

# STRAFFORD R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT



# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY JOHN COLLINS, SUPERINTENDENT

The first semester of the 2017- 2018 school year is almost complete and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner! All of the students and faculty are busy with activities and events to wrap up the fall semester.

On Friday, November 10, the high school sponsored the annual Veterans Day Honor Program. Strafford Schools would like to say thank you to all of the area Veterans and their families that were in attendance. The school district is honored to be able to host the event and plans for next year's event are already underway.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released the 2016-2017 annual performance report for all public and charter schools in the state. Our district achieved a score of 99.6%. This score places our district in the top 10% of all public K-12 districts in the state of Missouri.

Thank you for your continued support of the Strafford R-VI School District!!

### **STRAFFORD SCHOOL FOUNDATION BRICK PAVERS**

The Strafford School Foundation continues to sell engraved brick pavers that will be laid inside the Indian Walkway at the front of the high school entrance.

There are two options available for purchase:

\* 4"x8" Paver - 3 lines (17 characters/per line) of engraving available for \$99.

\* 8"x8" Paver - 6 lines (17 characters/per line) of engraving available for \$149.

These are available for individuals, alumni classes/groups, and businesses to purchase. The entire purchase will be a tax deductible contribution to the Strafford School Foundation. The order form is available online and can be turned into any building office with payment. The additional pavers will be set as complete sections are sold. If you have any questions please contact Marcy Easterly at

marcye@straffordschools.net or 736-7000 ext. 1503.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **DECEMBER 20**

End of First Semester

#### **DECEMBER 21- JANUARY 2**

No School  
Christmas Break

#### **JANUARY 2**

No School  
Staff Development

#### **JANUARY 3**

Second Semester Begins

#### **JANUARY 12**

No School  
Staff Development  
(Possible Make-up Day)

#### **JANUARY 15**

No School  
District Offices Closed  
(Possible Make-up Day)

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*Strafford Elementary and  
Cogdill Early Childhood Center*

*MICHELLE GARDNER, PRINCIPAL  
ASHLEY BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
LESA COLLINS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR*

Students and teachers are working diligently to finish the goals set for the first half of the school year. We will be completing our first semester of school before students begin Christmas break. We are looking forward to a great 2018!

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for your generosity and support in the recent months. From the Hat Days for Hurricane Relief to the "Can The Eagles" food drive, we are in awe of your continual generosity. We are thankful for the numerous families who directly benefit from your donations.

This holiday season finds our students with numerous opportunities of extracurricular events. The booster club will be offering students the opportunity to shop for their families at their annual Holiday Shop from December 4-8 with a Community Shopping Night on Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Details will be sent home with students. Our fourth grade students along with the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Choir will be presenting "North Pole Radio Hour" on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Honor Choir members will participate in caroling on Wednesday, December 13, Mrs. Stone will send details. First semester tutoring will conclude on Thursday, December 14. We will celebrate second quarter perfect attendance on December 19 with a "Glow Dance Party". Classes with exemplary cafeteria behavior will have ice cream on December 19. Second quarter goals will be celebrated on December 20 at our "Leader In Me" assemblies. Classroom parties are scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, parents are welcome to attend! School will not be in session, December 21-January 2 for Christmas Break.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3. Unless used as make-up days, school will not be in session Friday, January 12 or Monday, January 15. Our winter/spring tutoring will resume on January 16. Parents will be notified if your student qualifies. Follow us on Facebook or refer to the school website for a full calendar of events.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS:**

Our booster club will also be sponsoring a Holiday Shop from December 4-6. The students will get a chance to shop for gifts to share with family and friends. Watch for more details coming home soon as well as a sign-up for volunteers to work at the shop.

Our winter Family Fun Night, "Flannel & Frost", is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Lots of games and crafts will fill the early childhood building as well as a visit from Santa. Pictures will be taken at no cost. Culver's will also be serving free chili and frito pie. Come and flannel up for some fun!

On Tuesday, December 19 the students will be participating in a variety of events celebrating 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter achievements and accomplishments. Students with perfect attendance will participate in a "Glow Party". We will also celebrate end of quarter goals at our "Leader in Me" assembly. The holiday parties are scheduled for December 20. All parents are invited to come.

Parents as Teachers will be hosting their Little Indian Play Group on Thursday, January 11 from 8:30-9:30 am on the early childhood stage. Come help your child work on their social skills with other friends.

Preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on January 3, 2018. Parents can sign up for a screening date by using the preschool screening link on our school website. For parents who do not have access to the internet, please stop by the early childhood center office from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm and we will assist you. If you have any questions, feel free to call the early childhood center office.

## “IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

*MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL*

*SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

It’s hard to believe that we are nearly through our second quarter! First semester grades will be emailed out upon our return from Christmas Break. Please make sure that a correct email address is on file with the middle school office to ensure that you are receiving all emails from teachers and administrators.

You are invited to attend the middle school band and choir Christmas concert. The concert will take place on Tuesday, December 12. The choir concert (including 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs) will take place at 6:00 pm in the auditorium and will be followed by the band concert (including 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands) at 7:00 pm.

We will hold a middle school social on Friday, December 1. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend from 3:15-5:00 pm. There will be games, music, concessions, and more!

### “Shout-Outs”:

- On November 8, the middle school rewarded students who had achieved perfect attendance during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with a cup of Andy’s frozen custard. Of the 269 enrolled middle school students, 101 (38%) of them received this treat.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> PBIS Assembly was held on Friday, November 3. We recognized 20 students for first time PBIS status and they received a homework pass. We recognized 214 students who achieved PBIS status for the second time and they received electronic passes as a reward during the lunch hour.

### “ACT UP” students:

These students are recognized for their Accountable, Considerate, Trustworthy, Useful, and Positive behavior throughout the school year. Teachers nominate ACT UP students and they are recognized at a PBIS assembly and given an ACT UP t-shirt. One boy and girl from each grade are chosen for each PBIS assembly. Congratulations to the students recognized so far this school year:

#### First Cycle:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cara Villipiano, Jackson Jacobson

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Olivia Downing, Dalton Young

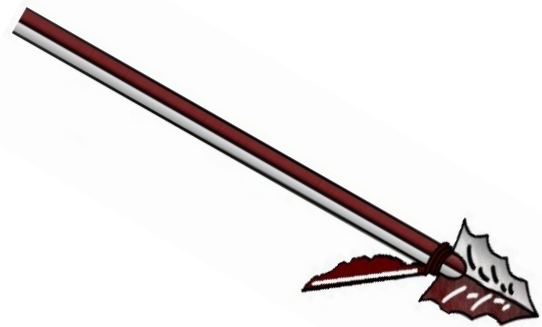
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alexis Davis, Jon Watt

#### Second Cycle:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bailee Morgan, Ethan Hurtgen

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Addy Crocker, Ethan Golosinski

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: McKenna Jackson, Ben Peterson



### **JORDAN VALLEY DENTAL BUS**

The Jordan Valley Dental Bus will be at Strafford Schools February 20-23, 2018.

These services are available for students that have active Medicaid.

Please watch for an email closer to the date for sign-up information and paperwork.

For questions call Nurse Anne at 736-7000 ext. 1442 or Nurse Rolanda at 736-7000 ext. 2205.

## “HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

*BRETT SODEN, PRINCIPAL*

*MIKE WILSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

The 2017-2018 school year is moving by very quickly! We are really proud of all of the success our students have had so far this year. The support that the student body and the community gives to our school continues to make us Strafford Strong!

Parent/teacher conferences were held mid-October. We continued the College & Career Fair for all grades on that Thursday night of the conferences. It was another great event with multiple presenters speaking on financial aid, scholarship tips, interviewing skills, ACT preparation, NCAA/NAIA eligibility, medical jobs, marketing and technical careers as well as law enforcement careers. The information provided will be very beneficial to our students and their parents as they prepare for college and their career.

The Veterans Day Honor Program was held on November 10. The theme for this year's program was "In a Military Family, We All Serve". There were 85-100 veterans in attendance. Thank you to our veterans and our community for coming to our program and helping us instill in our students the importance of this day.

Many of our students have been competing over the last few months in academics, music, band, and athletics. We are very proud of our students and their representation of Strafford High School.

The volleyball team had a great year and placed second at the state championship. The competitive cheer team placed first at the MCCA state competition. The football team won the Mid-Lakes Conference championship. The cross country team had a great season and three runners competed at state. The Pride of the Tribe marching band competed at the SBU Homecoming Parade and received First Place 3A Band and Outstanding Color Guard. Thank you to the Strafford parents, students, and community for your continued support during these activities.

Students will be preparing for final exams on December 19 and 20. On Tuesday, December 19 students will take finals in 2nd, 4th, and 6th hour classes and on Wednesday, December 20, students will take finals in 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th hour classes. School will be dismissed December 21 and will be back in session January 3, 2018.

### **FALL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, December 15  
9:00 am-3:00 pm  
High School Cafeteria

Sign-up to donate with Valerie Poynor at  
valeriep@straffordschools.net.

Walk in donors are welcome!

Hosted by the high school student council and the  
Community Blood Center of the Ozarks.

### **ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS**

The deadline to order a senior yearbook ad  
is Friday, December 8.

Photos, message, and payment are also  
due with the order.

Please contact Valerie Poynor,  
valeriep@straffordschools.net,  
to place your order.

## 2017-2018 WINTER ATHLETIC INFORMATION

| DATE       | SPORT                    | PLACE | TIME     | OPPONENT                              |
|------------|--------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 12/04/2017 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Home  | 6:00 PM  | Lebanon High School                   |
| 12/04/2017 | Freshmen Boys Basketball | Away  | TBA      | Monett Freshmen Tournament Begins     |
| 12/05/2017 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Home  | 5:00 PM  | Hollister High School                 |
| 12/07/2017 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Forsyth Jr. High School               |
| 12/07/2017 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Republic High School                  |
| 12/08/2017 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Home  | 5:00 PM  | Bolivar High School                   |
| 12/09/2017 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Home  | 1:30 PM  | Lutheran North High School            |
| 12/12/2017 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Mountain Grove High School            |
| 12/14/2017 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Ava Jr. High School                   |
| 12/14/2017 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Springfield Catholic High School      |
| 12/15/2017 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Home  | 6:00 PM  | Conway High School                    |
| 12/16/2017 | Varsity Boys Basketball  | Away  | TBA      | North Arkansas College Shootout       |
| 12/18/2017 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Rogersville High School               |
| 12/26/2017 | Varsity Girls Basketball | Away  | TBA      | Pink & White Invitational             |
| 12/26/2017 | Varsity Boys Basketball  | Away  | TBA      | Greenwood Blue & Gold Tournament      |
| 01/02/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Ash Grove Jr. High School             |
| 01/02/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Stockton High School                  |
| 01/04/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Home  | 5:30 PM  | Hollister Jr. High School             |
| 01/04/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Home  | 6:00 PM  | Skyline High School                   |
| 01/05/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Away  | 5:00 PM  | Marshfield High School                |
| 01/05/2018 | Varsity Girls Basketball | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Principia High School                 |
| 01/08/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Home  | 5:30 PM  | Mt. Vernon Jr. High School            |
| 01/09/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Fair Grove Jr. High School            |
| 01/09/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Crane High School                     |
| 01/11/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Home  | 5:30 PM  | Marionville Jr. High School           |
| 01/15/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | TBA      | Rogersville Tournament Begins         |
| 01/15/2018 | JV Boys Basketball       | Away  | TBA      | Marshfield JV Tournament Begins       |
| 01/16/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Home  | 5:00 PM  | Springfield Catholic High School      |
| 01/17/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Home  | TBA      | Strafford JH Boys Tournament Begins   |
| 01/19/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Home  | 6:00 PM  | Ash Grove High School                 |
| 01/20/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Away  | 12:00 PM | Chillicothe High School               |
| 01/22/2018 | Varsity Boys Basketball  | Away  | TBA      | Conway Invitational Tournament Begins |
| 01/22/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Willow Springs High School            |
| 01/25/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Ash Grove High School                 |
| 01/25/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Clever Jr. High School                |
| 01/26/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Home  | 5:30 PM  | Stockton Jr. High School              |
| 01/27/2018 | Varsity Girls Basketball | Home  | TBA      | Strafford Lady Indian Shootout        |
| 01/29/2018 | Jr. High Boys Basketball | Away  | 5:30 PM  | Skyline Jr. High School               |
| 01/29/2018 | 9-12 Girls Basketball    | Home  | 6:00 PM  | East Newton High School               |
| 01/30/2018 | 9-12 Boys Basketball     | Away  | 6:00 PM  | Pleasant Hope High School             |



**UPCOMING MUSIC/BAND EVENTS**

**Elementary:**

Dec. 7 4th Grade Musical and Honor Choir Christmas Program

**Middle School:**

Dec. 12 MS Band and Choir Holiday Concert

**High School:**

Dec. 3 HS Band in Branson Adoration Parade

Dec. 9 HS Band in Strafford and Springfield Christmas Parades

Dec. 11 HS Band and Choir Holiday Concert



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