# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## August 2018

#### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to SMS for the 2018-2019 school year: Mrs. Janet George (5<sup>th</sup> Math). Mrs. George taught at SES last year and has made a return to SMS. Mrs. Sarah Tringhese, who will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade technology. Mr. Brad Blasko will be our new Jan Tech at SMS. Mrs. Sandy Romack will be our new café tech. We welcome both to the SMS family.

## **SCHEDULES 2018-2019**

The class lists will be posted on Thursday, August 16 by noon for fifth and sixth-grade students. Students in seventh and eighth grade will need to pick up their schedules on Thursday, August 16 between 9 and 11 AM.

#### **OPEN HOUSE 2018-2019**

Open house for the 2018-2019 school year will be Tuesday, August 21 from 2 - 4 PM. Come and meet your child's new teacher. We are changing the format to more of a come and meet the teacher, rather than, the traditional open house format we have used in the past. Additionally, students will get their lockers this day and have an opportunity to set up their locker, and bring all of their supplies.

#### NEW PROGRAM

SMS is excited to announce WEB - "Where Everyone Belongs" a new leadership program for upcoming students in 8th and 5th grade that will be implemented during the 2018-2019 school year. WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 5th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. WEB will kick off with the upcoming 5th grade students participating in a fun filled orientation where they will meet their 8th grade WEB leaders (which also includes the annual scavenger hunt) on Wednesday, August 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parents need to drop off their child at 8 a.m. and prepare to return for a parent meeting will at 11 a.m. After the meeting, students and parents can participate in the

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday, August 16 – 5th/6th Grade Class List Posted Thursday, August 16 – 7th/8th Grade Schedule Pick-Up Monday, August 20 – Volleyball vs. Girard Tuesday, August 21 – Open House Wednesday, August 22 – First Day of School Wednesday, August 22 – Volleyball @ Poland Saturday, August 25 – Billy Goat CC Invite Monday, August 27 – Volleyball @ Lakeview Tuesday, August 28 – CC @ Badger (Suburban #1) Wednesday, August 29 – Football vs. Crestview Thursday, August 30 – September 3<sup>rd</sup> - No School Saturday, September 1 – Maplewood CC Invite Tuesday, September 4 – Classes Resume

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 22. We look forward to another outstanding school year.

## TDAP BOOSTER – 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Ohio Department of Health rules dictate that all seventh-grade students must have a Tdap booster. This is because of the increase in pertussis cases (whooping cough). Please schedule an appointment with your doctor, Youngstown City Health Department (330-743-3333, ext. 259) or the District Board of Health (330-270-2855, ext. 121). Record of the shot needs to be returned to the school nurse as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **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 (the 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.

## **IMPORTANT - SECURITY**

Just a reminder that when any adult is entering the building to pick-up a child or attend a meeting, you must have a driver's license or picture ID. This ID will be scanned through the RAPTOR system and a visitor's badge will be issued to the adult. This procedure is for the safety and security of the children. THANK YOU!!!