

Your School News Strafford R-VI School District

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District News

By Superintendent Brett Soden

The 2018-2019 Strafford school year is off to a great start. I am excited and honored to serve the district as superintendent. I am proud of our strong community that sees the school as the heart of the community, along with a supportive staff and school board. Also, the support from parents, students, and community members are crucial to quality education. We are fortunate to have a committed faculty and staff who strive to see our students succeed. It is exciting to continue the great work already underway, as well as being a part of the exciting future of the district. I look forward to an outstanding 2018-2019 school year.

The Strafford Board of Education established a Strategic Planning Committee at their September meeting to begin reviewing district building needs and projects. The committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding future bond issues. Representatives from LJ Hart and Company were at the September



Board meeting to share information regarding bond issue amounts and possible dates for placing the issue on the ballot. The Board hopes to hear the committee's recommendations by December. Committee members will be attending various activities asking district patrons for any input on future needs and projects. If you have any ideas or suggestions feel free to contact Marcy Easterly at 736-7000 ext. 1503.

Please help us ensure quality communication by visiting our school website, mobile app and following the various buildings and activities on social media.

Student enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is 1,193. Current enrollment is 563 in the elementary, 278 in the middle school, and 352 students in the high school.

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 12
No School
Staff Development

OCTOBER 16 & 18
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

OCTOBER 19
No School
District Offices Closed

NOVEMBER 12
Veterans Day
Events

NOVEMBER 21-23
No School
Thanksgiving Break

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Strafford Elementary & Early Childhood Center

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

September was a busy month here in the elementary and early childhood center. We celebrated Grandparent's Day on September 6 and 7 with over 1,000 special visitors to the elementary and early childhood center. Grandparents and students celebrated their special day with a music program along with either breakfast or lunch. Making the celebration possible is definitely a team effort and we appreciate all of the help and support we receive during these two very busy days.

The first quarter will end on October 11. School will not be in session on Friday, October 12 for staff development. On October 16 and 18 parents are invited to attend our annual Parent/Teacher conferences. Your child's teacher has emailed information about scheduling a specific date and time. We use Sign-up Genius to make the process quick and easy for everyone. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their student's first quarter progress. Our goal is 100% participation. You should have received an email link from your child's teacher to sign up for conferences. If you do not have access to email, please contact your child's teacher to sign up. Please make note, no tutoring on October 16 or 18 due to conferences.

Students with perfect attendance for the first quarter will celebrate their achievement with an "Extra Recess and Ring Pop" celebration on October 10 in the elementary and early childhood. School will not be in session on Friday, October 19.

Parents As Teachers News

Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 26 and Friday, November 30 as Parents As Teachers hosts their Little Indians Play Group. It will be held on the stage in the early childhood center from 9:00-10:00 am. Come help your child work on their social skills with other friends while enjoying mommy/daddy time as well. We will be going on a field trip to Sunshine Valley Farms Apple Orchard on October 3 at 9:15 am. If you are interested in meeting us for this event, please contact your parent educator.

Plan on meeting us at school for our Parents As Teachers "Parent Cafe" Group Connection on Monday, November 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the early childhood center. Parents will have a chance to walk around and listen to several speakers while your children will be engaged in fun activities in the gym. Door prizes will be given away in each speakers room.

October 29-November 2 we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The national theme is "Life is a journey, travel drug free!" Staff and students will participate in daily activities to recognize the importance of being "Drug Free". Watch for more details from our school counselor, Mrs. Willis.

Kindergarten students as well as early childhood students are invited to attend Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 11 at the early childhood center from 5:00-7:00 pm. The theme is "The Mad Scientist". Engaging experiments and activities will allow your child to explore science in some fun and possibly messy ways. As always, great door prizes will be given out. Make plans now to attend the fun filled evening with your student.

Third grade students will showcase their musical talents in their presentation of "Hats", on Thursday, October 25. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Fifth grade will present "Making the Band", on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

Fall classroom parties are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31. Watch for information from your child's teacher and/or classroom parent volunteer.



Webster County Health Department will be offering the flu vaccine to students on November 13. The mist will not be available this year. If you are interested, please return the paperwork sent home by Nurse Lawler.

Please make note of the following for the week of Thanksgiving: no tutoring Tuesday, November 20 and no school Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23.

Don't forget the best way to stay connected with our school electronically, is through the school website, mobile app, parent email, and Facebook. If you have email and are not receiving elementary notifications, please contact the office to ensure we have your correct email address.

PAT ADULT

PAINTING PARTY

Thursday, November 15

4:00-7:00 pm

Elementary Cafeteria

Pre-registration is required.

Call the ECC office for details.

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL
SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It’s hard to believe that we are already half-way through our first quarter! Grade reports will be emailed home on October 16. Reports will be mailed out to anyone without an email address on file. Please make sure that your contact and email information is current with the middle school office to ensure that you are receiving all emails and mailings from teachers and administrators.

All parents should have received a Grade-Watch login. This program sends out a daily email that lets parents know if their child has any missing assignments for the day. This tool is designed to help parents know if their students are turning in their work.

Parent/teacher conferences are set for Tuesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 18 from 3:45-7:45 pm on each evening. Any student who has a C- or lower will attend a conference with their parents. Teachers will contact all parents who will need to schedule a conference time. Any parent who has questions or concerns is welcome to call and schedule a conference regardless of grades.

Junior high girls’ basketball season will begin with their first game on Monday, October 15 at Forsyth. Steve Frank and Kayla Schanfarber will coach the team. The junior high boys’ basketball season will not begin until their first game on December 4 and they will be coached by Dale Bean and Matt Mueller.

There will be no school Friday, October 12 or Friday, October 19.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

They are on sale now for \$28. Yearbooks ordered with paid personalization before October 26 are eligible for 4 free icons (normally \$3.50 each). 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.

STUDENT FLU VACCINES

Flu season is right around the corner! The Webster County Health Department will be at our school to do flu shots for students in kindergarten through 12th grade on Tuesday, November 13. The flu vaccine is only available in shot form. Please make note the flu mist will not be offered this year. Registration will be online. Please watch the school website, social media, and your email for information about registering. Webster County Health accepts most insurances, so the shot should be free. You may contact your insurance company to be certain. Contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

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“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

DOUG FIELDS, PRINCIPAL

BRETT BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The high school students and staff have had a very smooth start to the 2018-2019 school year. We are very excited about the expansion of the high school into the old elementary building. It has allowed us to move a few classrooms that were being held in rooms outside of the building into the main building. The enrollment in the high school this year is 352. We have 27 new students, 91 seniors, 90 juniors, 90 sophomores, and 81 freshmen.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 16 and October 18 from 3:45-7:45 pm. This is a great opportunity to visit with your child’s teacher about their progress so far this year. You can email or call the teachers to set up your conference times. On Tuesday, October 16, we will have college and career readiness night. The guidance counselor will have several different college representatives here that the students can visit with. There will also be speakers talking about different career path options, applying to colleges, scholarships and much more.

We will continue to email our progress reports and report cards to parents. Parents that do not have an email will receive a hard copy in the mail as they have in the past. Please let the high school office know if you did not receive a progress report the week of September 14. This is a great time to come by the

office to get your parent portal information so you can keep up to date on your student’s grades.

We continue to stress the importance of good attendance. Strafford students have the opportunity to enroll in the A+ program that pays for two years of college at a Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school. One of the requirements for students to qualify is to maintain a minimum of 95% attendance for their four years in high school. If your child needs to miss school due to an appointment, please try to schedule on days we are not in session or late in the afternoon.

Strafford R-VI has an excellent website and mobile app that is full of information, announcements, events, and schedules regarding our schools. The guidance office webpage is also a great resource for parents, especially those parents that have juniors or seniors. Scholarship information is posted frequently and there are several upcoming deadlines you will want to know about. You can find these at www.straffordschools.net. We also post a lot of information and updates to our Facebook and Twitter page. Please remember to “like” those pages to see those updates.

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, October 16

Area College Representatives and Military Recruiters will have tables set-up in the HS Commons Area from 5:00- 6:30 pm. Career speakers will present in the classrooms for 25 minute sessions.

Session I: 6:00-6:25 pm

Session II: 6:30-6:55 pm

Session III: 7:00-7:25 pm

SHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

“Lucky Stiff”

November 15-18

Shows at 7:00 pm each night
and a Sunday matinee.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

Tickets:

Adults \$5

Students \$3

2018 FALL ATHLETIC INFORMATION

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
10/01/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Clever High School
10/01/2018	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/01/2018	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/02/2018	7-12 Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	Catholic Irish Invitational
10/02/2018	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
10/02/2018	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Springfield Catholic Jr. High School
10/03/2018	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Hickory Hills Jr. High School
10/04/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/05/2018	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/06/2018	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	TBA	Stockton Jr. High Tournament
10/08/2018	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/08/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Conway High School
10/08/2018	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/09/2018	Jr. High Football	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/11/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/12/2018	Varsity Football	Away	7:00 PM	Forsyth High School
10/13/2018	JV Volleyball	Away	TBA	Fair Grove JV Tournament
10/13/2018	Varsity Volleyball	Away	TBA	Hollister Varsity Tournament
10/15/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:00 PM	Carthage High School
10/15/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Forsyth Jr. High School
10/15/2018	JV Football	Home	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School
10/16/2018	7-12 Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Fordland Iron Mountain Run
10/16/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	Willow Springs High School
10/18/2018	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Sarcoxie High School
10/19/2018	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Slater High School
10/22/2018	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Mt. Vernon High School
10/23/2018	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/29/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/30/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
11/05/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
11/06/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Marshfield Jr. High School
11/12/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
11/16/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	TBA	Strafford Jr. High Tournament Begins
11/19/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
11/20/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Ava Jr. High School
11/26/2018	Varsity Boys Basketball	Away	TBA	Forsyth Invitational Begins
11/26/2018	Varsity Girls Basketball	Away	TBA	Carthage Tournament Begins
11/28/2018	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Lebanon Jr. High School

PRIDE OF THE TRIBE MARCHING BAND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29 - SBU HOMECOMING & STOCKTON BLACK WALNUT FESTIVAL PARADE

OCTOBER 6 - OZARKO MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL (MSU)

OCTOBER 13 - OZARK MOUNTAIN MARCHING FESTIVAL (REEDS SPRING)

OCTOBER 20 - ODESSA MARCHING INVITATIONAL

NOVEMBER 3 - WILLARD VETERANS PARADE

NOVEMBER 12 - STRAFFORD VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION