

STRASBURG-FRANKLIN TIGER PRIDE



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Superintendent's Message

Dear Strasburg Community Members,

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, our community came together in our small gymnasium to show support for our youth. Our four area churches brought their congregations together under one roof to lift up our Fellowship of Christian Athletes and More. Our youth led the service and were inspired by the message provided by the Cleveland Brown Chaplain, Robert Brooks. Those of us in attendance were able to feel the strong sense of community that the small village of Strasburg brings to our school district. This sense of community is the backbone of Strasburg. No matter what the issue, the people of our town pull together for the good of the students. As a district, we do not take this gift lightly. We embrace it and build upon your strength. Children today need to know that they have a strong support system. They need to know that the definition of "family" can be different from household to household. The Village of Strasburg opens its arms and allows everyone to feel a sense of belonging and the gift of a family.

Families in our schools have an opportunity to receive Tiger Paw packs on a weekly basis to help supplement their food for children on the weekends. Those same families were blessed with turkeys and all the fixings to complete a Thanksgiving Dinner compliments of AEP. Our churches implemented hat, glove and undergarment drives for children at Christmas. They also provided Christmas gifts to those in need.

Most area residents realize that our children are not turned away for school lunches even when their parents cannot send in money in a timely fashion. Our school often carries the burden of the cost of

lunches for months while parents try to come up with the funds. Some residents donate money to help balance the books. These funds come straight from the hearts of our community.

Area businesses donated funds to purchase and install a new video board in our gymnasium. This board will have multiple purposes to support and highlight our students. What an awesome gift for our district!

Parents have come together, joined arms and created numerous opportunities to support students and their families within our community. Tigers Helping Tigers is an example of one of those joint ventures. The local widows group has been inspired to assist with many needs within the elementary, as well. Our only service organization, Lion's Club, has sponsored the monthly Middle/High School Student of the Month program by purchasing the plaques. The Lions Club also supports our students in need by providing the funds for eye exams and glasses, as well as the yearly Easter Egg Hunt.

As you read through the pages of our newsletter, I hope you feel a sense of pride.... Pride for our community, the people who support and lift up our children and pride in our staff and students. Thank you for all the blessings of time, effort, energy, financial and emotional support you provide.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Cindy Brown
Superintendent



Mrs. Cindy Brown

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VISION STATEMENT:
The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster
Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence



Strasburg High School Distinguished Alumni nominations are being sought for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni class by the Strasburg Tiger Foundation.

Nominees must be past Strasburg High School graduates who have achieved local, national or international success in their chosen career fields and/or have continued to support and make significant contributions to Strasburg Schools or to the Village of Strasburg and its surrounding community.

A nomination form is available on the Strasburg Schools web site: Strasburg.K12.oh.us (select Community and click on the nomination form) or by contacting the Superintendent's office at 330-878-5571 ext 4. Please submit all nominations to: Strasburg-Franklin LSD, 140 N. Bodmer Ave. Strasburg, OH 44680, or to the Strasburg Tiger Foundation, P.O. Box 192, Strasburg, OH 44680. Nominations should be received by March 6, 2020.

Awards will be presented at the Strasburg Schools graduation on May 24, 2020.



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Strasburg-Franklin Local School District

140 N. Bodmer Ave. • Strasburg, Ohio 44680



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Nondiscrimination Policy

The Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools' Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or employment.

Cafeteria News

The school cafeteria is a self-funded entity in a school system. That means that all costs associated with the cafeteria must be covered through the school lunch program, including employee costs. Student participation in the lunch program helps us to earn government financial supplements.

The head cook, Lana Williams, has worked with her staff to creatively purchase better tasting food, offer kid-friendly options and still meet the government regulations. For example, a salad bar has been added, as well as a build-a- burger area.

Free breakfast is available to **ALL** students, every day. Student participation in the free breakfast for all program assists the staff with earning those

government supplements. We admit that due to limitations with staffing costs required for overtime, we cannot at this time provide a hot breakfast. Breakfast offerings include milk, fruit, whole grain muffins, cereal and breakfast bars. Varieties are offered daily.



We need your help. Please encourage your children to participate in the free breakfasts and to eat lunch frequently in the cafeteria. If you have suggestions or ideas, feel free to stop in to communicate with our staff.

A GALAXY WORTH VISITING



Parents: Your child can get healthy breakfast options at school that are out of this world!



SCHOOL BREAKFAST OUT OF THIS WORLD!™



Students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight



THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SERVES MORE THAN **14 MILLION** CHILDREN EVERY SCHOOL DAY!

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MARCH 2-6, 2020

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KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Kindergarten Registration

Strasburg kindergarten registration packets will be available starting February 18, 2020. Parents can pick them up during the regular school day from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. weekdays or until 6:30 p.m. February 20 and February 27 at the elementary office. Registration packets will also be available at the Strasburg library.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening will be held on Friday, April 17. An appointment for screening can be made when the packet is picked up or by calling the school office. Questions may be directed to Natasha Demuth, elementary secretary, at 330-878-6503, ext. 3. Students must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2020 to enroll in kindergarten.



Parent Setting Options

PaySchools Central is a secure, online payment system that makes managing lunch and school fee payments easy. Using this online portal, you can schedule fees, view fee history, set low balance lunch reminders, see what your child is eating, set meal restrictions, and add funds to your child's lunch account. You can even set up automatic replenishment for when your child's lunch account is out of money. The portal is easy to set up. Just visit www.payschoolscentral.com or follow the link on our school's website under the parent section "Pay Schools Central How to Information". The app is also available in Google Play and the App Store

Mickey Mart Fuels Schools Initiative Scholarships for Strasburg

The Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools gas pump incentive at Mickey Mart ended on December 31, 2019. The pump raised \$3,600.00 in funds, but Mickey Mart had a program guarantee, so we will receive \$5,000 in scholarship funds. Thank you to everyone in the community that supported the program by using the specially marked fuel pump.



School Delays/Cancellations

Here are just a few reminders to help keep everyone safe and informed on School delays/Closings:

- Every effort is made to have information available by 5:30am
- When the decision is made to cancel school or delay, the information is listed on the Local TV stations, radio and the schools' Facebook page. You will also be notified by our PreK-12 Notification System.
- Parents should be prepared for school changes. Each family should have a plan in place for their children.
- **IMPORTANT!** Always make sure the school has up-to-date phone numbers (home, work and cell) and email addresses for parents/guardians and emergency contacts. Please call the school ASAP with any new contact information.

Communication methods:

1. PreK-12 Notification System: The District will send an automated phone message to the phone number that was provided by the parent(s). This will come through as a text message. All closure/delay information will be sent using this messaging system. All district emergency notifications will be sent through this also.
2. Facebook: "like" our facebook page to get updates, news, and information from the district.

MORE INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

School closure during a weather event

Our top priority is the safety of students and staff. Decisions are generally made in the early morning hours so that physical inspections of roadways can be made. Occasionally, conditions may be so bad that a decision will be made the evening before, but this is not typical because weather conditions can change so quickly. Issues such as temperature, power outages, downed trees, snow/ice in the forecast are considered during inclement weather decisions in order to help decide if schools should be delayed or closed.

Substitute Teachers Needed

**DO YOU HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ANY AREA?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE, PART-TIME WORK THAT PAYS \$85.00 PER DAY?**

No formal teaching experience? No problem! If you have a desire to make a positive impact on our youth or would like help deciding if this is the right position for you, we would love to speak with you.

Please contact 330-878-5571, option 5 if interested.

Middle/High School



OCTOBER



Morgan Gerber

Recognized at 11.20.19 Board Mtg.



Rachel Brick

NOVEMBER



Paiten Hendershot

Recognized at 12.18.19 Board Mtg.



Madison Powell

DECEMBER



Blayne Cooper

Recognized at 1.15.20 Board Mtg.



Haley Ennis

Students of the Month

Every month, a student is selected from the Middle School and High School to receive this honor. This year, the Strasburg Lions Club is collaborating with the Strasburg Franklin Local School District to sponsor the Student of the Month program.

Morgan Gerber is a senior at Strasburg and the daughter of Matt & Tiffany Gerber. She was nominated by Dr. Ellen Christy. Morgan plays basketball and runs track at Strasburg. She is a member of the Foreign Language Club and Youth to Youth Group as well. Morgan also volunteers her time with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and her church food pantry. In her free time, Morgan enjoys spending time with friends and listening to music.

Rachel Brick is a seventh-grade student at Strasburg and the daughter of Derek & Christine Brick. She was nominated by Mrs. Lyndsay Paisley. Rachel is a member of the Art Club at Strasburg. She is also very active in her 4-H group. In her free time, Rachel enjoys listening to music, drawing, and riding horses.

Junior **Paiten Hendershot** is the daughter of Michelle Thomas and Doug Hendershot. She is a member of the basketball and Social Justice teams. She was nominated by teacher Dave Pumphy.

Eighth-grader **Madison Powell** is the daughter of Genny and Corey Powell. She is a member of the band and participated in the drama club. She was nominated by teacher Jennifer Meenan.

Blayne Cooper is a freshman at Strasburg and the son of Mike and Jamie Cooper. He was nominated by Mrs. Tanya Horne. Blayne is a member of the golf, basketball, and baseball teams at Strasburg. He is also a member of the Strasburg Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In his free time, Blayne enjoys playing cards, boating, and fishing.

Haley Ennis is an eighth grade student at Strasburg and the daughter of Larry and Christina Ennis. She was nominated by Mrs. Jessica Pridemore. Haley is a member of the volleyball team at Strasburg. She also participates in Art Club. In her free time, she enjoys painting, swimming, and spending time with friends.



(l to r) **Lauren Harvey**
and **Lyla Wiggs**

Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, January 15, the Strasburg Franklin Local School District held their annual spelling bee. There were 23 students that participated in the event. **Lyla Wiggs** won the Spelling Bee in the 16th round by spelling the word "Contaminated" correctly. Lyla is in the sixth grade and is the daughter of Greg and Cathy Wiggs. **Lauren Harvey**, a seventh grader and the daughter of Kevin and Kristen Harvey, finished as the runner-up. Lyla has advanced to the Regional Grand Final Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 PM at GlenOak High School.

Art Department

Mrs. Hope Haney

Akron Children's Hospital has chosen
14 artworks to purchase from our Strasburg students!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
We are all super proud of you!!



Elementary School



The Grand Event

The Grand Event was held on November 26. It is held annually on the last day before Thanksgiving break, to give visiting grandparents the opportunity to visit their grandchildren's school. Almost 600 people rotated through five stations, enjoying activities together. It is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

Coffee House and Music Program

On December 17, we were excited to offer our first "Celebration of the Arts" evening. Many groovy students showcased their talents by sharing artwork and/or a poem with the audience. Following Coffee House, the holiday choir concert was presented. For the first time, students in grades 2 - 5 volunteered for choir and committed to participating in after-school rehearsals. The night was made complete by the art gallery of students' work on display. Mrs. Haney and Mrs. Scott created an enjoyable holiday arts evening for many families.



Elementary Holiday Celebration and Singalong

On December 20, the elementary teachers, led by Mrs. Ronald and Ms. Wojcicki, planned and presented a holiday program for our students. The students laughed their way through the "12 Days of Teacher Christmas", cheered for their team in the sing-off, and joined in singing some familiar songs as they watched silly Jib Jabs of their favorite staff elves. It was the perfect way to send students off for their holiday break!

Santa's Workshop

All students were given the opportunity to shop for loved ones at our annual Santa's Workshop. Students shopped regardless of their financial status. Our amazing PTG makes these days possible by shopping for items, setting up the store, and selling and wrapping gifts. The students are always so excited to be able to take home presents to their family!



Date of Interest

January 28 - March 17

After-School Intervention on Tuesdays and Thursdays
*except for conference night and Family Fun Night
(February 20 and 27)*

February

17 No School

20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

27 Family Fun Night 4-7:00 PM

March

20 Donuts with Dad 9:00 AM
Grades 1, 3, 5 ONLY

Elementary School



Veterans Day

Our fifth annual Veterans Day program and breakfast was held on November 11. We were pleased to host eighty guests. We are privileged to be able to continue this tradition of not only honoring our local Veterans, but also teaching students about their service and sacrifice.





Fellowship of Christian Athletes & More Lead Service

Robert Brooks, Chaplain of the Cleveland Browns, was guest speaker at the Sunday Community Worship Service sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Strasburg Franklin Schools.

Mr. Brooks spoke to an audience of over 350 about interacting with the Browns players and establishing meaningful relationships.

Mr. Brooks said he loves coming to a small community, as it is similar to where he grew up in Virginia. He said the FCA is a great foundation that invests in young people.

At the conclusion of his message, all the FCA members attending the service, students, teaching staff and parents joined the students in the front of the gym. **Paul Mark Miller** of Cross Connections ministry in Strasburg, extended a blessing over them, and Paul and his band from Cross Connections offered a medley of music.

Others participating were **Andrew Cregan**, a 2018 Strasburg High graduate, who was instrumental in establishing an FCA program in Strasburg; **Gracie Clement**, a Strasburg High senior; and **Adam Hall**, Strasburg principal. The welcome was given by **Hayes Johnson** and **JaeLynn Marks**, Strasburg students. **John and Deb Strasser**, FCA directors also spoke.

Athletic Hall of Fame

An induction banquet for the fifth class of the Strasburg Athletic Hall of Fame was held on Saturday, January 31, 2020. Nearly 175 people attended the catered banquet in the Strasburg School Cafetorium. The invocation was delivered by former Strasburg Superintendent, Al Osler. Gary Spinell, Athletic Director, served as master of ceremonies and introduced the five individuals and 1 team. Members of the softball, basketball, and cheerleading teams served the meals. Each inductee or a representative spoke about their experiences while at Strasburg High School.

The new inductees included **Travis Dreher**, **Jerry Froman**, **Jessica Miller Pridemore**, **Don "Lefty" Neidenthal**, and **Gary Smith**. The 1991 Boys State Final Four Basketball Team was also inducted.

This new group of inductees follows last year's Class of 2019 members: **Chuck Garber**, **Jerry Haswell**, **Wes Hostetler**, **Carol Jones Infield**, **Mark Numbers**, and the State Champion 1991 Softball Team.

The third group inducted in 2018 included **Donald E. (Ed) Becker III**, **John Farthing**, **Robert Welling**, **Dr. Carol Weinmann**, and **George Gessner** representing **Newton Asphalt**. The 1955 Basketball Team was inducted



along with the members of the **State Champion Medley Relay Track Team** of **Patsy Simmers**, **Deb Bartsch Parolini**, **Connie Ross Dusenberry**, and **Connie Froman Schering**.

The second group, inducted in 2017, included **JJ Hurst**, **Robert Adrian "Fizz" Miller**, **Jerry Von Kaenel**, **Ed Warinner**, **Frank Welling**, 1987 State Champion Softball Team, 1988 State Champion Softball Team, and 1989 State Champion Softball Team.

The inaugural class of 2016 inductees included **John Boylan**, **Tyler Dreher**, **Butch Haswell**, **Lynn Hensel Durbin**, **Duck Krantz**, **Ron Lab**, **Mark Richards**, **Tom Shetler**, **Tammy Spidell**, **John Studer**, **Bud Weisgarber**, **Clarence Yackey**, the 1949 Football Team, and the 1967 State Champion Basketball Team.



Varsity Softball

Saturday	March 28	@ Garaway	JV & V	Garaway	12:00 PM
Monday	March 30	TCC		Home	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 1	@ TCC		TCC	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 4	@ Fairless	JV & V	Fairless	11:00 AM
Monday	April 6	@ East Canton		East Canton	5:00 PM
Tuesday	April 7	@ Tusky Valley		Tusky Valley	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 8	East Canton		Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	April 9	@ Claymont		Claymont	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 11	@ Marietta	JV & V	Marietta	11:00 AM
Monday	April 13	Conotton Valley		Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	April 14	Tusky Valley		Home	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 15	@ Conotton Vall		Conotton Valley	5:00 PM
Thursday	April 16	@ Ashland	Wendy's	Ashland	
Friday	April 17	Buckeye Trail		Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 18	@ Ashland	Wendy's (DH)	Ashland	
Monday	April 20	@ Malvern		Malvern	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 22	Malvern		Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	April 23	Indian Valley	@ Firestone	Firestone	7:00 PM
Monday	April 27	Waynedale		Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	April 28	River View		Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	April 30	Norwayne		Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	May 2	Mogadore	JV & V	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	May 4	@ Sandy Valley		Sandy Valley	5:00 PM
Wednesday	May 6	Sandy Valley	Senior Night	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	May 8	@ Ridgewood		Ridgewood	5:00 PM

Varsity Track

Thursday	April 2	@ Hil/Cosh/Dan	Quad	Hiland	4:30 PM
Tuesday	April 7	@ New/BT/CV	Quad	Newctn	4:30 PM
Saturday	April 11	@ East Canton	Invite	East Canton	10:00 AM
Tuesday	April 14	@ Gar/Mal/TCC	Quad	Garaway	4:30 PM
Saturday	April 18	@ Ed Lidderdale	Invite	Sandy Valley	10:00 AM
Tuesday	April 21	New/EC/CV	Quad	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	April 23	@ Hil/Dan/CV	Quad	Hiland	4:30 PM
Saturday	April 25	@ Ernie Art	Invite	Newctn	10:00 AM
Tuesday	April 28	@ EC/CV/TV	Quad	East Canton	4:30 PM
Friday	May 1	@ Thrilla Zoar	Invite	Tusky Valley	4:15 PM
Monday	May 4	@ All County	Invite	New Philly	4:30 PM
Saturday	May 9	@ EC Invite	Hornet Relay	East Canton	10:00 AM
Friday	May 15	@ IVC	Championship	Newctn	4:00 PM
Tuesday/ Friday	May 19/22	District	Championship	St. Clairsville	TBD
Wednesday/ Friday	May 27/30	Regional	Championship	Mass. Perry	TBD
Friday/ Saturday	June 5/ June 6	State	Championship	Ohio State/ Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium	TBD

Varsity Baseball

Tuesday	March 17	@ New Philly	Scrimmage	New Philly	5:00 PM
Friday	March 20	@ Dover	Scrimmage	Dover	5:00 PM
Monday	March 23	@ Coshocton	Scrimmage	Coshocton	5:00 PM
Saturday	March 28	Garaway	JV & V	Home	12:00 PM
Monday	March 30	TCC		Home	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 1	@ TCC		TCC	5:00 PM
Friday	April 3	@ Hiland		Hiland	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 4	@ Minerva	JV & V	Minerva	12:00 PM
Monday	April 6	@ East Canton		East Canton	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 8	East Canton		Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	April 9	@ Claymont		Claymont	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 11	Fairless	JV & V	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	April 13	Conotton Valley		Home	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 15	@ Conotton Vall		Conotton Valley	5:00 PM
Friday	April 17	Buckeye Trail		Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	April 18	Smithville	DH	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	April 20	@ Malvern		Malvern	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 22	Malvern		Home	5:00 PM
Monday	April 27	Waynedale		Home	5:00 PM
Wednesday	April 29	@ Aquinas		Aquinas	5:00 PM
Friday	May 1	Indian Valley		Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	May 2	Tuslaw		Home	10:00 AM
Monday	May 4	@ Sandy Valley		Sandy Valley	5:00 PM
Wednesday	May 6	Sandy Valley		Home	5:00 PM
Friday	May 8	@ Ridgewood		Ridgewood	5:00 PM
Saturday	May 9	@ Carrollton		Carrollton	12:00 PM
Monday	May 11	@ Tusky Valley		Tusky Valley	5:00 PM
Wednesday	May 13	Tusky Valley	Senior Night	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	May 15	@ Dalton		Dalton	5:00 PM



Middle School Track

Monday	April 6	BT/New/CV	Quad	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	April 9	Ridge/Hiland	Tri	Home	4:30 PM
Monday	April 13	Gar/Mal/TCC	Quad	Home	4:30 PM
Monday	April 20	@ EC/New/CV	Quad	East Canton	4:30 PM
Thursday	April 23	@ Ridge/EC	Tri	Ridgewood	4:30 PM
Monday	April 27	@ TV/EC/CV	Tri	Tusky Valley	4:30 PM
Saturday	May 2	@ All County	Invite	N. Philadelphia	10:00 AM
Tuesday	April 30	@ IVC	Invite	East Canton	4:30 PM



New video board in the high school gym.

Bekah Sugalski

Congratulations to Strasburg golfer, **Bekah Sugalski**, on signing to continue her educational and athletic career at Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia.

Bekah, the daughter of Tim and Diane Sugalski, will join the Lady Pioneer Golf Team who are members of the Mountain East Athletic Conference.

Congratulations Bekah, we are very proud of you!

