

Your School News Strafford R-VI School District

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District News

By Superintendent Brett Soden

The 2019-2020 Strafford school year is off to a great start. Fall weather is finally here and school activities are in full swing. I am proud that our citizens see the school as the heart of the community and that we have a supportive staff and school board. We are fortunate to have great support from parents, students, faculty, staff, and community members who strive to see our students succeed from a quality education. I look forward to an outstanding 2019-2020 school year.

We are pleased with the completion of the renovation project in the old elementary north wing. An addition that was much needed in our buildings is the new nurse's station. This area will handle all students and staff grades 5-12. We have also added cameras to all of our buses and made a number of security upgrades to the district. We have improved technology throughout the district and are looking forward to improvements to our agriculture department and fine arts department. Again, I would like to personally thank the voters of our com-



munity for passing the 2018 bond issue to allow us to make these upgrades.

Student enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is 1,203. Current enrollment is 468 in the elementary, 394 in the middle school, and 341 students in the high school.

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 11
No School
Staff Development

OCTOBER 15 & 17
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

OCTOBER 18
No School
District Offices Closed

NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day
Events

NOVEMBER 27-29
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 5 and 6 with over 850 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 Thursday, October 10. School will not be in session on Friday, October 11 for staff development. On October 15 and 17 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 15 or 17 due to conferences.

Students with perfect attendance for the first quarter will celebrate their achievement with a "Fun and Freezer Pops" celebration on Octo-

ber 9 in the elementary and early childhood. School will not be in session on Friday, October 18.

October 28-November 1 we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The national theme is "Send a Message. Stay 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 3 at the early childhood center from 5:00-7:00 pm. The theme is "The Greatest ECC". Engaging games and activities will allow your child to explore things related to the circus. You will have the opportunity to purchase a piece of pizza and a drink for a \$1.00. 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 "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark", on Thursday, October 24. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.



Fall classroom parties are scheduled for Thursday, 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 Friday, November 15. 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 26 and no school Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29.

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.

Parents As Teachers News

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 31 as Parents as Teachers will host the Teal Pumpkin Project, Allergen Free Trunk or Treat. Local businesses and friends of the school district will provide a SAFE trick or treating environment with allergen free treats. This event will be held in the large parking lot across from the high school.

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL
SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It’s hard to believe that we are already halfway through our first quarter! Grade reports will be emailed home on October 15. 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.

Our fifth grade students will showcase their musical talents in “Making the Band” on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

All parents should have received a GradeWatch 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 15 and Thursday, October 17 from 3:45-7:45pm 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.

The junior high girls’ basketball season will begin with their first game on Monday, October 21 at home against Forsyth. Dustin Larsen and CJ August will coach the teams. The junior high boys’ basketball season will not begin until their first game on Tuesday, December 10.

There will be no school Friday, October 11 for staff development. There will also be no school on Friday, October 18 and all district offices will be closed.

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 Friday, November 15. 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 visit the school website, social media, and your email for information about registering. The Webster County Health Department 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”

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The high school students and staff have had a very smooth start to the 2019-2020 school year. We are very excited about our technology upgrades and our transition into our one-to-one Chromebooks. Every high school student has been given a Chromebook that they can take home and use. The enrollment in the high school this year is 339. We have 24 new students, 82 seniors, 85 juniors, 79 sophomores, and 93 freshmen.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17 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.

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 that was sent out on September 13. This is also 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 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 our website 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.

SHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

“You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown”

November 21-23, 2019

Watch for more details TBA.

PRIDE OF THE TRIBE MARCHING BAND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 - MT. VERNON MARCHING FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5 - OZARKO MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL (MSU)

OCTOBER 12 - OZARK MOUNTAIN MARCHING FESTIVAL (REEDS SPRING)

OCTOBER 19 - UCM FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS (WARRENSBURG)

OCTOBER 26 - MSU HOMECOMING PARADE

NOVEMBER 2 - WILLARD VETERANS PARADE

NOVEMBER 11 - STRAFFORD VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

2019 ATHLETIC INFORMATION

DATE	SPORT	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
10/01/2019	9-12 Girls Golf	Away	3:30 PM	Stockton Tournament
10/01/2019	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Joel E. Barber Jr. High School
10/01/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Buffalo Prairie Jr. High School
10/01/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Warsaw High School
10/02/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Rogersville Jr. High School
10/03/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
10/03/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	6:00 PM	Stockton High School
10/04/2019	Varsity Football /Homecoming	Home	7:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/05/2019	JV Volleyball	Away	TBA	Glendale JV Tournament
10/05/2019	9-12 Cross Country	Away	10:00 AM	Chile Pepper Festival/Fayetteville
10/07/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/07/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Clever High School
10/07/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/08/2019	7-12 Cross Country	Away	3:30 PM	Catholic Invitational
10/08/2019	Jr. High Football	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
10/08/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Catholic Jr. High School
10/09/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Hickory Hills Jr. High School
10/10/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove High School
10/11/2019	Varsity Football	Home	7:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/12/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	TBA	Stockton JH Tournament
10/14/2019	Jr. High Volleyball	Away	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/14/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Buffalo High School
10/14/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Skyline High School
10/15/2019	Jr. High Football	Away	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
10/15/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Away	6:00 PM	El Dorado Springs High School
10/17/2019	Jr. High Cross Country	Away	4:00 PM	Clever Invitational
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	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Forsyth Jr. High School
10/21/2019	JV Football	Away	6:00 PM	Forsyth High School
10/22/2019	Jr. High Football	Home	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
10/22/2019	9-12 Volleyball	Home	5:30 PM	Willow Springs 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
10/29/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
11/04/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Stockton Jr. High School
11/05/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Clever Jr. High School
11/06/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	TBA	Greenfield Tournament Begins
11/11/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Skyline Jr. High School
11/12/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Marshfield Jr. High School
11/19/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
11/21/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Away	5:30 PM	Catholic Jr. High School
11/22/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	TBA	Strafford JH Tournament Begins
11/25/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Fair Grove Jr. High School
11/25/2019	9-12 Girls Basketball	Home	6:00 PM	Blue Eye High School
11/26/2019	Jr. High Girls Basketball	Home	5:30 PM	Ava Jr. High School