
STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 2021

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Friday, December 3 marks the midway point of the second nine weeks of the grading period. We hope that by now everyone has settled into being back to in-person learning. If you have any questions about either modes of learning, please contact the middle school at (330) 750 – 1064.

Mr. Gelonese, the middle school staff and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. We hope you enjoy the winter break and will see everyone on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Professionally,
Mr. Vecchione, principal
Mr. Gelonese, assistant principal

PROGRESS REPORTS

Friday, December 3, is the halfway point of the second nine-week grading period. We encourage our students at SMS to self-monitor their grades throughout the school year. For parents/guardians who use PROGRESS BOOK / PARENT ACCESS, please log on to your account and check your child's grades.

EARLY RELEASE

On, **Friday, December 17**, there will be an early release. Students will be dismissed from school at 12:33 PM on both days.

IMPORTANT – SECURITY

Just a reminder that when any adult is entering the building to pick-up a child for a doctor's appointment, scheduled appointment at school, or an early release, you must have a driver's license or picture ID.

WATER BOTTLES

Bottles of water and water bottles with lids will be permitted throughout the school day. No other liquids allowed.

HS/MS BAND CONCERT

Students in grades 6-8 will perform in the Winter Band Concert at Struthers Middle School auditorium at 5pm on Tuesday, December 14.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 3 – Progress Report
Wednesday, December 15 – Ugly Sweater Day
Friday, December 17 – Early Release
Dec 18 – January 2 – Winter Recess
Monday, January 3 – Classes Resume
Friday, January 14 – End of 2nd Nine Weeks
Monday, January 17 – No School – MLK Day
Friday, January 21 – Report Cards

WINTER BREAK

Winter break begins on Friday, December 17 and ends on Sunday, January 2. Classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

There will be an ugly sweater contest for students on Wednesday, December 15. Gift cards will be awarded per grade level for the ugliest sweater. Good Luck!

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PLAN

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