

Red Storm Forecast

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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

Welcome Back to School Stonybrook Families!

The 2017-18 school year is off to a great start. I am honored to be the principal of Stonybrook Middle School and look forward to getting to know your children this year and welcome you and the community to join us in the many opportunities to collaborate this year in the success of every student!

This back-to-school edition of the newsletter is intended to inform our new families of important information related to SMS as well as introduce all families to the new staff faces you may see throughout the building. In addition you will find helpful reminders that create a safe and successful learning environment as we work to maximize the growth of each student in both their academic and social development.

If you have questions regarding your child's classroom performance, you are more than welcome to make direct contact with your child's teacher(s). The front office team is always here to support any needs as well whether it be for classroom matters, clubs, athletics, etc.

On behalf of the entire team of dedicated staff at SMS, we look forward to partnering with you to make this year a wonderful experience for your child!

Educationally yours,

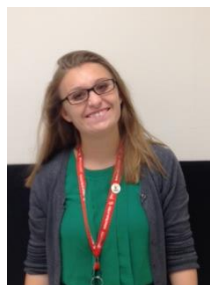
Nathan Day
Principal

Civility – Order – Respect- Excellence

New Staff at SMS

Ms. Shelby Norman – 8th Grade Math

I'm Ms. Norman and I teach 8th grade math. I received my Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from Ball State University. I also earned a license for Mild Intervention Special Education. I am from the Indianapolis area and spend most of my time in Indy. I am super excited to see what the school year will bring. I look forward to working with all my students to help them achieve their goals and become prepared for high school.



Ms. Jessica Clark – 7th Grade Language Arts

I grew up in upstate (Western New York) Received my BS in 7-12 English Education from the University of Pittsburgh. I received my Master of Science in 5-12 Literacy from Canisius College in Buffalo. This is my 6th year teaching middle school ELA and my first year teaching in the state of Indiana. I enjoy sports and look forward to joining some adult soccer leagues while living in Indy, along with hiking and anything outdoors.



I came from Phoenix so I am looking forward to not having rattlesnakes and scorpions in my classroom (yes this really happened). But, most importantly, I am excited to work with 7th graders again this year!

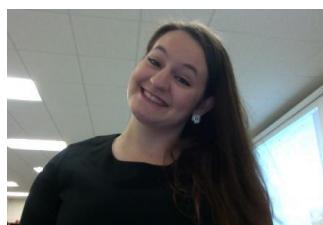
Mr. Roland Tremble – 7th Grade Science

I graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a BS in Middle Grades Education. I taught Social Studies and Science over the course of 8 years in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System in Georgia. I enjoy spending time with my wife and three beautiful children and look forward to getting to know students of SMS and promoting the success of each student and the school.



Ms. Kim Martin – Choir Director

My name is Kim Martin and I am the Choir Director for Stonybrook Middle School! A little background about myself, I graduated from Ball State University with a degree in Vocal and Instrumental Music Education. Shortly after graduation I started my career in Warren Township teaching at SMS and WCHS. When I am not at school you can find me hiking local trails, attending nearby concerts, or watching the new Netflix series. I am most looking forward to watching my students grow from



novice singers to full blown musicians! Stop by anytime you'd like!

Mr. Trent Taylor – Ed Tech and Engineering

Bachelor of Science from Ball State University
PLTW Certification- Civil Engineering and Architecture,
21 years teaching experience.
I enjoy family, football, coaching, beach vacations and classic cars.
I look forward to working with the students in many tech ed activities at Stonybrook Middle School!



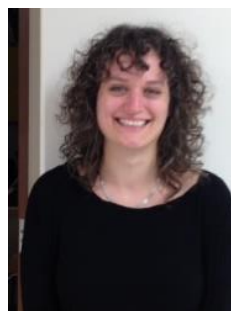
Mr. David Turner – 7th Grade Math

David Turner received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Indianapolis in 2004. He majored in music education and minored in mathematics. He taught music at Central Christian Academy for 2 years, general music and choir for MSD of Decatur Township for 9 years, and adult basic education/GED (language, math, and reading) through Oakland City University for 2 years. This is Mr. Turner's first year teaching math and his first year at Stonybrook Middle School. Before having the music teaching career, his original teaching dream was to teach math. He is looking forward to making a difference in the lives of these students and helping each of them understand how math is useful in everyday life. In his spare time, Mr. Turner also sings professionally, is a music minister at his church, and loves to spend time with family.



Ms. Katherine Lin – Reading Foundations

I graduated in 2008 from IUPUI with a Bachelors in Secondary Education. I love to play, hike, bike, and explore outdoors. When I am at home, I love to garden, craft, cook, and spend time with my daughter and boyfriend. I am very excited to watch students grow and, hopefully, learn to love reading.



Ms. Becky True – Assistant Principal

I grew up in southern Indiana and attended Indiana University where I earned my Bachelor's Degree. I moved to Indianapolis and earned my Master's Degree from I.U.P.U.I. I started teaching in Warren Township at Brookview Elementary. I have also taught math at Raymond Park, been a math coach, and K-8 math district coordinator. I earned my administrative license through Ball State.
I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family.
As the assistant principal at Stonybrook Middle School, I look forward to helping make the school engaging and motivating for students to grow.



New Assignments

In addition to our new staff, a couple of staff members are working in a different grade level or department. Mr. Kennedy has transferred from our science department to physical education. Ms. Hobbs and moved from 7th grade science to 8th grade science.

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.

Chromebook Management

Warren Township has invested significant resources to support our blending learning model that utilizes various technology assets, including classroom Chromebook carts. As a township, we are continually focusing on ensuring that we manage all of our assets with a high degree of responsibility. We ask that parents/guardians have conversations with their child about the expectations of taking care of these devices at all times and reporting any damage that occurs to a device in their care.

Teachers are to report any damage done to a device as well as ensure a specific device is assigned to a given student each period. Students have been informed to use only those devices assigned to them by a teacher and to report any damage that happens to a device or damage that they discover. We realize that accidents do happen and the township has a repair policy to help cover accidental damage. Most often this is related to a screen issue. We are finding however, intentional damage being done to a number of devices. These damages are the responsibility of the student (parent/guardian) to reimburse the district for the repair costs. Beginning in 2017-18, we are reporting this information to our district office to pursue reimbursement.

We want to ensure that your child not only understands that it is critical to report accidental damage but it is completely okay to do so. We also want to ensure your child knows to inspect a device assigned to them each time they receive and immediately report any damage. Damages deemed accidental will not be assessed to the student (parent/guardian). Ultimately our goal is to help students become outstanding digital citizens!

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

We appreciate the patience of our parents/guardians and community shuttle buses as we start the year and work through the drop-off and pick-up processes. Working together, we can maintain a high level of safety for all students and adults who are on campus as well as ensure we are as efficient as possible while staying focused on the safety.

We recognize that exiting the school onto German Church Road is a challenge. While the district attempts to allocate a police officer to the function, he/she may be called to a higher priority. Additionally, school staff members are not permitted to perform any duties on the road.

The following information is critical to this end. Please share the information with anyone who picks up or drops off your child. This applies to both the Intermediate Academy and the Middle School.

General Notes -

- Refrain from using any personal electronic devices while driving on school property.
- Follow arrows as indicated on map above and all directions from traffic patrol.
- Students are not to walk across parking lots to enter building or cars.
- Students are to be dropped off or picked up during times indicated only.
- Access to the Bus Lot is restricted during drop-off/pick-up for the safety of all.
- Students should always enter/exit vehicle on CURB SIDE ONLY.
- The most efficient flow is to fill the car “chute” from barricade to barricade, located on the sidewalks. All students between the points exit/enter cars. Then the “chute” empties and fill back up to repeat the process. Please remind your child to be watching for you in the car queue and be prepared to stay on sidewalk, following you to the front-most pick-up position.
- Students who normally ride a bus, but will be picked up at dismissal, must present a note to the main office on the days of pick-up; otherwise students will be escorted to the buses.
- Early Pick Up – Please send a note, email, or phone call indicating your child’s name and the date/time of pick up. Parents/Guardians will enter door #1, show ID, and name of child(ren) being picked up.

Drop-off:

- Students enter door #5 from 7:20 AM – 7:27 AM.
- If door #5 is locked, student enters through door #1 and reports to Main Office.

Pick-up:

- Car riders will exit Door 3 and are to be picked up from 2:50 PM – 3:00 PM on the sidewalk between Doors 5 and 6.
- After 3:00 PM, parents may enter door #1 and proceed to Main Office to get their child.



Uniformly Dressed Policy and Personal Electronics

The dress code information has been shared with students since the beginning of the year. You will note that jeans are a permitted clothing article this year. For detailed information, please ask your child to see the policy in his/her Student Passport or [click here](#) to see it on our web site. Please keep in mind that middle school children often have rapid growth spurts and clothes that fit this fall may not in the spring.

Additionally, we have communicated with students the expectations related to their personal electronic devices. Students are not to utilize any device, including having headphones out, throughout the day unless they are in a classroom and a teacher has a policy that permits the use for curricular related purposes. When in doubt the best advice is to simply leave such devices at home or secure them in a locker. Students and parents/guardians must fully accept the risks and responsibilities associated to having these devices.

Your support on these matters is both anticipated and appreciated.

ISTEP+ Results, NWEA Assessments, Achieve Level Setting

As we start a school year, there are several standard assessment routines that we work through to help us understand how our students performed on the prior year (ISTEP+ data), where they are performing now (NWEA MAP Assessments and Achieve Level Setting), and what instructional planning we must collectively do to prioritize the skills needed to demonstrate proficiency and continued growth throughout the school year.

ISTEP+ data will be released to us on August 16th. This information will inform our School Improvement Plan. On August 14th, we begin our NWEA MAP Assessments in Language Arts and Math. These assessments will be administered over a one week period of time through the respective content areas.

It is critical for each student to perform at his/her best as the results will drive the personalized learning that teachers will prepare to meet the student at their current instructional level and to grow them throughout the year.

Our social studies teachers have already administered the Achieve 3000 program level set which lets us know a student's lexile (i.e., reading difficulty) level and tailor content to this level allowing for a faster growth rate.

Stonybrook Bus Drivers & Students

Our goal is for students to implement our C.O.R.E. philosophy in all aspects of their daily lives, including bus rides to and from school. This year we will once again be looking for students who demonstrate these skills and recognizing each student and their driver during a continental breakfast!



Warren Girls Youth Basketball: Fall Travel Team Tryouts

Warren Girls Youth Basketball will hold tryouts for our fall travel basketball teams on Wednesday (8/16) and Thursday (8/17) from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the WCHS Fieldhouse (enter door #14).



We will have 5 teams this fall, one for each grade, 4th – 8th. Third graders may try out for the 4th grade team. All girls who attend MSD Warren Township schools or live in Warren Township are eligible to try out for the teams. Players are encouraged to try to attend both tryout dates.

More information is available at our website, www.warrengirlsbasketball.com.

Time to Smile for the Camera!

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 5. This is the day after Labor Day. Flyers will be coming home soon!



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:

It's not too late to join a fall sport. Sports that do not have cuts (cross country and 7th grade football) will continue to accept players. Contact Mr. Cummings (icumming@warren.k12.in.us or 317-532-8800 ext. 8826 for more details. A completed IHSA approved physical must be completed and prior to any participation of school athletics. Physical forms are available in our front office.



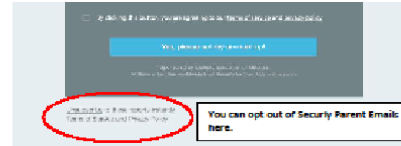
Student Support Specialist/Social Worker

Mrs. Fersch will be serving our SMS community as our school social worker liaison. She will be happy to help, to ensure your child has whatever he/she needs to be successful at school. In addition, Mrs. Fersch works with students needing more intensive behavioral support in the classroom. She would be happy to speak with you anytime. You may contact her at 317-532-8800 ext. 8852 or via email: dfersch@warren.k12.in.us.

Dear Parents,

Warren Township wants our students to be as safe as possible on the internet at all times. As a courtesy to all of our families, we will be sharing access to Securly, so that you can actively participate in monitoring appropriate and safe internet practices from your own devices any time, any place. Securly is a web filter designed to help keep students safe on their school issued devices.

Soon you will receive a weekly email from Securly.com that will show you a preview of your child's online activity. To receive access to their full online activity history, you can enter the free Parent Portal. If you do not wish to receive the weekly email from Securly, simply click unsubscribe in the bottom left corner of the email.



To enter the Parent Portal, click on the "go to my parent portal" link, or the "sign up" link at the bottom of your weekly email. You will be asked to check two boxes and then click "Yes, please set up my account." Once you do this, you will receive an email with login and password information. After you set up your account, you can enter the Parent Portal any time by going to www.securly.com and clicking on "login."

The Parent Portal contains three categories on the left from which you can choose:

1. Activity (shows a real-time audit trail of your child's online activity)
2. Flagged (shows posts made on Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ that have been flagged by Securly as potentially related to self-harm or bullying)
3. Settings (allows you to control content on the device at home only)

For more on the Parent Portal, visit these helpful video links:

1. Parent Portal Walk Through - <https://vimeo.com/211007933>
2. Parent Portal Summary - <https://vimeo.com/217678882>

Securly Parent Portal account questions (e.g. email, password, etc.) should be emailed directly to help@securly.com. For content (e.g. sites allowed or blocked, search results, etc.) related questions please contact the Principal at your school.

Regards,

MSD of Warren Township Technology Department
<http://www.warren.k12.in.us/connect-technology>

Securly Internet Safety

Internet access is a standard now in nearly every home and/or school in some capacity. With that, we realize there are some inherent issues that we hear about on the news or in other media outlets regarding taking precautions to protect our privacy and to ensure students understand the responsibility of being an online citizen. To that end, Warren Township provides parents/guardians access to information managed by our internet watchdog, Securly. If you have an email on file in Tyler, our student information system, you should be receiving emails about how to access this feature. If you are having any difficulties with this or have questions, please let us know.



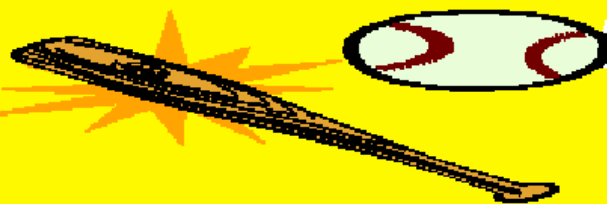
2017 Football Cheerleading Squad!

Congratulations to the following girls for being selected as our cheerleaders this fall!

PHYLESIA REYNOLDS - BRYANNA CIVILS - NYIA NORWOOD - NE'VAEH PINNER
IDREANA AUSTIN - JAKIRA WOODSON - CLAUDIA MORENO
ASHLYN BYRD - SHA'NYAH EVANS - LA'NAVIYA FARRIES
TAYLOR EDWARDS - DENAIJAH FLETCHER- MYRACLE INGRAM

WARREN LITTLE LEAGUE

FALL BALL 2017



Get Ready for More BASEBALL!

What: Fall Baseball/Softball sign-ups
Boys & Girls ages 4-16 by May 1st, 2017
Cost: Only \$45 per child (\$125 Family Max)

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE NOW!!

Season Length: DOUBLE HEADER GAMES
Games will be played on Saturday afternoons beginning at 1pm
August 26TH through September 30th

Something new this year we will be offering registration for Tball this year!

Also, games for Tball and Rookie divisions ONLY will be played 1 game on Thursday evening and 1 game on Saturday.

When: NOW, NOW NOW
REGISTER ONLINE 24/7 at www.warrenll.com

Come and get some EXTRA INNINGS at Warren Little League. This is an opportunity for your child to learn teamwork, discipline, and the basic skills of baseball/softball while conveniently scheduled to allow your child to be a Fall two-sport participant!

Warren Little League
"Where Memories are Made!"

Wrestling Camp – Free!



FREE WRESTLING CAMP

Brought to you by the ISWA



Warren Central will be hosting a FREE camp with the coaching staff of South Dakota State University

South Dakota State is an up and coming division one program with an incredible staff. Coaches and wrestlers are encouraged to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to learn from and train with these great clinicians. The ISWA and Warren Central are excited to provide this opportunity to coaches and wrestlers for free.

SESSION 1	SESSION 2
Saturday 8/26 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Sunday 8/27 9:30am - 1pm*
	* 15 min break from 11-11:15am

Warren Central High School— 9500 E 16th St, Indianapolis 46219

Enter Door # 14 (Fieldhouse)

Jim Tonte - JTonte@Warren.k12.in.us or 317-371-2654

Clinicians



Chris Bono

Head Coach— South Dakota State

3x World Team Member, 2x US National Champion, 1996

NCAA Champion, 3x All-American



Jon Reader

Asst. Coach—South Dakota State

2011 NCAA Champion, 3x All-American, 2010/2012 University

World Team member





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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**Facebook –
StonybrookMS**

**Twitter –
@Stonybrook_MS**

**Instagram –
stonybrookmsredstorm**

Dates to Remember:

Aug. 30th: First Grading Period Midterms

Sept. 5th: Picture Day

Sept. 26th: Orchestra Concert – 6 PM

Sept. 27th: First Grading Period Ends

Sept. 28th: Band Concert – 7 PM

Oct. 3rd: Parent Teacher Conferences – Report Card for Q1 Distributed