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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 2018

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We would like to acknowledge our band and choir students for their performances. The concerts were enjoyable to attend and our students performed magnificently.

Academic and athletic competitions are in full swing at SMS. In December, we held our Geo Bee; and the Spelling Bee. Also, our basketball teams began their season in early December. Once again, we are expecting championship seasons from our teams.

Warm holiday wishes to you, and your family! Enjoy and take care.

Professionally,

Mr. Vecchione, Principal  
Mr. Gelonese, Principal

## EARLY RELEASE

The last day of school before winter break is Wednesday, December 20. Students will be released from school at 12:33 PM.

## WINTER BREAK

Winter break begins on Thursday, December 21, and ends on Tuesday, January 2. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

## WASHINGTON, DC

The second payment for the Washington, DC field trip is due by **Thursday, January 4**. You should have received an invoice for the second payment. Any questions, please contact Mr. Vecchione.

## SPELLING BEE

The 2018 SMS Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday, December 20th at 8:30A.M. in the SMS Auditorium. 24 students, grade 5-8, qualified to participate in the bee. The winner of the bee will move on to participate in the Vindicator Bee at YSU on Saturday, March 10th at 9A.M. in Kilcawley Center.

## NO SCHOOL & MLK Day

There will be NO SCHOOL on **Friday, January 12**. On Monday, January 15, school will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 16.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, January 3 – Classes Resume  
Thursday, January 4 – Basketball vs. Canfield  
Thursday, January 4 – DC Payment due  
Monday, January 8 – Basketball vs. Youngstown  
Thursday, January 11 - Basketball vs. Girard  
Thursday, January 11 – End of semester  
Friday, January 12 – NO School – Staff PD  
Monday, January 15 – No School  
Wednesday, January 17 – Basketball vs. St. Charles  
Thursday, January 18 – Basketball vs. Niles  
Friday, January 19 – Report cards  
Monday, January 22 – Basketball vs. Austintown  
Thursday, January 25 – Basketball vs. Boardman  
Thursday, January 25 – Student of the Month Luncheon  
Monday, January 29 – Basketball vs. Poland

## REPORT CARDS

Report card grades will be posted on Progress Book Parent Access on Friday, January 19. For parents/guardians who use Progress Book Parent Access, please log on to your account and check your child's grades.

## WALKING PROGRAM

The Struthers City Schools have opened the doors of the Elementary School to the community for walking. The walking program will run until March 29, 2018 and will be available to the public Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 PM. Please enter and exit through the back doors where you can park your car in the back parking lot. The school will only be available to walkers on days school is in session. The school district reserves the right to cancel walking hours due to after-school events.

## GEO BEE

Struthers Middle School held its preliminary competition for the 2018 National Geographic Bee on Friday, December 15. Twenty-four students competed with a chance to advance to the state Geographic Bee. Erik Viera, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, won the competition. Anthony Mudryk, 8<sup>th</sup> grade was the runner-up and Chaz Ekoniak, 7<sup>th</sup> grade took third place. Good luck to Erik as he prepares for the state competition.