

Red Storm Forecast

October 2017

Stonybrook Middle School – GROW: It's What We Do! Guide. Recognize. Organize. WIN!

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Message from Mr. Day

Hello Stonybrook Middle School Families!

This newsletter marks the transition from the end of our first quarter to the beginning of our second as well as the transition from summer weather to the fall. Just as we prepare for the upcoming changes in weather, we need to continually prepare for what lies ahead in our school year.

At this point in the school year, students have settled into their routines and have established relationships with peers and staff. As we reflect on how the first marking period has gone, we look to see in what areas we need to improve and help us prepare for what's next. The second grading period moves very quickly even though it is the same number of days as the first grading period. Between the two week intersession in October and Thanksgiving holiday in November, we will be at the doorstep of December before we know it.

So as you review your child's progress from the first nine weeks are you satisfied with how he/she has performed? Are you satisfied with how he/she is growing? Is the social and emotional development of your child on par with expectations that you have for your child? Middle school is a challenging developmental stage and at times can leave one scratching his/her head in bewilderment. But at the end of the day, middle school children are like all children and all of us – they need to know that they are safe, they are cared for, that they can take responsible risks in their growth – and know that they are still loved.

As I review the performances of SMS as a whole, there is much yet to be done. We have a number of students who are performing where we would like them to be but many more students who need a renewed dedication to their academic and social interaction performances. Through mutual collaboration, holding all students accountable for all of the performance areas, we can bolster student growth in both the academic and social/emotional areas of their development.

There are many academic resources available for students to use outside of the academic school day to strengthen their skills. In this newsletter I have provided a short list of resources that are directly related to what we are using at SMS. I strongly encourage parents and guardians to review this list, look at the information that we have provided from NWEA and ISTEP+ as well as what teachers are sharing from the classroom to help support academic growth.

With regards to the social and emotional development of our students, we are attending training in November that assists us in furthering our knowledge of working with students who have been exposed to various types of trauma and how it impacts them in various settings, including school. My assessment after this first grading period is that as a community of stakeholders we must find a better way to support the emotional well-being of our students which will in turn allow them to be prepared to engage in their higher order thinking skills that are required to receive and respond to critical thinking demands.

Regards,

Nathan Day

Civility – Order – Respect- Excellence

College and Career Readiness in Math

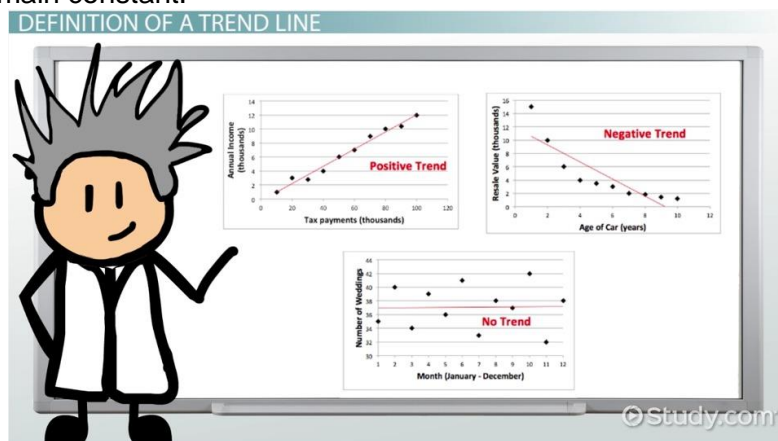
In Math it is critical that our students get prepared for Warren Central High School, but also more importantly they need to be prepared for College and career. Even if our students do not end up in a job that is highly focused on Math, our Math process standards will help students become problem solvers in the real world. Here are the 8 Math Process Standards that we focus on:

Process Standards for Mathematics

1. Make sense of problems and **persevere** in solving them.
2. **Reason** abstractly and quantitatively.
3. **Construct** viable arguments and **critique** the reasoning of others.
4. **Model** with mathematics.
5. Use **appropriate tools** strategically.
6. Attend to **precision**.
7. Look for and make use of **structure**.
8. Look for and **express** regularity in repeated reasoning.

What is going on in 8th Grade Math?

We just finished discussing different types of graphs and analyzing them to find real world information such as traveling using different types of transportation. Currently we are focusing on Linear Functions and how to discover linear functions in different representations such as tables, graphs, and equations, with a focus on slope-intercept form. We will then use that knowledge to make predictions of what will happen in the future if the patterns remain constant.



7th Grade Math:

Throughout this year your student will not only be learning traditional math concepts to ready them for Algebra and a college track, but will also be learning to critical thinking skills through individual work, small group, and partner work. We are using an online curriculum called Agile Mind. We are all VERY excited as we work to develop fantastic mathematical thinkers!

Current Learning Objectives: Over the month students will be working how to find rates of change in order to write rules for functions. They will also need to recognize the differences in the rates in given situations, in graphs, and in tables to be able to understand what the model is demonstrating for them.

Q: How can I support my student with Rate of Change?

A: Asking to see your student's notes and/or work from the day and asking them to verbalize what was investigated or discussed in class will support your student's thinking and growth. Dig deep when asking questions! Use the question "Why" a lot!

Q: How can I support the use of Rate of Change in everyday life?

A: Stock Market? Pitch of a roof? Skiing? The pitch of the roof can be very important in some climates for example: if you live in a snowy climate the steeper the pitch the better because you want the snow to run off the roof.

** Students have access to the online curriculum from home and may review the lesson that way. They can go to warren.agilemind.com. There is also video tutorials on Google Classroom (classroom.google.com).

Music Department

The Stonybrook Middle School and Stonybrook Intermediate Academy Choir Fall Concert will be Thursday October 5th at 7pm in the LG! Come out and support our singers and their hard work so far this year!

Band and Orchestra Field Trip to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

All 7th & 8th grade band and orchestra students have the opportunity to attend the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra on Friday, October 27th. The students will leave Stonybrook at 6:30 pm, the concert starts at 8:00 pm and students will return to Stonybrook at 10:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for our students to see professional musicians and it's FREE! Students must bring back the signed permission slip to Mrs. French or Ms. Fegett in order to attend. Students may stay after school until the departure time if needed and we will feed them for \$2 each. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Mrs. French or Ms. Fegett.

Request for Meal Assistance

Please note that September 12th is the last date to submit your application for free and/or reduced meals. If you have any questions on regarding this process, please contact our treasurer, Ms. Courtney Montgomery.

C.O.R.E. Expectations

If you are the parent/guardian of a returning Warren Township student, then you have likely heard of our township's C.O.R.E. expectations that reflect our philosophy and beliefs. If you are new to Warren Township, you will see references of this throughout many of our communications. C.O.R.E. is the foundational message of our Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) and stands for Civility, Order, Respect, and Excellence. We believe if our students embody these characteristics, they can achieve anything they put their mind to. Our goal is to recognize and reward students when they are demonstrating these through the manner in which they conduct themselves, whether in be in a classroom, cafeteria, bus, sporting event, or otherwise.

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Students of the Week!



Blanca Herrera



Chris Roper



Carlos Colon Martinez



Arrien Bradley



Malik Moses



Ashlyn Byrd



Jamisen Welch



Alejandra Argueta-Lopez

Classroom Instruction Integrity

To ensure classroom instruction is not disrupted, we generally refrain from making any announcements during any class period that an item is in the office for a student. While we will attempt to manage deliveries throughout the day, it may not be feasible for us to get the item to your child in time for the intended class. Our advice to students is to plan thoroughly the evening before to ensure you are ready for the next day. We realize that on occasion we all forget something; however it should not be a pattern to expect a parent/guardian to be available to bring something in and in turn that we are able to get the item to its destination upon receipt. We do attempt to prioritize lunch delivery.

Car Riders – Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

As our processes continue to be more efficient and as we monitor student safety each day, please note the following safety reminders for all students and your own children.

- Do not use your cell phones while actively within the pickup and drop off processes. Safety of all people is more important than any phone conversation one may be having.
- Have your child enter/exit from the CURB side only. Getting in/out on the driver's side puts your child at substantially greater risk.

Also, please note that the official drop off time at Door 5 is from 7:20A-7:27A. While we have been able to staff the start of this process earlier, this may change due to other needs in the building. At 7:27A, we turn our attention to students who are already in the building and ensuring they get to first period in a safe and orderly manner. If you arrive after this time, you will need to drop your child at Door 1.

Tyler – Parent Portal

Our student information system, Tyler, has a parent portal that allows you to access information regarding your child including grades, attendance, lunch accounts, and book rental fees. Copies of the application requesting access are available in our main office or by visiting <http://www.warren.k12.in.us/parent-portal>.

A Note from the Athletics Department:

Boys Basketball tryouts will begin on October 2 and continue on October 4 and 5.

- Students trying out must have a physical on file.
- Students need to report to the gym immediately after dismissal.
- Parents need to pick up their son at 5:00.

Congratulations to the 7th grade volleyball team. They won their first two matches in the Marion County Tournament before getting knocked out by rival Raymond Park.

Cross Country 7th grader, Sierra Espinoza, finished 9th out of 115 girls in the MIIC Championship. Way to go Sierra!

<http://stonebrook.warren.k12.in.us/athletics>

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Scholastic Book Fair

The Mediaplex will be hosting a book fair September 27 thru October 4 during the school day. They will be open October 3rd from 12-8pm. One of the greatest gifts we can give a child is the opportunity to read as it is the gateway to lifelong learning! Plan on stopping by!

2017-18 Stonybrook Middle School Yearbook

It's time to order your 44 page full color yearbook for \$25. The yearbook features photo memories of the 2017-18 school year. All orders must be received by March 16.

Order forms may be picked up in the Main Office or order online.

Online: ybpay.lifetouch.com

School Code: 12577918

Boys and Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club is back for our 4th year and we are excited about this one!! We implemented a few changes in our programs to captivate our member's attention span better! We shortened the time for each activity time and added new ones. So far it has been a smooth transition and we hope this continues. Our enrichment program the first week started off with stem based projects such as making lava lamps, balloon challenges and a paper cup stacking competition. This week's subject is creative learning. The first project was to find your favorite book and use a shoe box or construction paper to bring the book to life by using things such a markers, color pencils, glue, stickers and etc. The rest of the week will follow with a skittle probability challenge and a smarties challenge. So as you can see we are kicking off the school year on a great note. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alicia Sims at [\(317\) 775-3799](tel:3177753799) or acollins@bgcindy.org or Kevin "Big Kev" Wilson at Kwilson@bgcindy.org.

News from your Social Worker

United Way Christmas assistance is coming up within the next couple of weeks. Please let us know if you need Christmas assistance. Contact Mrs. Fersch at 532-8800 ext. 8852.

Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be back on Friday, October 27 to take pictures for anyone that may have missed the original picture day or wants retakes. Order forms will be available in the Main Office. Students wanting retakes need to bring their original package to pictures.

PBIS

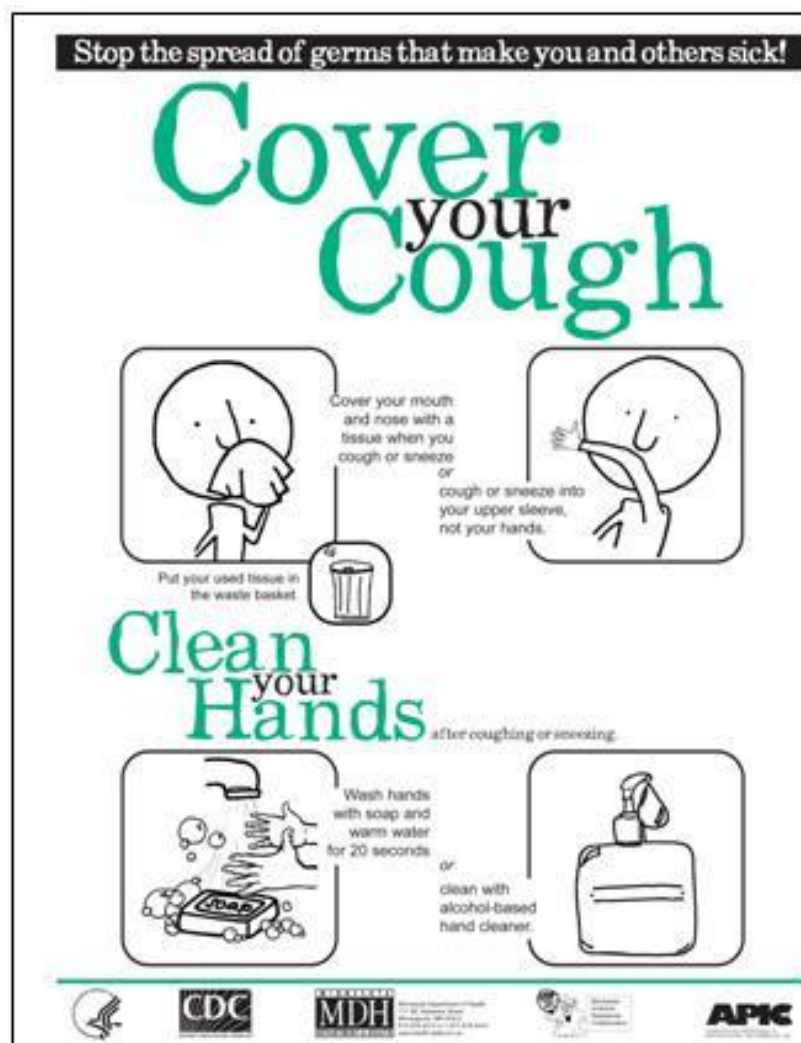
Students have spent the months of August and September learning about many relevant topics during CORE Quarter. During August, students learned what GPAs were, how to figure them, how to navigate and use TYLER, and how missing assignments can affect their grades in classes.

They also had an opportunity to set some goals for themselves. During the month of September, students got to learn about extracurricular opportunities at SMS, spent some time reflecting on how Kindness affects others during Kindness Week, and got to begin some career exploration. Students are now beginning to learn more about different colleges during College Go Week.

We look forward to exploring more topics during the month of October!

Clinic Notes

Now is a great time to encourage good hygiene in your children, as the flu season fast approaches. Teach them how and when to wash their hands and to keep their fingers away from their eyes, nose, and mouth, and how to cover coughs and sneezes using their elbows. Also teach them to not share eating utensils, drinks or food as germs can be easily passed this way. May we all stay healthy this Fall!



SCHOOL BASED SERVICES



Helping students and families through : Early identification, prevention, intervention, counseling, and support.

How to get help for my child:

Contact the administrator at your child's school!

Growing up in today's fast-paced society is a challenge no matter one's age. Children may experience emotional and behavioral problems in trying to deal with issues at home or school.

Reasons to seek help for my child:

- Mood disturbances (changes in mood/behavior)
- Attention deficit / hyperactivity
- Disruptive behavior problems
- Anxiety
- Family conflict
- Substance use
- Stress or difficulty adjusting
- Grief or loss
- Suicidal thoughts
- Disturbance in eating or sleeping
- Social/peer challenges

Our Mission: To strengthen individuals and families by providing strength-based, family-centered, collaborative care in homes, schools, and communities.

Our Philosophy: To use a trauma informed approach to enhance the resiliency of our students and families. Family sessions can teach you skills to deepen family connections and get through stressful times. We believe families and schools want all children to be successful!

Services provided:

- ◊ Assessment
- ◊ Family Therapy
- ◊ Individual Therapy
- ◊ Group Therapy
- ◊ Parenting Support
- ◊ Skills Training
- ◊ Crisis Support
- ◊ Medication Management
- ◊ Care Coordination

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK

GALLAHUE

1525 N. Ritter Ave
Indianapolis IN 46219
317-355-2560

www.ecommunity.com/behavioralhealth

www.HaveHope.com

Text 'HELPNOW' to 20121



Monster Dash 5K Run/Walk



Monster Dash 5K Run/Walk

October 28, 2017 ~ 9:00 AM Pennsy Trail

*Sponsored by System of Care and
the Cumberland Police Department*



IT'S FREE!!!

Please Sign Up - email form to:
PaulaBergfeld@gmail.com

Or mail to:
Paula Bergfeld
11435 Autumn Ridge Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46239



Registration Information

Registration/Package Pick-Up:
Race Day - 8 to 9AM

West of Meijer Parking Lot
11351 E Washington Street

Contact Information:

Paula Bergfeld
317.289.3220

Please complete the following information for each participant

Name	Telephone
Street Address	Email Address
City/State/Zip	Gender Date of Birth

Release and Waiver: *In consideration of my entry, I, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assignees, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which may hereafter accrue to me against the Town of Cumberland, the Cumberland Police Department, Meijer, and all other sponsors, officials, volunteers for any and all accidents or injuries incurred by me or during this event. I further state I have trained adequately and am in suitable condition to participate in this event.*

Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)	Date
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Course Information: The 5k run/walk will be on the Cumberland Pennsy Trail - the start/finish line just west of Meijer.



SMS Refrigerator Information

11300 Stonybrook Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46229

PH: 317-532-8800

Fax: 317-532-8899

Attendance Line: 317-532-8800 EXT. 1

School Nurse: 317-532-8806

School Hours: 7:30 AM – 2:50 PM

Transportation: 317-532-2820

District Office: 317-869-4300

Principal:

Mr. Nathan Day

Phone: 317-532-8804

Email: nday@warren.k12.in.us

Assistant Principal:

Ms. Becky True

Phone: 317-532-8805

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Counselor:

Mrs. Melissa Nicholson

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Athletic Coordinator

Mr. Jeff Cummings

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StonybrookMS**

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@Stonybrook_MS**

**Instagram –
stonybrookmsredstorm**

Dates to Remember:

Oct 5th: Choir Concert [7 PM] – LGI

Oct. 9th-20th: Fall Break

Oct. 23rd: School Reconvenes

Oct. 27th: Picture Retake Day

Nov. 7th: No School for Students

Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27th: School Resumes