



YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY JOHN COLLINS, SUPERINTENDENT

The Strafford R-VI School District recently completed a successful summer school program. Approximately 100 students attended remedial and credit recovery classes during the month of June.

Now that summer school is completed the maintenance and custodial staff kick into high gear preparing the facilities for the upcoming school year. Cleaning, waxing, painting, and other activities are going on in each building.

Construction of the new middle school entrance has been completed for the start of the new school year. All middle school student drop off and pick up will use the new entrance off of McCabe Street.

The returning administrators for the 2017-2018 school year include: Michelle Gardner, Elementary Principal; Ashley Bough, Assistant Ele-

mentary Principal; Marcia Chadwell, Middle School Principal; Shane Pierce, A+ Program Director and Assistant Middle School Principal; Brett Soden, High School Principal; Mike Wilson, Athletic Director and Assistant High School Principal; Dawnielle Baker, Special Education Director.

New faculty members will report to school on Friday, August 4 and all returning faculty members will report on Monday, August 7. Students will begin classes on Thursday, August 10.

The new school year will be full of opportunities to positively affect the lives of all of our students. With our ever growing student enrollment, the school district continues to make every effort to provide the highest quality education for all students.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**AUGUST 10
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 1
NO SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 4
NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY**

School supply lists can be found on the district website.

2017-2018 Food Service Prices

Breakfast \$1.75

Reduced breakfast \$.30

Reduced lunch \$.40

Elementary student lunch \$2.25

Middle school and high school student lunch \$2.50

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Strafford Elementary and Cogdill Early Childhood Center
“Developing Leaders, One Child at a Time”

MICHELLE GARDNER, PRINCIPAL

ASHLEY BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LESA COLLINS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

We are excited for the 2017-2018 school year and look forward to seeing our student’s bright smiling faces soon! The school year theme this year is “Developing Leaders, One Child at a Time” #ilearn#ilead#isucceed.

The Early Childhood Center welcomes two familiar faces to their tribe: Jo Snider, early childhood administrative assistant and Danni Best, preschool teacher. 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: Ashley Ferguson-first grade, Stacey Venosdel-first grade, Harlea Lowe-third grade and Natalie Beckler-administrative assistant.

New elementary student registration is set for Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1, from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Please bring the following items with you when you register with your student: birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. To expedite the process, parents can find new student enrollment packets on our school website at www.straffordschools.net. If you do not have access to the internet, forms will be available in the office.

The first day of classes will be on Thursday, August 10. The Early Childhood Center invites you to their orientation for preschool and PACE on Monday, August 7. AM preschool orientation will be from 5:30-6:30 pm and PM preschool and PACE orientation will be from 6:45-7:45 pm. The early childhood supply fee is \$25.00 and can be paid at orientation. Elementary students and parents are invited to open house on Tuesday, August 8, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Grades K-3 supply fee is \$35.00 (3rd grade will also purchase earbuds for \$5.00). Grades 4 & 5 have a supply list and will purchase earbuds and planners-4th grade earbuds for \$5.00 and 5th grade earbuds and planners for \$10.00. These supply fees can be paid at open house and students in 4th and 5th grade are welcome to bring their supplies. Watch for an email containing instructions regarding updating your student’s information.

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 are “Developing Leaders, One Child at a Time” #ilearn#ilead#isucceed.

IMPORTANT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER & ELEMENTARY DATES

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 7	ECC AM Preschool Orientation 5:30-6:30 pm
	ECC PM Preschool & PACE Orientation 6:45-7:45 pm
August 8	Elementary Open House 5:00-7:00 pm
August 10	First Day of Classes
August 21	Picture Day
August 25	Booster Club Back to School Bash 6:00-8:00 pm
September 1 & 4	No School
September 7	Grandparent’s Day for kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade
September 8	Grandparent’s Day for preschool, PACE, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade
September 18-22	Scholastic Book Fair with Community Night on September 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL

SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We will begin our 2017-2018 school year with 6th grade orientation, registration, and open house on Monday, August 7 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 a Strafford Student Planner to fill 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 open house will be held on Monday, August 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm as a “come and go”. Club and sports meet & greet will be set up in the cafeteria from 6:00-6:30 pm. Students will check postings in the hallway to find their advisory/strategies classroom. This teacher will have their schedule and locker assignment. Feel free to stop by each teacher/class on your student’s schedule to meet the teacher and ask questions.

The first day for fall sports practices (cheerleading, cross country, football, and volleyball) at the middle school will be Monday, August 14. Students must have a physical on file prior to the first practice. Rodney Mullings is the head coach of the football team, Duane Fabro is coaching the cross country team with Janet Clements assisting, and the volleyball teams are coached by both Kayla Davidson and Whitney Lewis.

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 Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4. Parent/teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 17 from 3:45-7:45 pm and Thursday, October 19 from 3:45-7:45 pm. There will be no school on Friday, October 13 and Friday, October 20. 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.

The new middle school entrance and office has been completed. Please utilize the new 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!

The middle school yearbook, *The Spear*, will be available to order at the open houses.
Thank you for your continual support of journalism in the middle school!

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

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

BRETT SODEN, PRINCIPAL

MIKE WILSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The 2017-2018 school year will begin with a full day of classes on Thursday, August 10, at 7:55 am, with breakfast being served in the classroom.

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

All students will receive a packet in the mail from the high school office. 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. These will need to be completed and returned at the entrance of the high school during these designated dates/times:

Seniors – Wednesday, August 2 - 8:00 am–11:00 am
 Juniors – Wednesday, August 2 - 12:30 pm–3:30 pm
 Sophomores – Thursday, August 3 - 8:00 am–11:00 am
 Freshmen – Thursday, August 3 - 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 21. 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 10.

Freshmen Orientation combined with an A+ informa-

tional meeting for students and parents will be Monday, August 7 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 17 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 2017-2018 school year, and as always contact our office if you have any questions, 417-736-7000 ext. 1400.

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3. Download!

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 PARENT PORTAL

 SPORTS SCHEDULES

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ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Any students interested in taking the national ACT (no writing) college entrance exam will need to meet the registration deadlines. The fee for the test is \$42.50. Free/reduced lunch students may receive a waiver. Register at actstudent.org. The first test of the school year will be on September 9, 2017. Students must register and pay by August 4, 2017 for this first testing date. To see all registration and testing dates for the entire school year please visit the school website or mobile app.

2017 FALL ATHLETIC INFORMATION

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
8/11/2017	9-12 Football	Away	6:00 PM	Jamboree at Hillcrest High School
8/18/2017	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Springfield Catholic High School
8/21/2017	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Ash Grove High School
8/22/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Spokane High School
8/24/2017	9-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Hollister Warm-Up Meet
8/24/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Forsyth High School
8/25/2017	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
8/26/2017	Varsity Volleyball	Away	TBA	Branson Invitational
8/28/2017	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
8/29/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	El Dorado Springs High School
8/31/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Osceola High School
9/01/2017	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Marionville High School
9/02/2017	7-12 Cross Country	Away	8:00 AM	Strafford Invitational at Fellows Lake
9/05/2017	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Marionville High School
9/07/2017	JH Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	Rogersville XC Invitational
9/07/2017	Jr. High Football	Home	5:30 PM	Ash Grove Jr. High School
9/07/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
9/08/2017	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Stockton High School
9/11/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
9/11/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:00 PM	Marshfield High School
9/11/2017	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
9/12/2017	7-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Bolivar Invitational
9/12/2017	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
9/12/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Willard Jr. High School
9/12/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Pleasant Hope High School
9/14/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Marshfield Jr. High School
9/15/2017	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Pleasant Hope High School
9/16/2017	Varsity Volleyball	Home	TBA	Strafford Volleyfest
9/16/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	TBA	Pleasant Hope Jr. High Tournament
9/18/2017	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Pleasant Hope High School
9/18/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Pleasant Hope Jr. High School
9/19/2017	7-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Stockton Invitational
9/19/2017	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Pleasant Hope Jr. High School
9/19/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Ash Grove High School
9/21/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
9/21/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
9/22/2017	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
9/23/2017	7-12 Cross Country	Away	9:00 AM	Hermitage XC Invitational
9/25/2017	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
9/25/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Clever High School
9/25/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
9/26/2017	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:00 PM	Buffalo Prairie Middle School
9/26/2017	Jr. High Football	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
9/26/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Marionville High School
9/28/2017	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
9/28/2017	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Marionville Jr. High School
9/29/2017	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Skyline High School
9/30/2017	Varsity Volleyball	Away	TBA	Stockton Invitational Tournament
9/30/2017	9-12 Cross Country	Away	10:00 AM	Chile Pepper XC Festival at Fayetteville

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

July 31 - August 4 (HS)

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

August 7 (HS)

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

August 14 (MS)

First day of practice
After school

CROSS COUNTRY

July 31 (HS)

First day of practice
7:00 am (Evans gym)

August 14 (MS)

First day of practice
6:30 am (Evans gym)

VOLLEYBALL

July 31 (HS)

2 practices daily
6:30-8:00 am and 3:00-5:00 pm

August 10 (HS)

Regular practice begins
After school

August 14 (MS)

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

PRIVIT PROFILE WEBSITE

This is the new system that all middle and high school student athletes will use to submit their health questionnaires, physicals, insurance information, and concussion forms online now. As a reminder, all athletes must have all required forms completed before the first day of practice or tryouts. For your convenience, this

can now be done completely online by visiting

<https://straffordindians-mo.e-ppe.com/index.jspa>.



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