

Red Storm Forecast

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**Stonybrook Middle School – GROW: It’s What We Do! Guide.
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Message from Mr. Day

Hello Stonybrook Middle School Families!

Here come the holidays! While we often look forward to spending time with family and friends during these moments, we know they can also bring a level of anxiety and stress given the demands of work life and home life. These stresses are also present for our students as there are learning demands placed on them that stretch them from where they are to a new level of understanding. In addition, there are after school activities and the always present social interactions with peers.

There is a web site (teachforamerica.org) that has a list of 7 Ways Teachers Can Stay Calm & Productive During the Holiday Season. As I looked at this list, it is one that can apply to everyone. While it is a rather simple list, it serves as a great reminder.

1. **Make a list; check it twice.** Students can benefit from doing this with regards to what assignments they have to finish, when are they do, meetings and events they want to attend.
2. **Prioritize those lists.** Help your child determine the most important item on their list is and how to ensure it gets done first.
3. **Be prepared.** Share with your child that “luck favors the prepared.” The more prepared we are when we enter a situation the more confident we tend to feel about our ability to perform our best.
4. **Be realistic.** Help your child with establishing boundaries with what they can and cannot do. All of us can do something but none of us can do everything.
5. **Recharge your battery.** Life gets busy and noisy. Ensure your child gets the sleep and nutrition that helps prepare them for a successful day.
6. **Solicit help.** Encourage your child to get help from you, teachers, and other staff as needed. We are here to work with your child...it is our honor to do so.
7. **Let it go.** Help your child learn the skill of moving on from a mistake or an interaction they are not fond of. We can grow from each opportunity. As a couple of sayings go, “Don’t let yesterday use up too much of today” (Will Rogers) and “Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it” (Charles Swindoll).

We look forward to seeing you at the various events between now and our winter intersession!

Regards,

Nathan Day

Civility – Order – Respect- Excellence

Introducing Our New Gallahue Therapist

Welcome Ms. Jenna Kennedy, our new Gallahue therapist. For those of you whom have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Kennedy, she is our new School-Based Therapist with Gallahue Mental Health Services through Community Health Network at Stonybrook Middle School. Ms. Kennedy received her bachelor's degree from Taylor University in Psychology and then went on to obtain her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Ball State University.

The mission and values of Community's school-based program fit nicely with Ms. Kennedy's own - a team approach - working with students, parents and families, educators and administrators, and the community.

Ms. Kennedy is happy to answer any questions you may have about my role at Stonybrook, Community's school-based program, or any mental health concerns regarding your children. She may contacted via one of the following methods: email is jkennedy3@warren.k12.in.us, Warren phone extension is 8820, and work cell phone is 317-525-3062.



Currently Ms. Kennedy is placed at Stonybrook full time and will be at the school five days a week.

News From The Social Studies Team

7th Grade:

The 7th grade Social Studies classes have begun their unit on ancient Egypt. In this unit, the students will be able to explore the history, culture, and achievements of this great civilization including mummification and hieroglyphics. Students will also be making connections to our last unit on Mesopotamia, as many similarities exist.

8th Grade:

8th grade Social Studies students are beginning to study the causes and effects of events leading up to and through the American Revolution. We will be exploring the creation of our government and Constitution through role play as students will need to recreate our Constitution when all forms of government have been destroyed by aliens!

Both Grades:

Both grade levels are also continuing to use the Achieve 3000 reading program weekly. School-wide the students are competing for high scores individually and as classes to be entered into drawings and other prizes.

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

School Code: 12577918

American Education Week

American Education Week is November 13th -17th. Celebrating public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. As part of our events during this week please join us for College and Career Fest! This amazing event will take place on Tuesday, November 14th from 6 PM – 8 PM at Warren Central High School. With over 100 colleges in attendance, this is a great way for not only our 8th graders to get firsthand access to information for their future, but is open to our community in general!

Join Us for a Thanksgiving Meal

In addition, we want to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving by inviting your family to join us on Thursday, November 16th for a turkey dinner from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. We are planning a number of activities to make this an enjoyable evening of fellowship for adults and students alike. Please look for an invitation and RSVP request coming home with your child the week of October 30th.

For more information regarding American Education Week, please visit the following web site:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm>

Social Worker Minute: Upcoming events

United Way Christmas assistance is coming up within the next couple of weeks. Please let Mrs. Fersch know if you need Christmas assistance. Contact Mrs. Fersch, at 532-8800 ext. 8852. She is happy to put you on the contact list.

PBIS Update

Students have recently spent some time researching colleges of their choice as well as selected Indiana schools. At the end of September, 8th grade students had the opportunity to go to JobSparks at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. It was a great day with many learning opportunities! Since returning for break, we have been reviewing overall classroom expectations, as well as setting goals for the remainder of the semester. The CORE cart will begin being available for students to purchase items using their CORE cash on Wednesdays.

Girls' Basketball

Conditioning

Conditioning begins Thursday, November 2nd, after school until 4:00 PM. All conditioning dates are below.

- November: 2, 9, 16, 21, 30
- December: 7 and 14

Conditioning occurs outside on the track. Please plan accordingly and bring gym shoes, socks, shorts, t-shirt, sweats and hat/gloves (in case it is cold).

***You must have a physical on file and your ride must be here at 4:00pm in order for you to stay for conditioning training.**

Try-Outs

Try-outs begin Wednesday, December 20th, after school until 5:00 PM. All try-outs dates are below:

- December 20-22

Final Roster will be posted: Friday, December 22, 2017

A practice schedule will be provided following tryouts, including practices scheduled on winter break.

Upcoming Concerts and Events

Stonybrook's Got Talent!

Our annual talent show is Thursday, November 2nd at 7 PM in the LGI. Please enter Door 1.

While admission is free, we are collecting donations to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas. Come check out the hidden talents of our amazing students!

POPS Concerts

Please join us for the 8th grade orchestra and band POPS concerts which will be held at the Warrant Central Performing Arts Center. Adult tickets are \$6; student tickets are \$4.

Orchestra's is on November 15th and band's is on November 16th.

It's Starting To Get Chilly Outside

Parents: As the weather starts to get colder, 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!

Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to all students who made the honor roll! This is a great accomplishment and reflection of students who are performing at high levels. To be eligible for honor roll a student cannot have any grade of a D or F on his/her report card and must maintain a “B” or higher in citizenship. The High Honor Roll is for students who have no more than one “B”. The Honor Roll is for students who have no more than one “C” on their report card.

High Honor Roll – Grade 7		
William Alba-Lopez	Sophia Eastman	Luca Plata
Asiah Baxter	Paola Esparza	Nia Roberts
Isaiah Beeler	La’Naviya Farries	Stacey Salazar
Victoria Bonilla Romo	Destiny Loston	Sulady Tochimani
Chi Brandon	Erianna Moore	Jalen Williams
Chloe Cooper	Kaytlyn Nickels	Maggie Zheng

High Honor Roll – Grade 8		
Amanda Brown	Gerardo Herrera-Sanchez	Taylor Oliver
Zoe Deberry	Andrionna Jones	Souliyah Phetsomphou
Isiah Fields	Kymani Jones	Mercedes Shores
Alanna Gaither	Raquel Jordan	Jade Tien
Vianney Gonzalez-Gonzalez	Jasmine Lopez	Miguel Torres
Deja Goodwin	Bryant Montgomery	Tee’aira Ward
Samiyah Hart	Stephanie Nieves	Jaidon Williams

Honor Roll – Grade 7		
Jordan Alexander	Curtis Foust	Alexis Napper
Alejandra Argueta-Lopez	Sidney Graham	Eduardo Padilla-Reyes
Danaija Babb	Cameron Green	Ne’vaeh Pinner
Ma’Kylah Ball	Ethan Halsell	Seth Purvis
Imani Benson	Leslie Hernandez	Phylesia Reynolds
Andrew Berling	Blanca Herrera	Natalia Romo
Anthony Bledsoe	Korrea Jackson	Christopher Roper
Joel Boampong	Khloe Jeffries	Donavan Smith
Shaniyah Calhoun	Eujean Lampkins	Janya Smith
Eskerly Cardenas	Tanisha Lopez	Aaron Thomas
Dylan Chacon	Christie Luma	Sanaa’ Thomas
Tearria Cook	Nikalis Maldonado	Makala Vaughn
Kaneah Cook-Herring	Hecyeni Medina Paulino	Celestine Wilkerson
Jeremiah Depp	Ashley Melchor-Vasquez	Justin Wills
Aireanna Duerson	Malik Moses	Jakira Woodson
Sierra Espinoza	Lateef Mustafaa	

Honor Roll – Grade 8		
Jorge Argueta-Lopez	Shaniya Jenkins	Taylor Tracy
Raunisha Banks	Matthew Jones	Elijah Truitt
Parvin Barker	Jasmeet Kaur	Geovanny Trujillo
William Beeler	Lauryn Keys	Xzavion Tuggle
Cornelius Bell	Emiela Kilgore	Cambria Vinson
Katherine Berling	Gavin Ledford	Shandis Walters
Jose Bernal	Lanya Minion	Daniel Walton
Kyle Chambers	Delano Nelson	Myron Washington
Bryanna Civils	Lytzy Paisano	Nhaydia Watson
Keaton Damm	Steven Paisano-Salinas	Jorden West
Laci Eldridge	Marc Porter	Shamar Williams
Kevin Ford	Aryssa Price	Anthony Wilson
Daiquan Germany	Aamore Pryor	Lena Wilson
Elijah Halsell	Jesus Real	Kyla Wooden
Jacala Holland	Alexis Romo Ramirez	Shaniya Worthon
Kyra Horton	Orlando Romero Sanchez	Khalil Yates
Deniyah Hubbard	Rosetta Thomas	

News From Nicholson

“I LIKE ME!”

Middle school students who feel good about themselves have an advantage during the “tween” years. They’re less dependent on impressing others, and they tend to face challenges with confidence. Here are some ways to build self-esteem in your child.

BE REALISTIC. If a youngster is like many middle-schoolers, their view of themselves (outgoing or shy, artsy or athletic) is based on where they fit in among their peers. But instead of comparing themselves to others, urge them to recognize their strengths and pursue them.

CHOOSE FRIENDS WISELY. Encourage your child to spend time with people who build them up and avoid those who put them down or talk behind their back.

HELP OTHERS. Making a difference in another person’s life can boost your self-confidence. Students will take pride in being a leader and role model. Suggest that they tutor younger students or volunteer with children’s programs at a community center or place of worship.

ENHANCE YOUR SELF-ESTEEM

The way we feel about ourselves has a huge effect on the way we treat ourselves and others, and on the kind of choices we make.

Here are some things you can do to protect, raise, or reinforce your self-esteem.

- Spend time with people who like you and care about you
- Ignore (and stay away from) people who put you down or treat you badly
- Do things that you enjoy or that make you feel good
- Do things you are good at
- Reward yourself for your successes
- Make good choices for yourself, and don't let others make your choices for you
- Take responsibility for yourself, your choices, and your actions
- Always do what you believe is right
- Set goals and work to achieve them

Boys and Girls Club

Hope everyone enjoyed their Fall Break but now it's time to get back to work! In the next few weeks we will be teaching our Enrichment lessons over social studies, art, and STEM. All our High Yield Learning activities will focus on literacy and math. One goal this quarter is to have our members facilitating our High Yield Learning activities before Winter Break. So as you can see definitely exciting things happening at club! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alicia Sims at

[\(317\) 775-3799](tel:3177753799) or asims@bgcindy.org.

7th Grade Students of the Week for October



Tracy Almonte Medina



Nik Maldonado



Alexandra Rios



Isaiah Beeler

Students in the Community

JobSparks by Junior Achievement



Band Students at The Discovery Center



A Night with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra



Students of the Month

Congratulations to these Outstanding Students!
August



September





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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

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Dates to Remember:

Nov. 2nd: Girls Basketball Conditioning Starts; Talent Show

Nov. 7th: No School for Students

Nov. 15th: Orchestra POPS Concert @ WCHS PAC

Nov. 16th: Band POPS Concert @ WCHS PAC; Family Night and Turkey Dinner @ Stonybrook (Must RSVP)

Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27th: School Resumes

Dec. 13th – Late Start for Students (8:30 AM)

Dec. 25th – Jan. 7th – Winter Break