
STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 2019

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to Struthers Middle School. A special welcome to our fifth-grade students and to any new students in our district. We hope you enjoy your experience at SMS and become actively involved in curricular and extra-curricular activities.

We are excited to begin another year and look forward to making it a rewarding and memorable one for the students. The custodial staff has done an excellent job preparing the building for the new school year. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to SMS for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Jacob Adams will be teaching 8th grade Science. Mr. Donato Nerone will be teaching 8th grade Math. Mrs. Courtney Savnik taught at SES last year and will be an intervention specialist this school year at SMS. Jim Begala will be our new Jan Tech this school year.

Thank You,
Mr. Vecchione, Lead Principal
Mr. Gelonese, Principal

DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

Students walking to school or arriving by car should plan to arrive at school by 7:50 AM. Parents who are driving students may enter the parking lot using the entrance on Wilson Street nearest 5th Street and drop off children as close to the end of the building (band room) as possible. By doing this, we can get more cars into our lot and off the street. This will also help the line move faster. Thank you for your patience during drop-off.

At 7:45 AM, we will open the north door (door facing Wilson Street) to allow students to enter. This will enable you to drop off your child on Fifth Street or Wilson Street and avoid having to pull into the parking lot.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY RELEASE

If a student arrives after 11 AM, he/she is to be marked absent for a half of day. Any time prior to 11 AM, he/she will be marked late/tardy. If a student leaves prior to 8:50 AM, he/she is marked absent for the entire day.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 29 – September 2 – No School
Tuesday, September 3 – Classes resume
Tuesday, September 3 – Volleyball vs. South Range
Tuesday, September 3 – Football @ Salem
Wednesday, September 4 – Volleyball @ Jefferson
Monday, September 9 – Volleyball @ Hubbard
Wednesday, September 11 – Volleyball vs. Girard
Wednesday, September 11 – Football vs. Poland
Wednesday, September 11 – DC Parent meeting
Friday, September 13 – School Forms Due
Monday, September 16 – Volleyball @ Poland
Tuesday, September 17 – Picture Day
Wednesday, September 18 – Volleyball @ Lakeview
Wednesday, September 18 – Football @ Hubbard
Monday, September 23 – Volleyball @ Niles
Wednesday, September 25 – Volleyball @ SR
Wednesday, September 25 – Football vs. Lakeview
Monday, September 30 – Volleyball vs. Jefferson
Wednesday, October 2 – Volleyball vs. Hubbard
Wednesday, October 2 – Football vs. Jefferson

PROGRESS BOOK

Parents can access their child's grades on Progress Book Parent Access. The link is found on the district website. If you do not remember your user name or password, please click on *Can't access your account?* below the green sign-in button. If you do not have an account, please contact the middle school office.

TAILGATE PARTY- SAVE THE DATE

Our annual tailgate party will be Wednesday, October 16 at 4 PM. We will begin at SMS and then walk over to the football game – Struthers versus Girard. The cost is \$5, which includes food and drink at the tailgate and admission into the game. The tailgate party is for **CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY.**

AUTOMATED CALL SYSTEM

Throughout the year, we will use the automated call system to inform parents of upcoming activities. If your phone number changes, please contact the office so we can update the call system as well. In the event you know we had an automated call and you did not receive it, please contact the office.

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FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS 2019-2020

In order to qualify for free and reduced lunch this year, you will need to complete and return your new application by September 30. If you received a Direct Certification letter (in the mail this summer from Dru Clyde, Director of Food Services for Struthers City Schools) stating your child has already been approved for free lunch, **DO NOT** fill out a new application. You may just sign and return the Fee Waiver form.

If new forms are not completed and turned in by September 30, your child will have to pay **REGULAR PRICE** for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast is served from 7:30 AM – 7:50 AM.

Regular Price:

Breakfast-\$1.50 Lunch-\$2.50

Reduced Price:

Breakfast-\$.30 Lunch-\$.40

You may complete an application at any time during the school year if your financial situation changes.

ONLINE LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Struthers City Schools has an online web-based payment system that allows parents to manage lunch accounts for their child/children. The links can be found on the district website www.strutherscityschools.org, under Student – Student Management Data System. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

The website can be found at www.payforit.net

CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Struthers Middle School offers a wide array of curricular and extra-curricular activities. In the fall, our student-athletes compete in football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading. In the winter, our basketball teams take the court, and in the spring, our track team is off and running. We also encourage our students to join some of the other activities which include: Book Club, Environmental Club, Yearbook, Pep Club, Math Counts, TAPS, Robotics Club, PANDA, and English Festival. For more information, please contact the middle school at 330-750-1064.

SMS COMMUNICATION

Struthers Middle School is looking for alternate ways to share information about the school and activities throughout the year. Please call 330-755-8201 and select the following prompts to access this information.

- Press 3 for Public Events and Building Announcements.
- Then press 2 for information for the Middle School.
 - Then press 1 for Sporting Events
 - Or press 2 for Club News
 - Or press 3 for Building Announcements
 - Or press 4 for the Lunch Menu.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Each classroom teacher has a homework hotline where he/she will leave the class work for that night or week. The homework hotline phone number is 330/755-8201. Press 1 for the homework line and then input the five-digit teacher codes. Grade levels will send home a list of their extensions. An employee directory can be found on our website.

INTERVENTION

During the school day, students may be pulled from a special class to receive intervention. Lists are created based on AIR scores, attendance, previous grades, and teacher recommendations. Intervention will begin the week of September 9. For questions regarding intervention, please contact Mr. Vecchione at 330-750-1064, ext. 41411.

2019-2020 Testing Dates

English language arts - March 23 to April 24, 2020
Mathematics and science - March 30 to May 8, 2020.
For more information, please visit the Ohio Department of Education website link below.

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Test-Dates/2019-2020-Testing-Dates>