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# STRUTHERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 2018

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## PRINCIPALS' CORNER

The next generation of assessments this year will be from American Institute for Research. Students will take the AIR assessments in April for fifth through eighth grade in math and language arts, and fifth and eighth grade science. Please see the AIR testing dates below. Students and parents can find additional information and practice test items at:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies/Sample-test-items-and-practice-tests>

Professionally,  
Mr. Vecchione, Principal  
Mr. Gelonese, Principal

## OHSAA MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 8 for seventh- and eighth-grade student-athletes and their parents who plan to play a spring sport. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the middle school auditorium.

## SPRING BREAK

Spring break will begin Friday, March 30 and goes through Tuesday, April 3. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 4.

## REPORT CARDS

Report card grades will be posted on Progress Book/ Parent Access on Wednesday, March 28. For parents/guardians who use PROGRESS BOOK / PARENT ACCESS, please log on to your account and check your child's grades.

## YEARBOOKS

The SMS yearbooks will be on sale from March 5th until March 28th. The cost is \$25 per yearbook, if the order forms are returned to school. Checks can be made to SMS Yearbook. This year, you can order the yearbook online. There is an online processing fee that you will be charged when the book is personalized. Online price varies from \$25-\$27. We will not accept any late orders. The yearbooks will be delivered in May 2018.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 8 – OHSAA Spring Sports Meeting  
Sunday, March 11 – Change Clocks – “Spring Ahead”  
Monday, March 12 – PANDA Meeting  
Friday, March 16 – SHS Drama Club Show  
Saturday, March 17 - SHS Drama Club Show  
Friday, March 23 – End of the Third Nine Weeks  
Wednesday, March 28 – Report Cards  
March 30 – April 3 – Spring Break  
Wednesday, April 4 – Classes Resume

## VINDICATOR SPELLING BEE

The winner of the Struthers Middle School Spelling Bee was Nevaeh Jones, grade 6. Nevaeh will be representing Struthers Middle School at the Vindicator Spelling Bee which will take place on Saturday, March 10 at 9 AM in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University. Good Luck Nevaeh!

## FINAL PAYMENT WASHINGTON, DC

The final payment for Washington, DC is due on or before Thursday, March 8. Each student should have received a final invoice on Thursday, March 8.

## SHS DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club to Perform “Leaving Iowa”  
On March 16 and 17 at 7:00 at the Middle School auditorium, the SHS Drama Club will be performing the nationally renowned play, “Leaving Iowa,” a comedy about family vacations. During a visit to Mom and Sis in his hometown of Winterset, Iowa, Boston journalist, Don Browning, learns that Dad's cremated ashes have been forgotten in Mom's basement for three years. Determined to find a proper resting place for Dad's ashes, Don embarks on an odyssey that inspires hilarious childhood memories of a wacky family vacation to Hannibal, Missouri. Through the process, Don realizes that, if nothing else, Brownings are “unpredictable!”

## 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