



STRAFFORD R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY JOHN COLLINS, SUPERINTENDENT

The third quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is upon us as the new year begins. The second semester seems to always go by so fast. With spring break beginning on March 12 and the MAP testing in April just around the corner, the spring activities will be in full swing in the coming weeks.

Included in this edition of the Your School News you will find a calendar of events for the district. In addition to the events listed, I would like to remind all students and parents of the upcoming MAP testing that our elementary and middle school students will be taking part in during the month of April. The MAP tests are very important, not only for the students, but also for our district. The MAP tests allow us to gauge how well our stu-

dents are learning and our teachers are teaching. The MAP tests also allow us to evaluate our curriculum to identify any weak areas.

The board of education would like to announce that our current high school principal, Mr. Brett Soden, will be the new superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Soden has been the high school principal since 2006 and the board is very confident that Mr. Soden will do a great job in leading the district.

Thank you for your continued support for the Strafford R-VI Schools!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 16
SCHOOL IN SESSION
MAKE-UP DAY

FEBRUARY 19
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MAKE-UP DAY

MARCH 9
END OF
3RD QUARTER

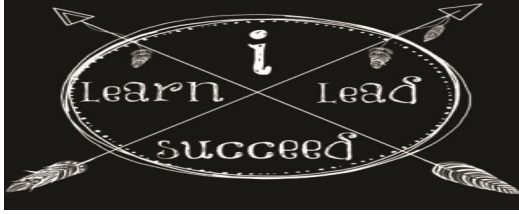
MARCH 12-16
SPRING BREAK

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FOR 2018-2019

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on Monday, February 5. If you are a Strafford resident and your child will be five years old before August 1, 2018, please sign up for a screening date and time by using the link on our school website at www.straffordschools.net. For parents who do not have access to the internet, there will be a computer in the early childhood office that can be used daily from 8:00 am-2:30 pm. Screenings are scheduled for March 26-29. These screenings will take place at the early childhood center. If you are not a current student, you will need to have proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, and an updated immunization record on the day of screening. All current students please bring updated immunization records. If you have questions, feel free to contact Lesa Collins, Early Childhood Director, at 736-7000 ext. 1102.

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Teachers and students are finding themselves working diligently toward their goals for the third quarter. Second semester tutoring has begun and will conclude on Thursday, March 8. Mid-quarter deficiencies will be emailed on Monday, February 5.

Elementary yearbook orders are being taken until Friday, March 9. The yearbook has all full color pages documenting classrooms and events for the year. Standard cost is \$15.00; yearbooks can be personalized for an additional \$5.00. Orders can be placed online at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com and use our school code of 13037118. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

The early childhood center and elementary buildings will be offering parents and students the opportunity to send their valentine(s) a lip-shaped lollipop with a Happy Valentine's Day message to be delivered during their classroom parties. Lollipops may be purchased for 50 cents each. Order forms have been sent home with students and must be returned with payment by Friday, February 9 for order fulfillment. Classroom valentine parties are scheduled for Wednesday, February 14; 4th grade at 1:00 pm, KG/1st at 1:30 pm, 2nd/3rd/5th at 2:00 pm, AM preschool at 9:45 am, PM preschool at 1:45 pm, and PACE at 1:30 pm.

Our grade level Spelling Bee finals have been scheduled for Thursday, March 8. All finals will be held in the elementary gym and parents are encouraged to attend. The times for each grade are 3rd grade at 8:30 am, 4th grade at 10:00 am, 2nd grade at 12:00 pm, and 5th grade at 1:30 pm.

Strafford Elementary and Cogdill Early Childhood Center

MICHELLE GARDNER, PRINCIPAL

ASHLEY BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LESA COLLINS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

Mrs. Stone and her students are preparing for two upcoming musical performances! Second grade students will perform on Thursday, February 15; first grade students will perform on Thursday, March 29. Both musicals will be at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

The third quarter of school will end on Friday, March 9. Don't forget to spring forward for the beginning of daylight savings time on Sunday, March 11, and set your clocks forward one hour. School will not be in session March 12-16 for spring break!

Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Thursday, April 5 from 5:00-7:30 pm. We have many fun activities planned which includes a snack walk, face painting, inflatables, cookie decorating, pizza, and much more! Watch for more details in a flyer to come home soon!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS:

Our PAT program will host a Little Indian Play Group on Thursday, February 8 at the early childhood center from 8:30-9:30 am. The next Little Indian Group Connection will be held on Monday, February 26 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

The early childhood center is excited to host their final Family Fun Night for the year on Thursday, March 8 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Watch for details to come home with your student soon!

Third quarter leader assemblies will be held on Wednesday, March 7 in the early childhood center to celebrate academic and attendance goals met.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019

Preschool registration for the 2018- 2019 school year is currently underway. Screenings are scheduled for March 19-21. If you are a Strafford resident and your child will be four years old before August 1, 2018, please sign up for a screening date and time by using the link on our school website at www.straffordschools.net . You will need to bring the following items with you: proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, and an updated immunization record on the day of screening. If you have questions, feel free to call the early childhood office at 736-7000 ext. 1100.

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL

SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Middle school 2017-18 yearbooks must be ordered by Monday, March 5. Order forms are available in the office. The cost of a yearbook begins at \$33.00. Yearbooks can also be ordered online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

Please mark your calendars for the Middle School Career Fair which will take place on Friday, May 11. Students will have the opportunity to hear from many people in the community from a variety of career paths. Our middle school counselor, Lindsay Wells, is coordinating this event. If you would like to volunteer to be a speaker during this event, please contact her at 736-7000 ext. 1322.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming award ceremonies. 6th/7th grade Honors Assembly will be held Monday, May 14 at 9:00 am to recognize our students for academic achievements. The 8th grade Honors Award Ceremony is also scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 1:00 pm in the auditorium. We will be recognizing all 8th grade students, recognizing our top 10 students academically, perfect attendance students, and 8th grade teachers will be recognizing their top students in their classes. Group photos will be available for purchase. The district will be providing t-shirts for the 8th graders to wear that day.

“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 for the last cycle:

Third Cycle:

6th Grade: Sean Gallagher, Lizzie Davis

7th Grade: Gavin Payne, Lia Everitt

8th Grade: Teagan Lawler, Riley Leazer

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Missouri state law requires all incoming 8th grade students to have a tetanus booster shot and a meningitis shot before entering the 8th grade. Incoming seniors are required to have a meningitis shot after the age of 16. Webster County Health Department will come to the school to give these shots for 7th and 11th grade students who need them on March 23, 2018. Registration will be online. Parents can watch for an email with more information. Call Nurse Anne if you have any questions at 736-7000 ext. 1442.

STRAFFORD SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Strafford R-VI School District special education department provides all information regarding the program for the public on the school website at www.straffordschools.net. You can find this under the “Public Notices” section on the main district webpage. For questions, please contact Special Education Director, Dawnielle Baker, at 736-7000 ext. 1345 or dawnielleb@straffordschools.net.

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

BRETT SODEN, PRINCIPAL

MIKE WILSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The second semester is well underway and our students and staff are gearing up for spring activities. Teachers have been working hard all year preparing students for EOC (end of course) testing. EOC tests are given in Algebra I & II, Biology, English II, and Government. We will begin testing in May. Attendance is always very important to each student. We had 74 students receive perfect attendance for the first semester. Many of our students are in the A+ program which requires 95% attendance throughout their entire high school career.

The student council students are busy getting ready for the next blood drive. The blood drive is open to parents and community members as well. It will be held Tuesday, February 13.

Seniors are preparing for graduation on Thursday, May 10. The graduation ceremony will be at High Street Baptist Church. Seniors, remember we are rapidly approaching deadlines for many scholarships. Please be sure to check in the counselor's office weekly and the counselor's page of the school website for available scholarships.

Scheduling for next year will be starting soon. The counselor will be scheduling time in the English I classes to help freshmen complete a four year plan and select classes for next year. Please watch for that information to be coming home with your student. A parent signature on the freshmen four year plan will be required. The high school counselor will be sending out more information to parents concerning scheduling.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

The 2018 Strafford High School Prom will be held on Saturday, April 14. Any senior or eligible junior will be allowed to attend. Sophomores, freshmen, and non-Strafford students will be required to be brought as guests of a qualifying junior or senior. A meeting for those junior or senior students wishing to attend will be held on Friday, March 2 during the school day. Sign ups will be done March 20-March 22 during lunch. All paperwork and payment must be submitted to Mrs. Poynor at the time of sign ups.

SPRING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
9:00 am-2:45 pm

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.

“LIGHTS. CAMERA. STRAFFORD?”

SHS COURTWARMING WEEK

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 2 - SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY 2 - ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 2 - CORONATION AT BOYS GAME

FEBRUARY 3 - DANCE 8:00-11:00 PM

DETAILS AT WWW.STRAFFORDSCHOOLS.NET

2018 WINTER/SPRING ATHLETIC INFORMATION

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
02/01/2018	Jr. High Boys Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Pleasant Hope Jr. High School
02/01/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School
02/02/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
02/05/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Clever High School
02/06/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	5:00 PM	Clever High School
02/09/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
02/12/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Pleasant Hope High School
02/13/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Marionville High School
02/15/2018	9-12 Girls Basketball	Away	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
02/16/2018	9-12 Boys Basketball	Home	5:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
02/19/2018	Varsity Boys Basketball	Home	TBA	District Tournament Begins
02/19/2018	Varsity Girls Basketball	Home	TBA	District Tournament Begins
03/17/2018	Varsity Baseball	Home	TBA	Strafford Tournament Begins
03/17/2018	Varsity Softball	Away	TBA	Marionville Invitational
03/19/2018	Varsity Softball	Away	TBA	Mt. Vernon Tournament Begins
03/23/2018	Jr. High Baseball	Away	4:30 PM	Norwood Jr. High School
03/26/2018	9-12 Track	Away	4:00 PM	Republic Classic Meet
03/26/2018	9-12 Baseball	Away	4:30 PM	Skyline High School
03/27/2018	9-12 Softball	Away	5:00 PM	Marionville High School
03/28/2018	9-12 Baseball	Away	4:30 PM	Springfield Catholic High School
03/29/2018	9-12 Softball	Home	5:00 PM	Pleasant Hope High School
03/29/2018	9-12 Baseball	Home	4:30 PM	Mountain Grove High School
03/31/2018	Jr. High Baseball	Away	TBA	Forsyth Baseball Day

**The spring sports schedule is not complete at this time.
Please check the school website at www.straffordschools.net for further updates.**

SPRING SPORTS PRACTICE

INFORMATION

Spring sports' practices will begin on Monday, February 26. Reminder that all middle and high school student athletes now use our Privit website or mobile app to submit their health questionnaires, physicals, insurance information, and concussion forms. All athletes must have all required forms completed before the first day of practice or tryouts. For your convenience, you can download the mobile app from your app store or visit the website at <https://straffordindians-mo.e-ppe.com/index.jspa>.

HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION

NEEDED

The district is attempting to determine how many home schooled students reside in the Strafford School District. If you are currently home schooling your child or children and reside in the district please contact Vicki Tate in the central office at 736-7000 ext. 1500.

Thank you for your cooperation.



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Elementary:

- February 15 2nd grade Musical-7:00 pm in the Auditorium
- March 29 1st grade Musical-7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Middle School:

- February 24 District Honor Choir at SBU

High School:

- February 10 Winter Guard-Ozark Competition
- February 17 Jazz Band-Parkview Jazz Festival
- March 2 Jazz Band-Pittsburg State Jazz Festival
- March 3 Show Choir-Webb City Competition
Winter Guard-Kickapoo Competition
- March 10 Jazz Band - MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown
- March 24 District Band and Choir
Solos and Small Ensembles at Glendale



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