
STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2021

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We want to thank all parents, students and staff for an outstanding beginning to the 2021-2022 school year. We hope that everyone is taking advantage of our 1 on 1 Chromebook program, which is in its fifth year. The middle school volleyball and football teams all have played competitive games, and are improving 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, Assistant Principal

PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

Picture make up day is Tuesday, October 20 from 8 AM to 9 AM at Struthers Middle School.

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.

TAILGATE PARTY- SAVE THE DATE

Our annual tailgate party will be Wednesday, October 13 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.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 1 – Progress Report
Saturday, October 9 – NE8 Volleyball Tourney
Thursday, October 7 – Spelling Bee
Thursday, October 7 – Early Release 12:33 PM
Thursday, October 7 – Parent Teacher Conference
Friday, October 8 – No School – NEOEA Day
Wednesday, October 13 – SMS Tailgate
Tuesday, October 20 – Picture make up day
Friday, October 29 – End of the First Nine Weeks
Friday, November 5 – Report Cards

CONFERENCES BACK IN OCTOBER

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 7** from 1 to 9 PM. As always, grades are posted online via Progress Book / Parent Access. The forms to schedule a conference were sent home. The following staff members who teach at two schools within the district will be at SMS from 1 to 4 PM: Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Shuluga. If you would like to speak with Mrs. Tomko and/or Mrs. Tringhese, please call the main office and speak with Mr. Vecchione. 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.

NEOEA DAY

NO CLASSES on **Friday, October 8.** Enjoy the long weekend.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Friday, October 1 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.

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION

Fall sports recognition assembly for all fall middle school athletes will be Friday, November 5 at 2:00 PM in the middle school cafe.

SPELLING BEE

Thursday, October 7 is the SMS annual spelling bee at 8:30 AM in the auditorium. Students will watch the spelling bee in their homerooms. Parents are invited and should arrive no earlier than 8:15 AM.