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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

August 2017

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## NEW PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I am thrilled to be here at Struthers Middle School as your principal. Adaptation to this new environment is already underway as I've gotten to know fellow staff members and several students. I am looking forward to interacting with parents and community members throughout the school year. Go Wildcats!

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to SMS for the 2017-2018 school year: Mrs. Tomko (Art) and Mrs. Lambert (7<sup>th</sup> language arts). Mrs. Knight will be returning to teach 6<sup>th</sup> study skills.

## SCHEDULES 2017-2018

The class lists will be posted on Thursday, August 17 by noon for fifth and sixth-grade students. Students in seventh and eighth grade will need to pick up their schedules on Thursday, August 17 between 9 and 11 AM.

## OPEN HOUSE 2017-2018

Open house for the 2017-2018 school year will be Tuesday, August 22 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. Please feel free to bring all of the students' supplies.

## 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!!!

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 17 – 5th/6th Grade Class List Posted  
Thursday, August 17 – 7th/8th Grade Schedule Pick-Up  
Tuesday, August 22 – Open House  
Wednesday, August 23 – First Day of School  
Thursday, August 31 – September 4<sup>th</sup> - No School (Labor Day Weekend)  
Tuesday, September 5 – Classes Resume

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 23. 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.

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.

## TAILGATE PARTY- SAVE THE DATE

Our annual tailgate party will be Wednesday, September 20 at 4 PM. We will begin at SMS and then walk over to the football game – Struthers versus Canfield. 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.