

Your School News Strafford R-VI School District

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District News

By Superintendent Brett Soden

The second semester is half over and the school year seems to go by quicker each year. There are many exciting spring extra curricular activities underway and the calendar is full in the weeks ahead. In the classroom, MAP/EOC testing for the district will begin April 30 and finish up on May 9.

As a reminder, the district has a no tax increase bond issue on the ballot in the upcoming election. Please don't forget to vote on Tuesday, April 2.

The Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 school calendar at the February meeting. A copy of the calendar can be found on the school website.



The 2019 summer school session will begin on Monday, June 3 and end on Thursday, June 27. It will be held Monday through Thursday each week, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact the building offices for sign up information.

As always, please contact our office at 736-7000 ext. 1500 if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 19
School In Session
Make-up Day

APRIL 22
No School
Staff Development Day

MAY 22
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal

LADY INDIANS WIN 4TH CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE

We are very proud of our Strafford girls' basketball team and coaching staff for their accomplishments this year! The Lady Indians won the state championship for the 4th consecutive year. They also broke a state record for the most consecutive wins. They currently have 115 consecutive wins. The district would like to say thank you to our community for all of the support given to these ladies throughout the years. So many fans were loyal to the team from the beginning to the end, at assemblies, games, and celebrations. We have the greatest students, parents, staff, and community!

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Strafford Elementary & Early Childhood Center

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

Spring is here and it is a great time to be a Strafford Indian! I am so proud of the continual generosity shown by our students, parents, and school community! In February, our K-5 students eagerly participated in our "Kids Heart Challenge" fundraiser, which benefits the American Heart Association. We are beyond excited to announce our students raised over \$10,851 for this great cause!

On March 22, we recognized the outstanding achievement of our fourth and fifth grade students on their Spring 2018 MAP testing. Trophies were presented to 27 students for scoring advanced in math and English language arts. Receiving blue ribbon medals were 82 students; 48 who scored advanced in math and 34 who scored advanced in English language arts. Receiving red ribbon medals for scoring proficient were an additional 112 students; 53 students who scored proficient in math and 59 students who scored proficient in English language arts. Our third, fourth, and fifth students are diligently preparing for upcoming Spring assessments that will be given in April. Keep your eyes open for more details to come soon. We look forward to recognizing even more students next Spring!

Lifetouch studios will be on campus Tuesday, April 2 for Spring photos. Each student will have the opportunity to purchase individual photos and will receive a free classroom group photo.

Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00-7:30 pm. We have numerous fun activities planned which include a snack walk, face painting, inflatables, cookie decorating, pizza, Culver's custard, and more! Admission armbands are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 the night of the carnival. We look forward to seeing students

and their families interact with faculty and staff during a night filled with exciting activities, delicious food, and great prizes.

Teacher and students have enjoyed and are looking forward to their Spring field trips! Our upcoming field trips include:

KG	April 26	Wonders of Wildlife
1 st	May 3	Discovery Center
2 nd	April 30	Branson IMAX
3 rd	May 15	Wonders of Wildlife
4 th	May 15	Branson's Wild World
5 th	March 27	Jefferson City

Please make note school will be in session Friday, April 19 and Wednesday, May 22 for makeup days. School will not be in session on Monday, April 22 for Professional Development.

Under the direction of Mrs. Stone, the elementary music department is busy preparing for upcoming Spring musicals. The kindergarten concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm. Students need to arrive by 6:45 pm. Honor Choir will have their Spring concert on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. They have also been asked to sing the National Anthem at the Springfield Cardinals game on Monday, May 13. Contact Mrs. Stone or any honor choir member for tickets.

We are looking forward to several events and student incentives in May. Track and Field day is scheduled for Friday, May 10, with a rain date of Monday, May 13. Our fifth grade students will be hosting their annual Science Fair on May 14. Our school-wide Leader In Me celebration "bounce day" will be on Thursday, May 16. A spe-



cial thank you to G.O.A.T. (formerly Amberg) Entertainment for their generosity! Students with "Excellent Attendance" will have a field trip to Fritz's Adventure in Branson on Friday, May 17. Our annual Talent Show will take place Monday, May 20. Students with perfect attendance for the fourth quarter will have a picnic lunch with the principals on May 20. Our last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, with an 11:00 am dismissal, no lunch will be served.

Summer school will be held June 3-27, Monday-Thursday, from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Parents will be notified if your child is recommended to attend. PowWow will be offered after school until 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mallory Ford at 417-736-7000 ext. 1107.

"DAY IN K"

On May 15, students entering kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year are invited to a "Day in K." Parents and students will get a chance to eat lunch, meet the kindergarten teachers, ride a bus, and play on the kindergarten playground. The event is from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the email that will be sent out soon.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

Lifetouch studios will be on campus Tuesday, April 2 for Spring photos. Each student will have the opportunity to purchase individual photos and will receive a free classroom group photo.

The early childhood center will be hosting a Parent Cafe' on April 9 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Culvers will be offering free chili for the parents and free hotdogs for the children. This is an evening of fun, learning, and excitement. This event will facilitate great reflective conversations that promote parent leadership and collaboration. This event has no admission charge and is open to the public. Our goal is to provide as many resources as possible to our families. We have some exciting door prizes as well.

Mark your calendars for the preschool/PACE field trip to Itty Bitty City in Springfield on Friday, April 12. Permission slips will be sent home on Monday, April 1. There are only a limited number of parents that can attend, so if you would like to volunteer, please send back your permission slip ASAP.

Our preschool/PACE Spring conferences will be held on Tuesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 18. The teachers will be sending out a sign-up genius for you to choose a convenient time to meet with them.

Our ECC Booster Club will be hosting the annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Advance tickets will be on sale April 1-18 for \$5.00 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6.00. If you would like to volunteer, please watch the website for the sign-up link soon. This is a fun night for our daddies and their daughters, so please help make this night a great success.

Preschool and PACE graduations will be Tuesday, May 14 in the auditorium. PACE will take place at 8:30 am. Morning preschool will be at 10:00 am and afternoon preschool will be at 1:00 pm. This is a very special time for the students to conclude and celebrate their progress in preschool.

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL
SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The spring sports season is a busy time for many of our middle school students. Cindy Rear and Rachel Baker are teaming up to coach middle school boys and girls track. Aaron Luebbe is coaching the middle school softball team and Brandon Foley is the middle school baseball coach.

This is the season for MAP testing! Testing will take place from April 30 through May 9. Grades 6 thru 8 will be tested over communication arts April 30-May 3. The 8th grade will be tested May 6-9 over science and grades 6-8 will be tested over math. We encourage all middle school students to get plenty of sleep, limit television, and to eat a well-balanced breakfast each day.

The middle school awards ceremonies will take place on Monday, May 15 in the auditorium. The 6th and 7th grade awards ceremony will begin at 9:00 am and the 8th grade awards ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm. Eighth grade students will go to the Max Evans gym for a group picture, which will be available for purchase. Each 8th grade student will receive a t-shirt that they will need to wear to the celebration. Along with their t-shirt, students are asked to wear dress pants or nice jeans. Girls

may wear nice jeans or skirts. All jeans, pants, and skirts need to meet school dress code requirements.

Lastly, our summer school program will once again focus on remediation rather than on enrichment classes. We want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, and are excited about the year to come!

SPRING DISTRICT TESTING SCHEDULE

3rd-5th Grade - April 30, May 1-3 and May 7-9

6th-8th Grade - April 30, May 1-3 and May 6-9

High School:

English II - May 2-3

Algebra I - May 7

Algebra II - May 7

Biology - May 8

SPRING BAND AND CHOIR EVENTS

April 2	HS Band District/State Large Ensembles	May 2	EL Honor Choir Spring Concert
April 4-5	Strafford Choral Festival	May 6	MS Choir Spring Concert
April 9	HS Choir District/State Large Ensembles	May 7	MS & HS Band Spring Concert
April 11-12	Strafford Band Festival	May 13	EL Honor Choir, Springfield Cardinals Game
April 25	HS Band & Choir State, Columbia		
April 26	HS Jazz Band Contest, Union		
April 30	HS Choir Spring Concert		

* All concerts are held in the auditorium.

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

DOUG FIELDS, PRINCIPAL

BRETT BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

2019 has proven to be very exciting and rewarding for the students and staff at Strafford High School!

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. Some of the highlights are FBLA, FCCLA, ITS, and Choir all had students qualify for their state contests.

The girls' basketball team won the state championship for the 4th consecutive year. They also currently hold the state record for the most consecutive wins with 115. Thank you to the Strafford parents, students, staff, and community for your support during the games and giving the team a great welcome home.

Our students have been very busy preparing for end of course exams that start in May. Attendance is extremely important throughout the year, but especially during exams. End of Course testing counts as 10% of the second semester grade. There will be several opportunities for students to help study for their Finals and the EOC tests during our “Cookies and Cramming” dates. These dates are listed below. The class of 2019 will graduate on May 9 at 7:00 pm at High Street Baptist Church. We have 87 students graduating.

Thanks again to our parents and community for the encouragement and support you have shown to our students this year. You are a vital part to keeping Strafford “Strong”.

Upcoming Events:

April 13	Prom
May 8	Awards Ceremony
May 9	Graduation
May 22	Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)

EOC Dates:

May 2	College Algebra Final
May 2-3	English II
May 7	Algebra I & II
May 8	Biology

COOKIES AND CRAMMING

Tutoring Sessions

5:00-8:00 pm in the high school library

April 2

April 18

April 23

April 29

May 6

May 16

May 20

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Thank you to our community organizations for donating their time and resources to help the 2019 graduates further their college endeavors. The organizations that have contributed scholarship funds are: Strafford Community Teachers Association (CTA), Strafford Alumni Association, Athletic Booster Club in honor of Steven Lea Memorial, Community Blood Center, Strafford Chamber of Commerce (funding Future Business Leaders of America Club), MFA Foundation, Strafford Music Boosters, O'Bannon Bank, Strafford Ministerial Alliance, Mr. Jay Anderson with Shelter Insurance Foundation, Dr. Marion and Pat Wolf, William K. Berry, and Ronald Reagan Memorial Webster County Republican Committee. We would also like to thank the Strafford School Foundation for providing scholarships for students in need, for dual credit courses this year.

Strafford Schools - 2018-19 Spring Sports Schedule

<i>High School Softball</i>				
Sat	3/16/19	Indians Invitational	Home	TBD
March 18-21		Mt. Vernon Tour	Away	TBD
Mon	3/25/19	Pleasant Hope	Away	5:00pm
Tue	3/26/19	Pierce City	Home	5:00pm
Fri	03/29/19	Stockton	Home	5:00pm
Mon	4/1/19	Fair Grove	Away	5:00pm
Tue	4/4/19	Skyline	Meador	5:00pm
Fri	4/5/19	Mountain Grove	Away	4:30pm
Sat	4/6/19	Ash Grove Classic	Away	TBD
Mon	4/8/19	Conway	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/11/19	Forsyth	Home	5:00pm
Mon	04/15/19	Diamond	Home	5:00pm
Thu	4/18/19	Clever	Home	5:00pm
Mon	4/22/19	Mt. Vernon	Away	5:00pm
Tue	4/23/19	Stoutland	Home	5:00pm
Sat	04/27/19	Dbl. Header in Columbia	Away	10 & 1
High School Softball Coach: Dale Bean & Rodney Mullings				

<i>Jr. High Softball</i>				
Mon	4/01/19	Fair Grove	Home	5:00pm
Tue	4/02/19	Branson Junior	Away	4:30pm
Mon	4/08/19	Diamond	Home	5:00pm
Tue	4/09/19	Clever	Home	5:00pm
Thu	4/11/19	Buffalo Junior	Away	5:00pm
Mon	4/15/19	Lebanon	Away	4:30pm
Tue	4/16/19	Conway	Away	4:30pm
Mon	4/22/19	Seymour	Home	4:30pm
Wed	4/24/19	Rogersville	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/25/19	Reeds Spring	Away	4:30pm
Fri	4/26/19	Skyline	Home	5:00pm
Jr. High Softball Coach: Aaron Luebbe				

<i>High School Baseball</i>				
March 16-21		Lael Leadoff Classic	Away	TBD
Mon	3/25/19	Skyline	Home	4:30pm
Wed	3/27/19	Springfield Catholic	Home	4:30pm
Thu	3/28/19	Mountain Grove	Away	TBD
Mon	4/1/19	Clever	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/4/19	Warsaw	Home	4:30pm
Fri	4/5/19	New Covenant Academy	Home	4:30pm
Tue	4/9/19	Stockton	Away	4:30pm
Fri	4/12/19	Marshfield	Home	4:30pm
April 15-19		SWMO Woodbat Classic	Home	TBD
Sat	4/20/19	Kickapoo	TBD	1:30pm
Tue	4/23/19	Forsyth	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/25/19	Fair Grove	Away	4:30pm
Fri	4/26/19	Hollister	TBD	TBD
Mon	4/29/19	Buffalo	Home	4:30pm
Tue	4/30/19	Conway	Home	4:30pm
May 4-8		Forsyth Tournament	Away	TBD
High School Baseball Coaches: Shane Pierce, Brett Bough				

<i>Jr. High Baseball</i>				
Tue	3/30/19	Forsyth Tournament	Away	3:30pm
Mon	4/01/19	Fair Grove	Home	4:30pm
Thu	4/04/19	Clever	Away	4:30pm
Fri	4/05/19	Norwood	Away	4:30pm
Tue	4/9/19	Crane	Home	4:30pm
Sat	4/13/19	Strafford Baseball Day	Home	TBD
Mon	4/15/19	Diamond	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/18/19	Hollister	Away	4:30pm
Tue	4/23/19	Lebanon	Away	4:30pm
Thu	4/25/19	Mansfield	Home	4:30pm
Fri	4/26/19	Monett	Away	4:30pm
Wed	5/01/19	Skyline	Home	4:30pm
Jr. High Baseball Coach: Brandon Foley				

<i>High School Track</i>				
Mon	3/25/19	Republic Classic	Away	4:00pm
Mon	4/1/19	Strafford Warm-Up	Home	4:00pm
Mon	4/8/19	Marshfield Meet	Away	4:00pm
Tue	4/16/19	Strafford Invitational	Home	4:00pm
Thu	4/18/19	Willard Relays	Away	4:00pm
Tue	4/23/19	SBU Bearcat Classic (V)	Away	TBD
Thu	4/25/19	Mt. Vernon Relays	Away	4:00pm
Tue	4/30/19	MLC Track Meet	Fair Grove	4:00pm
Boys Coach: Tim Hester / Girls Coach: Missy Devlin				

<i>Jr. High Track</i>				
Thu	3/28/19	Marshfield Warm-Up	Away	4:00pm
Thu	4/4/19	Ava Invitational	Away	4:00pm
Mon	4/8/19	Parkview	Away	10:00am
Tue	4/9/19	Marshfield Invitational	Away	4:00pm
Wed	4/17/19	Strafford Invitational	Home	4:00pm
Mon	4/22/19	Rogersville Invitational	Away	4:00pm
Fri	4/26/19	Fair Grove	Away	4:00pm
Jr. High Track Coaches: Dr. Rachel Baker & Cindy Rear				

<i>High School Golf</i>				
Thu	3/21/19	Match @ Marshfield C.C.		3:30pm
Tue	3/26/19	Reeds Spring Tourney @ LedgeStone		9:00am
Thu	4/4/19	Match at Marshfield C.C.		3:30pm
Mon	4/8/19	Bolivar Tournament @ Silo Ridge		9:00am
Wed	4/10/19	Catholic JV Tourn. @ Payne Stewart		9:00am
Mon	4/15/19	Forsyth Tournament @ Holiday Hills		9:00am
Thu	4/18/19	Seymour Tournament @ Marshfield C.C.		9:00am
Tue	4/23/19	MLC Tournament @ Rivercut		9:00am
Mon	4/29/19	Districts @		TBD
Mon	5/6/19	Sectionals @ TBD		TBD
Mon	5/13/19	State Golf @ TBD		TBD
High School Boys Golf Coach: Tyler Ryerson				