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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We hope everyone had a terrific holiday break, and that you got to enjoy family and loved ones.

Academic and athletic competitions are in full swing at SMS. In addition, our basketball teams had begun their season in early December. Once again, we are expecting championship seasons from our teams.

It is hard to believe that almost half of the school year is over as of Friday, January 15 – the last day of the first semester. Enjoy the holiday break!!!

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

## WAIVER DAY – NO SCHOOL

**Friday, January 15** will be a waiver day for both in-person and remote students. Teachers will use this time to attend professional development and prepare lessons for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

## WINTER BREAK

Winter break begins on Wednesday, December 23 and ends on Sunday, January 3. Classes resume on Monday, January 4.

## MLK DAY

On Monday, January 18, school will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 19.

## STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA – April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA – April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math – April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math – April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science – April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

## WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy's and girl's basketball programs have kicked off their 2020-2021 seasons. Both the girls and boys programs are getting off to good starts this school year. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys are 3-0 while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys are 1-1. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are 3-0 while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are 2-1. Good luck to our student-athletes for a safe and successful season.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 4 – Classes Resume  
Monday, January 4 – Basketball vs. Niles  
Wednesday, January 6 – Basketball vs. Hubbard  
Monday, January 11 – Basketball vs. Lakeview  
Wednesday, January 13 – Basketball vs. Jefferson  
**Friday, January 15 – NO SCHOOL**  
Wednesday, January 20 – Basketball vs. South Range  
Monday, January 25 – Basketball vs. Poland  
Wednesday, January 27 – Basketball vs. Girard  
Friday, January 15 – End of semester  
Monday, January 18 – MLK Day - No School  
Thursday, January 21 – Student of the Month Luncheon  
Friday, January 24 – Report cards

## REPORT CARDS

Report card grades will be posted on Progress Book Parent Access, and will be sent home on Friday, January 22. For parents/guardians who use PROGRESS BOOK / PARENT ACCESS, please log on to your account and check your child's grades throughout the grading period. If you do not have a login, please contact the main office.

## STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

We ask that parents do not drive through the lanes that are used by staff in the morning. Please use the main lane for parent drop off and pick up.

**\*\*\* SAFETY FIRST \*\*\***

## SMS FOOD PANTRY

Please remember that SMS sponsors a food and hygiene pantry for all students. The pantry is typically open every Friday after school, but can be made available on different days. Please contact Mr. Vecchione for further information.

## TIPS FOR REMOTE LEARNING

- Set and keep a schedule
- Provide an environment conducive to learning
- Make sure all work is completed
- Help your child check messages and communicate with school
- Use school resources
- Help them find their own motivation
- Check their Progress Book weekly
- Reach out for help when needed