

Your School News Strafford R-VI School District

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District News By Superintendent Brett Soden

The Strafford R-VI School District is excited to begin the 2019-2020 school year. This time of the year is full of hope and aspirations. We continue to improve our school district each year to provide the best possible education for our students, and be one of the best school districts in the state of Missouri.

This summer we have been busy completing projects throughout the district. These projects included the installation of cameras on all buses, technology upgrades, a new phone system, and the installation of safety glass in all entrances and outer doors. Also, there have been several general facility upgrades. A large refurbishing of the old upper elementary hallway has been completed to provide better space for learning. I would personally like to thank the community for voting and passing the current bond issue allowing us to accomplish the mentioned improvements to our school.

As a reminder, please help us with effective communication by visiting our school website, downloading the mobile app, following our schools on social media, and providing each building with current email addresses.



We will work hard to make sure that parents have the opportunity to obtain all necessary information from the Strafford School District.

The returning administrators for the 2019-2020 school year include: Michelle Gardner, Elementary Principal; Ashley Bough, Assistant Elementary Principal; Marcia Chadwell, Middle School Principal; Shane Pierce, A+ Program Director and Assistant Middle School Principal; Doug Fields, High School Principal; Brett Bough, Assistant High School Principal and Athletic Director; Dawnielle Baker, Special Education Director.

New faculty members will report to school on Friday, August 9 and all returning faculty members will report on Monday, August 12. Students will begin classes on Thursday, August 15.

We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year, and as always contact our office if you have any questions at 736-7000 ext. 1500.

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 15
FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 30
NO SCHOOL
DISTRICT OFFICES
CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 2
NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY
DISTRICT OFFICES
CLOSED

**School supply
lists can be
found on the
district website.**

2019-2020 Food Service Prices
Breakfast \$1.95
Reduced breakfast \$.30
Reduced lunch \$.40
Elementary student lunch \$2.45
Middle school and high school student lunch \$2.70

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Strafford Elementary & Early Childhood Center

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

We are excited for the 2019-2020 school year and look forward to seeing our student's bright smiling faces soon! The school year theme this year is "Strafford Strong!"

The early childhood center welcomes a new member to their tribe: Debbie Burks -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: Ryleigh Putnam- kindergarten, Sarah Bankhead- 3rd grade, Korry Tillery- STEM, Kim Bowie - special education, and Dana Comstock- administrative assistant.

Online elementary new student registration is set for the month of July. You may begin the registration process by emailing elementaryregistration@straffordschools.net. Be sure to include your student's name and grade. In addition, on July 31 or August 1, 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.

The first day of classes will be on Thursday, August 15. The early childhood center invites you to their orientation for preschool and PACE on Tues-



day, 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 Tuesday, August 13, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The elementary supply fee is \$35.00 per student. In addition, 4th 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 another great year. We are "STRAFFORD STRONG!"

Important Early Childhood Center and Elementary Dates

July 31 - August 1	New student registration 8:00 am-3:00 pm
August 1	Early Childhood Center Daycare and Pow-Wow Opens
August 13	Elementary Open House 5:00-7:00 pm
	ECC AM Preschool Orientation 5:30-6:30 pm
	ECC PM Preschool & PACE Orientations 7:00-8:00 pm
August 15	First day of classes
August 27	Picture Day
August 30	No School
September 2	No School
September 5	Grandparent's Day for kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade
September 6	Grandparent's Day for preschool, PACE, 1st, and 3rd grade
September 16-20	Scholastic Book Fair (Elementary & Early Childhood Center)

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL
SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We will begin our 2019-2020 school year with orientations and open houses the week school starts. The first day of school is Thursday, August 15. All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are required to purchase Strafford Student Planners and to fill them out for each class daily. It counts for a weekly grade in all core classes. Parents feel free to check your child planners daily to see what their assignments are. Planners are \$5 for each student and can be purchased on orientation/open house night or on the first day of school. Registration link emails will be sent to all current students. Please complete your registration online.

Below are all of the details about our orientations and open houses:

5th grade orientation and open house will be on Monday, August 12 from 6:00-6:30 pm in the auditorium. Students and parents will then be dismissed to the middle school to get schedules and locker combinations from advisory teachers (advisory lists will be posted in the hallway). Parents and students are then free to visit 5th grade classrooms, meet the teachers, and decorate the inside of lockers until 8:00 pm.

6th grade orientation and open house will be on Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00-6:30 pm in the auditorium. Students and parents will then be dismissed to the middle school to get schedules and locker combinations from advisory teachers (advisory lists will be posted in the hallway). Parents and students are then free to visit classrooms, meet the teachers, and decorate the inside of lockers until 8:00 pm.

7th grade schedule pick up and open house will be on Monday, August 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Students will get their schedules and locker combinations from their advisory teacher. Advisory lists will be posted in the hallways. Feel free to come and go between 6:00-8:00 pm.

8th grade schedule pick up and open house will be on Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Students will get their schedules and locker combinations from their advisory teacher. Advisory lists will be posted in the hallways. Feel free to come and go between 6:00-8:00 pm.

The middle school staff will include some new members for the school year. CJ August will be a special education teacher and Brett Marshall will teach vocational agriculture. As we welcome the fifth grade to our building, we also welcome their teachers: Lynnsey Fletcher, Shannon Lathrop, Jerry Masengill, and Julie Meadows.

The first day for fall sports practices (cheerleading, cross country, football, and volleyball) at the middle school will be Monday, August 19. Students must have a physical and all completed medical forms on file prior to the first practice. Korry Tillery will be the head coach of the football team with Chris Peterson assisting. The cross country team will be coached by Duane Fabro with Grant Brown assisting. The volleyball teams will be coached by Kayla Schanfarber 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 Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2. Mark your calendars because parent/teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 15 from 3:45-7:45 pm and Thursday, October 17 from 3:45-7:45 pm. There will be no school on Friday, October 18. 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!

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

DOUG FIELDS, PRINCIPAL

BRETT BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The 2019-2020 school year will begin with a full day of classes on Thursday, 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 and returned: Student Update Form, Student Health Form, Random Drug Testing / Commitment to Safety, Technology Acceptable Use Policy & Usage Fee Form, and Usage Fee. The forms will need to be turned in at the entrance of the high school during these designated dates/times:

Seniors – Wednesday, August 7 - 8:00 am – 11:00 am
 Juniors – Wednesday, August 7 - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Sophomores – Thursday, August 8 - 8:00 am – 11:00 am
 Freshmen – Thursday, 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 19. 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 Monday, August 12 from 7:00–8:15 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 22 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.

The high school welcomes two staff members to the building: Brett Marshall- vocational agriculture and Bethany House- administrative assistant.

We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year, and as always contact our office if you have any questions at 736-7000 ext. 1400.

ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Any students interested in taking the national ACT (no writing) college entrance exam will need to meet the following registration deadlines below. The fee for the test is \$50.50. Free/reduced lunch students who are juniors and seniors may receive two waivers total. See Mrs. Grass, high school counselor, for the fee waiver code before registering. Register at actstudent.org.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
8/23/2019	9-12 Football	Away	7:00 PM	Jamboree at Hillcrest High School
8/26/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Jamboree at Central High School
8/30/2019	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Willow Springs High School
8/31/2019	9-12 Cross Country	Away	8:00 AM	Fellows Lake 5000
9/03/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Clever High School
9/04/2019	9-12 Girls Golf	Away	3:30 PM	Match at Marshfield Golf Course
9/05/2019	Varsity Girls Golf	Away	9:00 AM	Seymour Tournament at Marshfield
9/05/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School
9/06/2019	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
9/07/2019	Varsity Volleyball	Away	TBA	Branson Invitational
9/09/2019	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
9/10/2019	Varsity Girls Golf	Away	9:00 AM	Marshfield Tournament
9/10/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:00 PM	Carthage High School
9/10/2019	JH Football	Home	5:30 PM	Lebanon Jr. High School
9/12/2019	JH Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	Rogersville XC Invitational
9/12/2019	9-12 Girls Golf	Away	3:30 PM	Marshfield Tournament
9/12/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Conway High School
9/13/2019	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Miller High School
9/14/2019	JV Volleyball	Away	TBA	Aurora JV Tournament
9/16/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Lebanon Invitational
9/16/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:00 PM	Marshfield High School
9/16/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Miller High School
9/17/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Aurora High School
9/19/2019	9-12 Girls Golf	Away	3:30 PM	Match at Marshfield
9/19/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
9/20/2019	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Stockton High School
9/23/2019	Varsity Girls Golf	Away	9:00 AM	Strafford Tournament at Marshfield
9/23/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
9/23/2019	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
9/24/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Stockton Invitational
9/24/2019	JH Football	Away	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
9/24/2019	JH Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Marshfield Jr. High School
9/24/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	West Plains High School
9/26/2019	9-12 Girls Golf	Away	3:30 PM	Marshfield Tournament
9/27/2019	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Windsor High School
9/28/2019	Varsity Volleyball	Home	TBA	Strafford Volleyfest
9/28/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	TBA	Pleasant Hope Tournament
9/28/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	10:00 AM	Hermitage Invitational
9/30/2019	JH Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Greenfield Jr. High School
10/1/2019	JH Football	Away	5:30 PM	Joel E. Barber
10/1/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Buffalo Prairie Jr. High School
10/1/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Warsaw High School
10/2/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Rogersville Jr. High School
10/3/2019	JH Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
10/3/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
10/4/2019	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/5/2019	JV Volleyball	Away	TBA	Glendale JV Tournament
10/5/2019	9-12 Cross Country	Away	10:00 AM	Chile Pepper Festival/Fayetteville
10/7/2019	JH Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/7/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/7/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Clever High School
10/8/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	Catholic Invitational
10/8/2019	JH Football	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
10/8/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Catholic Jr. High School
10/9/2019	JH Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Hickory Hills Jr. High School
10/10/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/11/2019	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/12/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	TBA	Stockton JH Tournament
10/14/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Buffalo High School
10/14/2019	JH Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/14/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/15/2019	JH Football	Away	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/15/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:00 PM	El Dorado Springs High School
10/17/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/18/2019	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Forsyth High School
10/19/2019	Varsity Volleyball	Away	TBA	Hollister Invitational
10/19/2019	JV Volleyball	Away	TBA	Fair Grove JV Tournament
10/21/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School
10/22/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Willow Springs High School
10/22/2019	JH Football	Home	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/23/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	MLC Race at Fellows Lake
10/24/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Sarcoxie High School
10/25/2019	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Slater High School
10/28/2019	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Mt. Vernon High School

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL
August 12-16 (HS)
 2 practices daily
 3:15-6:15 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm

August 19 (HS)
 Regular practice begins
 3:25-5:30 pm each day

August 19 (JH)
 First day of practice

CROSS COUNTRY
August 12 (HS)
 First day of practice
 6:30 am/front of Max Evans Gym

August 19 (JH)
 First day of practice
 6:30 am /front of Max Evans Gym

VOLLEYBALL
August 12-13 (HS)
 2 practices daily
 6:30-7:45 am and 3:00-5:00 pm

August 14 (HS)
 3:00-6:00 pm daily practices begin

August 19 (JH)
 First day of tryouts/practices
 after school until 5:00 pm
 Max Evans Gym

All athletes must have a physical and all the required MSHSAA forms signed and turned into your coach before the first day of practice or tryouts. Forms may be found on our website or picked up from the middle & high school offices. If you have any questions, please contact Brett Bough, Athletic Director, at 736-7000 ext. 1444.

Student athletes must provide proof of insurance on the specified section of the MSHSAA forms. 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.