
STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2018

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We want to thank all parents, students and staff for an outstanding beginning to the 2018-2019 school year. We are in our 3rd year of our 1 to 1 Chromebook program. We are currently in our second year of our math curriculum called Carnegie Learning. Our athletic teams have had competitive games and are getting better as the season progresses.

At SMS we believe the performance of the school rises or falls on behavior. We expect all of our stakeholders to live "*Above the Line*" in everything they do. *Above the Line* behaviors are conscious and thoughtful - a choice made in alignment with one's goals. They are also intentional and skillful behaviors that must be taught and learned.

Below the line behaviors are impulsive, resistant, takes little effort or skill, and are comfortable and convenient. Below the line behaviors are characterized by the following actions: blaming others, complaining about circumstances, and defending one's self.

Professionally,
Mr. Vecchione, Principal
Mr. Gelonese, Principal

NEOEA DAY

NO CLASSES on Friday, October 12. Enjoy the long weekend.

CONFERENCES HAVE A NEW DATE

For the second straight year, Parent / Teacher conferences will be held a month earlier this school year in an effort to improve communication between home and school. As always, grades are posted online via Progress Book / Parent Access.

Conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 11**, from 1 to 9 PM. It will be an early-release day (12:33 PM) for the students. The forms to schedule a conference were already sent home. The following staff members who teach at two schools within the district will be at SMS from 1 to 4 PM: Mrs. Rohrer, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Brodnan and Mr. Shuluga. Mrs. Tomko will be here from 5 to 9 PM. Mr. Donatelli and Mrs. Russo will be at the high school all day and evening. If you would like to speak with Mr. Donatelli and Mrs. Russo, they can be reached at 330-750-1062.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 3 – SMS Tailgate Party
Tuesday, October 9 – Make-up Pictures
Thursday, October 11 – Conferences
Friday, October 12 – No School / NEOEA Day
Friday, October 19 – 1st DC Payment Due
Friday, October 26 – End of the First Nine Weeks
Thursday, November 1 – Fall Sports Recognition
Friday, November 2 – Report Cards
Tuesday, November 6 – OHSAA Parent Meeting

PROGRESS REPORTS

Friday, September 28 is the halfway point of the first nine-week grading period. Students are encouraged to use their logins and help monitor their grades. For parents/guardians who use PROGRESS BOOK / PARENT ACCESS, please log on to your account and check your child's grades.

GUIDANCE

Mr. Cracraft has scheduled the SOS Program for seventh-grade on October 8 and October 9. The program, provided by Alta Behavioral Health, focuses on suicide prevention and education for teens.

Back-to-school tips for parents regarding their children:

1. Make sure you know their friends.
2. Make sure they understand the schools rules.
3. Show interest in their learning.
4. Be sure they have outstanding attendance.
5. Praise and reward good efforts.
6. Encourage them to pursue extra-curricular activities.
7. Help them manage their homework

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION

Fall sports recognition assembly for all fall middle school athletes will be Thursday, November 1 at 1:30 PM in the middle school cafe. Please save the date. All parents are welcome to attend.

PROGRESS BOOK/PARENT ACCESS

Just a reminder that student grades can be found on Progress Book / Parent Access. The link can be found on the Struthers City Schools website. If you have any questions about your Progress Book / Parent Access account, please contact the school office.