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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2017

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We want to thank all parents, students and staff for an outstanding beginning to the 2017-2018 school year. We are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our 1 to 1 Chromebook program. We also implemented a new math program for students in the sixth through eighth grade called Carnegie Learning. Our athletic teams have had competitive games and our cross-country runners have all set new personal best times.

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, Principal

## NEOEA DAY

NO CLASSES on Friday, October 13. Enjoy the long weekend.

## CONFERENCES HAVE A NEW DATE

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held a month earlier this school year in an effort to improve communication between home and school. As always, grades are posted online via Progress Book / Parent Access.

Conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 12**, from 1 to 9 PM. It will be an early-release day (12:33 PM) for the students. The forms to schedule a conference were already sent home. The following staff members who teach at two schools within the district will be at SMS from 1 to 4 PM: Mrs. Rohrer, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Brodnan and Mr. Shuluga. Mrs. Tomko will be here from 5 to 9 PM. 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.

## BOOK FAIR IS BACK

Scholastic Book Fair will be held at SMS the week of October 9 – 12 and throughout conference night.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 9 – Make-up Pictures  
Thursday, October 12 - Conferences  
Friday, October 13 – No School / NEOEA Day  
Tuesday, October 16 – Fundraiser Ends  
Wednesday, October 18 – SMS Tailgate Party  
Friday, October 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> DC Payment Due  
Friday, October 27 – End of the First Nine Weeks  
Friday, November 3 – Report Cards  
Tuesday, November 7 – OHSAA Parent Meeting

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Friday, September 29 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.

## GUIDANCE

Mr. Cracraft has scheduled the SOS Program for seventh-grade on October 3 and October 4. The program, provided by Alta Behavioral Health, focuses on suicide prevention and education for teens.

Back-to-school tips for parents regarding their children:

1. Make sure you know their friends.
2. Make sure they understand the schools rules.
3. Show interest in their learning.
4. Be sure they have outstanding attendance.
5. Praise and reward good efforts.
6. Encourage them to pursue extra-curricular activities.
7. Help them manage their homework

## FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION

Fall sports recognition assembly for all fall middle school athletes will be Wednesday, November 1 at 1:30 PM in the middle school cafe. Please save the date. All parents are welcome to attend.

## PROGRESS BOOK/PARENT ACCESS

Just a reminder that student grades can be found on Progress Book / Parent Access. The link can be found on the Struthers City Schools website. If you have any questions about your Progress Book / Parent Access account, please contact the school office.