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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 2018

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## PRINCIPALS' CORNER

We can't believe how fast the school year is going. Our eighth-grade students are scheduling for their high school courses, and we kick off the spring sports season on Wednesday, April 11. Our band and choirs are preparing for their spring concerts in May. The choir concerts are on Thursday, May 3. The 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> band concert will be Tuesday, May 8 and the 8<sup>th</sup> – high school band concert will be Wednesday, May 9.

The state assessments will begin in April. Please see the testing schedule below.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Educationally,  
Mr. Vecchione, Lead Principal  
Mr. Gelonese, Principal

## AIR TESTING DATES

April 9 & 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA testing  
April 11 & 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA testing  
April 16 & 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math testing  
April 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math testing  
April 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science testing  
Week of April 30 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifted testing

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to WASHINGTON, DC

Among the Wildcat alumni and current students is an ever-growing group of tourists who have embarked on a very significant trip to the nation's capital - a trip taken in a milestone year of completing junior high and standing on the doorstep of high school. It's a trip this group never forgets when they return home – it's talked about for years. Those in this group compare notes about their experiences, where they visited, what they enjoyed, etc. This year's 8th grade trip to Washington DC is quickly approaching. The students will be in the nation's capital on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure you send snacks for your child, comfortable walking shoes, and some spending money. We have an exciting trip planned full of all of the great things Washington DC has to offer.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 4 – Classes Resume  
Wednesday, April 4 – Track @ Girard  
Wednesday, April 11 – AAC Track @ Campbell  
Saturday, April 14 – Track @ Lakeview  
Monday, April 16 – AAC Track @ Champion  
Wednesday, April 25 – AAC Track @ Jefferson  
Monday, April 30 – County Track Championships

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Friday, April 27 is the halfway point of the fourth nine-week grading period. Progress reports will be available online. If you need account information, please contact the middle school.

## SPRING SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Student-athletes participating in a spring sport must pass **five classes** during the **third nine weeks** in order to be eligible. Also, students who attain the age 15 before August 1 are ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

## WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS RECOGNITION

The sports recognition assembly for all middle school athletes who participated in basketball or track will be Wednesday, May 9 at 1 PM in the middle school auditorium. Please save the date.

## FALL SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Student-athletes participating in a fall sport must pass **five classes** during the **fourth nine weeks** in order to be eligible. Also, students who attain the age 15 before August 1 are ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

## ROBOTICS

On March 7th, the 2018 the Struthers Middle School robotics teams participated in the Northeast Ohio Robotics Education Program at Youngstown State University. The program is designed to engage and inform students about STEM and introduce the students of the opportunities that exist within those fields. This is the fourth year SMS has competed in the event. The students put in over 30 hours of work and received positive feedback on their journal and the build of their robots. Students learned a lot from the experience and they are excited to return next year.