

Your School News Strafford R-VI School District

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

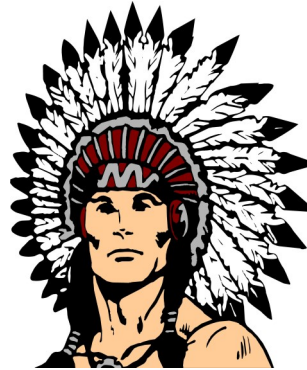
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District News By Superintendent Brett Soden

We are finishing up a successful first semester of the 2018-2019 school year. I am grateful for our students and staff who have worked hard to accomplish work and school related goals since August. Strafford is fortunate to have inspiring teachers, wonderful students, and an involved community that allows us to offer more opportunities for our students. The strength of Strafford Schools is supported by the people we serve, and the people we employ.

On Monday, November 12 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 host the event, and plans for next year's event are already underway.

Also on Monday, November 12 we had an early dismissal for all students due to inclement weather. Parents and guardians should have received a phone call, text and/or email notifying you of the schools early dismissal. If you did not receive a



school closure notification, please let your student's building office know so we can update and verify your contact information.

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

I want to thank you for choosing to raise your family in the Strafford community and for being a part of the Strafford School District.

As we move into a time of the holidays, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 18
No School
Staff Development
(Possible Make-up Day)

JANUARY 21
No School
District Offices Closed
(Possible Make-up Day)

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Strafford Elementary & 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 2019!

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for your generosity and support in the Big Chief Food Drive! We are in awe of your continued generosity and 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 Elementary Booster Club will be offering students the opportunity to shop for their families at their annual Holiday Shop from December 3-7 with a Community Shopping Night on Tuesday, December 4 from 5:00 -7:00 pm. Details will be sent

home with students. Our fourth grade students along with the 4th/5th grade Honor Choir will be presenting "Santa's Holiday Hoedown" on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Honor Choir members will participate in caroling on Wednesday, December 12, Mrs. Stone will send details. First semester tutoring will conclude on Thursday, December 13. We will celebrate second quarter perfect attendance on December 20 with dodgeball with the principals! Classes with exemplary cafeteria behavior will have ice cream on December 19. Second quarter goals will be celebrated on December 19 at our Leader In Me assemblies. Classroom parties are scheduled for Thursday, December 20, parents are welcome to attend! School will not be in session, December 21-January 2 for Christmas Break.



Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3. Unless used as make-up days, school will not be in session Friday, January 18 or Monday, January 21. Our winter/spring tutoring will resume on January 15. Parents will be notified if your student qualifies. Follow us on Facebook or refer to the school website and mobile app for a full calendar of events.

Early Childhood Center News:

Our booster club will be sponsoring a Holiday Shop from December 3-6. 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, "A Charlie Brown Christmas", is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Lots of games and crafts will fill the early childhood building as well as a visit from Santa. Parents are welcome to take pictures. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served for free in the gym along with Culver's ice cream.

On Wednesday, December 19 the students will be participating in a variety of events celebrating 2nd quarter achievements. We will also celebrate end of quarter goals at our Leader in Me assembly. Students with perfect attendance will enjoy ice cream sundaes on Thursday, December 20. The holiday parties are scheduled for December 20 as well. All parents are invited to come.

Parents as Teachers will be hosting their January Group Connection, "We're Snowed In", on Monday, January 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Join us in your jammies for snow cones and games. Later in the month our Little Indian Play Group will be held on Friday, January 25 from 9:00-10:00 am in the early childhood center. Come help your child work on their social skills with other friends.

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on January 3. 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 office at 736-7000 ext. 1100. Follow us on Facebook or refer to the school website for a full calendar of events.

“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 choir Christmas concert. The concert will take place on Tuesday, December 3. The choir concert (including 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs) will take place at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Friday, December 14 will be the band concert in the auditorium at 6:30 pm.

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

“Shout-Outs”:

* On November 9, the middle school rewarded students who had achieved perfect attendance during 1st quarter with a cup of Andy’s frozen custard. Of the 270 enrolled middle school students, 97 of them received this treat.

* The 2nd PBIS Assembly was held on Friday, November 9. We recognized 28 students for first time PBIS status and they received a homework pass. We recognized 166 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:

6th Grade: Maya Gregory, Wyatt Lee

7th Grade: Keera Isabell, Miguel Gramley

8th Grade: Lia Everitt, Isaac Davis

Second Cycle:

6th Grade: Rory Best, John Reeves

7th Grade: Lauren Jones, Ethan Hurtgen

8th Grade: Caedence Walker, Elliot Goings

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

They are on sale now for \$28. You can order online at jostens.com or see Mrs. Zbaren in the middle school library. The price will increase to \$33 on January 1.

JORDAN VALLEY DENTAL BUS:

The Jordan Valley Dental Bus will be at Strafford Schools February 25-28, 2019. 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”

DOUG FIELDS, PRINCIPAL
BRETT BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The 2018-2019 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 12. 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 compet-

ing over the last few months in academics, choir, band, and athletics. We are very proud of our students and their representation of Strafford High School.

Senior parents please remember that the deadline to order a senior yearbook ad is Friday, December 14. All order forms, photos, and payments must be turned in by this day.

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, 2019.

COOKIES & CRAMMING **NIGHT TIME TUTORING**

December 3, 12, and 18

5:00-8:00 pm

High School Library

BAND & CHOIR HOLIDAY **PERFORMANCES:**

Sunday, December 2 - SHS Band at the Branson
Adoration Day Parade

Monday, December 3 - All Choirs Holiday Concert at
7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Saturday, December 8 - SHS Band at the Strafford &
Springfield Christmas Parades

Friday, December 14 - All Bands Holiday Concert at
6:30 pm in the Auditorium

FALL COMMUNITY **BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, December 14

9:00 am-3:00 pm

High School Activities Room

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.

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
12/03/2018	Freshmen Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Monett Freshmen Tournament Begins
12/04/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	5:00 PM	Carl Junction High School
12/04/2018	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Lebanon Jr. High School
12/05/2018	JV Girls Basketball	Home	TBA	Strafford JV Tournament Begins
12/06/2018	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Forsyth Jr. High School
12/06/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Republic High School
12/07/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	5:00 PM	Bolivar High School
12/10/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Mtn. View/Liberty High School
12/11/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	5:00 PM	Mountain Grove High School
12/13/2018	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Ava Jr. High School
12/13/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Springfield Catholic High School
12/15/2018	Varsity Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	North Arkansas College Shootout
12/15/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	TBA	Strafford Shootout
12/17/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Rogersville High School
12/18/2018	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Warsaw Jr. High School
12/20/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Lutheran South High School
12/21/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	4:00 PM	Lutheran North High School
12/26/2018	Varsity Girls Basketball	Away	TBA	Pink & White Invitational Begins
12/26/2018	Varsity Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Blue & Gold Tournament Begins
01/03/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Hollister Jr. High School
01/03/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Helias Catholic High School
01/04/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	5:00 PM	Marshfield High School
01/05/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	12:00 PM	Mt. Vernon High School
01/08/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
01/08/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Walnut Grove High School
01/10/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
01/12/2019	Varsity Boys Basketball	Away	4:00 PM	Mid-Buchanan High School at Bolivar
01/12/2019	Varsity Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Lincoln College Prep at Bolivar
01/14/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Marshfield Jr. High School
01/14/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	TBA	Rogersville Tournament Begins
01/15/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	5:00 PM	Springfield Catholic High School
01/16/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	TBA	Strafford JH Boys Tournament Begins
01/18/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Crane High School
01/19/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	11:50 AM	Camdenton Shootout
01/21/2019	Varsity Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Conway Invitational Tournament Begins
01/21/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School
01/21/2019	JV Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	El Dorado Springs JV Tournament Begins
01/24/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
01/25/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Clever Jr. High Tournament Begins
01/28/2019	Freshmen Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Mt. Vernon Freshmen Tournament
01/28/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
01/29/2019	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	5:00 PM	McDonald County High School
01/31/2019	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
01/31/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School