

# Red Storm Forecast

December 2017

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## **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!

With Thanksgiving behind us and the multiple holidays ahead of us, this is a part of the school year that moves very quickly. December is academically filled with classes administering nine week assessments, encouraging students to submit all of their assignments, NWEA assessments for math and reading, all of which we work to prepare and motivate students to perform their best. In addition, we continue to remind students to demonstrate the CORE expectations.

Stonybrook Middle School has many wonderful young scholars with an amazing amount of potential. One of my priorities as the building principal is to ensure we do all that we can to support the growth and development of all students so that this potential is realized. To that end, as I reflect on the performance of students from first semester, there are three significant factors that need addressed to positively impact student performance: attendance, student conduct, and completing quality assignments which teachers can then use to drive instruction.

I am working with the staff to prioritize these needs and how we can best partner with families and the community to address the most pressing challenges. First and foremost, we need to enhance the relationships between our students, students and staff, staff and families. The more we invest in our relationships, we gain a more robust appreciation for the needs of each person which can in turn allow us to grow together through our common experiences as we learn to appreciate and learn from our differences.

Wishing you and yours a happy and peaceful holiday season!

Regards,

Nathan Day

**Civility – Order – Respect- Excellence**

## 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>.

## 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](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

**School Code:** 12577918

## Upcoming Concerts and Events

Please join us for the Winter Concerts!

Concerts start at 7:00 PM in the LGI Room

December 12th: Orchestra

December 14th: Band

December 19th: Choir

January 27th: ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble @  
Doe Creek MS

January 30th: Band Solo Night 7pm @ SMS



## It's Starting To Get Chilly Outside

**Parents:** As the weather has now turned cold, please be aware of how your child is dressing for school. Keep in mind there will be some days that he/she may have to wait at the bus stop for a few minutes before the bus arrives. As the temperature drops, be sure to wear warmer clothing. If your child is a car rider, please keep in mind that the official building entry time is 7:20. When available staff permits supervision prior to this time, we may be able to accommodate students inside Door 5 but this may not be a daily option.

**Students:** Be advised. Dress code will still apply and outer wear will not be permitted in the classroom. Anything that has a full zip or a hood is not permitted inside the building and it must be stored in a locker at all times. Remember, you can wear a quarter zip or sweatshirt over your collared shirt as long as the collar is sticking out. Keep warm and stay safe!

## News from our Nurse

### 3 Ways to fight the Flu

Flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. You have the power to protect yourself and your family this season with these three actions to fight flu.



1. **Get a flu vaccine.** Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a Flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu.
2. **Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs.** Try to avoid close contact with sick people, and if you become sick, limit your contact with others. When possible, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
3. **Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.** If you get the flu, prescription medicine called antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

## News From Nicholson

During the month of November, I taught an emotional management lesson on: Understanding Anger in classrooms. I'm including my handout in this month's newsletter.

### 10 Positive Ways to Handle Anger and Frustration

Are you someone who gets into a lot of arguments and fights? Do you sometimes feel mad at the world? Do other people either pick fights with you or avoid you? Do some people act as if they're afraid of you? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might need to learn ways to handle your anger and frustration. Here are some you can try.

1. Acknowledge the problem.
2. Talk about it with an adult you trust.
3. Practice talking about difficult things in a calm, soft voice.
4. Stop and think before you act or react.
5. Try to imagine how the other person feels.
6. Try to figure out why you behave the way you do.
7. Work to change negative habits into positive ones.
8. Find ways to calm and soothe yourself when you're feeling angry or frustrated.
  - a. Listen to peaceful music.
  - b. Get physical.
  - c. Do a calmness/relaxation exercise.
9. Take good care of your body.
10. Have faith and hope.

## Boys and Girls Club

The highlight of this quarter is about our volunteers. We started off with a fireman coming to speak to our Indiana Kids about the day in the life of a fireman and what it takes to be one. The kids had some great questions for him and they both really enjoyed each other. Next, we had the Lions Club come out and help the kids make quilts for Ronald McDonald House. Finally, we had our Reality Store and volunteers from Charles Swab and the Boys & Girls Club administrative office came in to help our kids understand how to budget and balance expenses of life through interactive stations. Members were given careers and salaries, marital statuses and number of kids. They used this information to shop for necessities and pleasure items while recording deficits and surpluses in their personal checkbooks. We have had a great month!

## Athletics

Attention 7th & 8th grade ladies interested in trying out for basketball:

7th grade: Closed try-outs will be held on

**Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20.**

8th grade: Closed try-outs will be held on

**Tuesday, December 12 and Thursday, December 14 (Friday, December 15 if needed)**

Ladies who make the team should plan for a required \$20 transportation fee and approximately \$25 for a long-sleeve, team shooting shirt.

## News from our Social Worker

Thank you for your great response in coming to our November Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner! It was a fun and festive occasion.

With cold weather coming on, if your student needs a warm winter coat, gloves, or a hat, please contact Debbie Fersch at [513-532-8800 ext. 8852](tel:513-532-8800).

Happy Holidays to all!

## NUMATS Family Guide 2018

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) is an advanced assessment that will identify your child's talents and provide the resources you need to develop them. If you are interested in this information, please go to this link: <https://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/program/numats#details>

## Homework Hotline



Welcome back from Thanksgiving! Whether you are finishing a semester or beginning a new trimester, we are here to help you with your math and science questions. Rose-Hulman's Homework Hotline is a FREE service with student-tutors available Sundays – Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm (ET). You can call a tutor at 877-Ask-Rose ([877-275-7673](tel:877-275-7673)) or chat with a tutor at [AskRose.org](https://www.askrose.org). You can also email tutors by visiting [AskRose.org](https://www.askrose.org), at any time and they will respond during operating hours.

## PBIS News

During the month of November, students learned lots of valuable information about Indiana Colleges and Careers through exploration of the LearnMore Magazine. They spend time in CORE Quarter learning about 21st Century Scholars, different options for college, and much more important and interesting information. Students spent time writing letters to people they were thankful for. Hopefully you have seen or received some of these letters that students put lots of thought into. To wrap up November and launch into December, students began working on their typing skills. They will take a quick typing test to get a baseline, and they will be working to improve on this very important life skill.

## Fundraiser

Our School-wide fundraiser will start on November 29<sup>th</sup> and run through December 13<sup>th</sup>. All money and orders are due on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be selling 10.00 Indianapolis Eastside Discount Key Tags. All money raised will help fund PBIS incentives and CORE activities for our students!

# STONYBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER FUNDRAISER

**WHO:** All Stonybrook Middle School students and families

**WHAT:** Selling \$10 Indianapolis Eastside Discount Key Tags (see attached flyer for more details regarding discounts/locations)

**WHERE:** Stonybrook Middle School

**WHEN:** November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 13<sup>th</sup>. *ALL MONEY AND ORDER TAKERS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>!! Checks are made out to: Stonybrook MS*

**WHY:** Raising funds for PBIS incentives and CORE activities

## PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!!!

**2 ITEMS SOLD:** Hoodie Day!



**5 ITEMS SOLD:** Food and Phone; Use your phone at lunch for the day!

**10 ITEMS SOLD:** Prizes above + Colts "VIP" Tour of Lucas Oil Stadium!!

**15 ITEMS SOLD:** Prizes above + Colts "VIP" Tour of Lucas Oil Stadium + Bring 1 adult guest on tour!!!

*The VIP Private Tour includes:*

*Colts Lockerroom*

*Colts "Quarterback Suite"*

*Colts Press Box*

*Colts Cheerleaders' Autographs*



**\*\*\*TOP SELLER EARNS A BLUETOOTH SMART WATCH \*\*\***

## 7th Grade Students of the Week for October



Angel Alvarez



Asiah Baxter



Isai Deciano



LaTasha Markey



Jeremiah Depp



Korrea Jackson



Aaron Thomas



Imani Benson

## Thanksgiving Festival and Dinner

What an amazing evening as we served over 300 guests! Good food, good fun, great people!! Many thanks to all of those who made this event possible. A special thanks to Ms. Tammy Crabtree and Ms. Ladana Mason from our Food Services team for all of the food preparation. Thanks to the staff members who made contributions in time and financial resources to provide the meal. Thanks to Ms. Herbst for her artwork, Ms. French and her drumming students, and Ms. Martin and her choir. Thanks to Chartwells for their financial contributions to the dinner and Ms. Juanita who personally made and donated the desserts!!

### **A chance to reflect!**



### **Ms. Nicholson delivers!**



### **Sibling love!**



### **Chief Pettis and Mr. Spencer's Grandmother Serving!**



### **The talent of Ms. Herbst!**



## Students of the Month

**Congratulations to these Outstanding Students!**

**October**



**November**





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### 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:**

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#### **Dean:**

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#### **Athletic Coordinator**

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### Dates to Remember:

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM  
Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Late Start for Students 8:30 AM  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser Money/Orders Due  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Band Concert 7:00 PM  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Choir Concert 7:00 PM  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Report Cards Sent Home w/Students  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day –No School  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – District Solo/Ensemble  
Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Band Solo 7:00 PM SMS