begin with a full day of classes on Wednesday, August 15, at 7:55 am, with breakfast being served in the classroom.

New students may enroll beginning July 31 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This year in order to receive your schedule and locker combination all of the forms listed will need to be completed: Contact Information, Health Information, Random Drug Testing / Commitment to Safety, and Emergency Update. The forms will need to be turned in at the entrance of the high school during these designated dates/times:

Seniors – Tuesday, August 7 - 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Juniors – Tuesday, August 7 - 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Sophomores – Wednesday, August 8 - 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Freshmen – Wednesday, August 8 - 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

At this time Officer Webster will be available to collect parking fees and issue tags. Lunch cards will be issued on the first day of school during class meetings.

OTC students will begin classes on Monday, August 20. The OTC bus will leave the high school parking lot at 7:25 am sharp. All students need to be on the bus and seated by 7:20 am. Students are not allowed to drive to OTC.

Schedule changes may be completed by the student or parent only during the registration time designated or thereafter in the guidance office. No schedule changes will be allowed when school begins on August 15.

Freshmen Orientation combined with an A+ informational meeting for students and parents will be Thursday, August 9 from 6:30–7:45 pm. Mrs. Grass and Mr. Pierce will have a presentation discussing the A+ Program, college and scholarship planning, as well as high school activities.

Open house for the high school will be Thursday, August 23 from 6:00–8:00 pm. You are invited to sign up for parent/teacher conferences, meet teachers, view the facilities, and purchase athletic passes at this time. Many clubs will be set up in the library to give students the opportunity to join.

We look forward to a great 2018-2019 school year, and as always contact our office if you have any questions, 736-7000 ext. 1400.

2018-2019 Food Service Prices

Breakfast \$1.85

Reduced breakfast \$.30

Reduced lunch \$.40

Elementary student lunch \$2.35

Middle school and high school student lunch \$2.60

2018 FALL ATHLETIC INFORMATION

| DATE | SPORT | PLACE | TIME | OPPONENT |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/17/2018 | 9-12 Football | Away | 7:00 PM | Jamboree at Hillcrest High School |
| 8/24/2018 | Varsity Football | Home | 7:00 PM | Willow Springs High School |
| 8/25/2018 | Varsity Volleyball | Away | TBA | Branson Invitational |
| 8/27/2018 | JV Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Springfield Catholic Tournament |
| 8/27/2018 | JV Football | Home | 6:00 PM | Clever High School |
| 8/28/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Away | 6:00 PM | Spokane High School |
| 8/29/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 3:30 PM | Match at Marshfield Golf Course |
| 8/30/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Seymour Tournament |
| 8/30/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Away | 5:00 PM | Forsyth High School |
| 8/31/2018 | Varsity Football | Away | 7:00 PM | Mountain Grove High School |
| 9/01/2018 | 7-12 Cross Country | Away | 8:00 AM | Fellows Lake 5000 |
| 9/04/2018 | Varsity Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Marshfield Tournament |
| 9/04/2018 | JV Football | Away | 6:00 PM | Mountain Grove High School |
| 9/06/2018 | JH Cross Country | Away | 3:30 PM | Rogersville XC Invitational |
| 9/06/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 3:30 PM | Match at Marshfield Golf Course |
| 9/06/2018 | Jr. High Football | Away | 5:30 PM | Forsyth Jr. High School |
| 9/07/2018 | Varsity Football | Home | 7:00 PM | Miller High School |
| 9/10/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Bolivar Tournament |
| 9/10/2018 | 7-12 Cross Country | Away | 4:00 PM | Lebanon Invitational |
| 9/10/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Home | 5:00 PM | Marshfield High School |
| 9/10/2018 | JV Football | Home | 6:00 PM | Miller High School |
| 9/11/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Home | 5:00 PM | Aurora High School |
| 9/12/2018 | JV Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Buffalo Tournament |
| 9/12/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Home | 5:00 PM | Glendale High School |
| 9/13/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 3:30 PM | Match at Marshfield Golf Course |
| 9/13/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Home | 6:00 PM | Mountain Grove High School |
| 9/14/2018 | Varsity Football | Home | 7:00 PM | Stockton High School |
| 9/17/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Home | 5:30 PM | Clever Jr. High School |
| 9/17/2018 | JV Football | Away | 6:00 PM | Stockton High School |
| 9/18/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | 9:00 AM | Strafford Tournament at Marshfield |
| 9/18/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Away | 5:00 PM | West Plains High School |
| 9/18/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Away | 5:30 PM | Marshfield Jr. High School |
| 9/18/2018 | Jr. High Football | Home | 5:30 PM | Clever Jr. High School |
| 9/21/2018 | Varsity Football | Home | 7:00 PM | Windsor High School |
| 9/22/2018 | Varsity Volleyball | Home | TBA | Strafford Volleyfest |
| 9/22/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Away | TBA | Pleasant Hope Tournament |
| 9/22/2018 | 9-12 Cross Country | Away | 10:00 AM | Chile Pepper Festival at Fayetteville |
| 9/22/2018 | JH Cross Country | Away | 10:00 AM | Hermitage Invitational |
| 9/24/2018 | 9-12 Girls Golf | Away | TBA | Districts |
| 9/24/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Away | 5:30 PM | Greenfield Jr. High School |
| 9/25/2018 | 7-12 Cross Country | Away | 4:00 PM | Stockton Invitational |
| 9/25/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Home | 5:30 PM | Buffalo Prairie Middle School |
| 9/25/2018 | Jr. High Football | Home | 5:30 PM | Joel E. Barber |
| 9/26/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Home | 5:30 PM | Rogersville Jr. High School |
| 9/27/2018 | Jr. High Volleyball | Away | 5:30 PM | Skyline Jr. High School |
| 9/27/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Away | 6:00 PM | Stockton High School |
| 9/28/2018 | Varsity Football | Away | 7:00 PM | Fair Grove High School |
| 9/29/2018 | 9-12 Volleyball | Away | TBA | Camdenton Freshmen/JV Tournament |

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

August 6-10 (HS)

2 practices daily
3:15-6:15 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm

August 13 (HS)

Regular practice begins
3:25-5:30 pm each day

August 15 (MS)

First day of practice

CROSS COUNTRY

August 6 (HS)

First day of practice
7:00 am/front of Max Evans gym

August 13 (MS)

First day of practice
6:30 am/front of Max Evans gym

VOLLEYBALL

August 6-7(HS)

2 practices daily
6:15-7:45 am and 3:15-5:30 pm

August 8 (HS)

3:00-6:00 pm daily practices begin

August 15 (HS)

Regular practice begins

August 15 (MS)

First day of tryouts/practices
after school until 5:00 pm

All athletes must have a physical, citizenship card, and concussion form signed and turned into your coach before the first day of practice or tryouts. Forms may be picked up from the middle or high school offices. If you have any questions, please contact Brett Bough, Athletic Director, at 736-7000 ext. 1444.

Important reminder:

Student athletes must provide proof of insurance on the specified section of the concussion form. If you are in need of insurance please refer to the school website at www.straffordschools.net for student accident insurance information and coverage costs.