

# STRASBURG-FRANKLIN TIGER PRIDE



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## Superintendent's Message

Strasburg Franklin Local Schools' employees have been hard at work accomplishing the tasks necessary to provide its students the benefits of a quality education. Students are not only learning the core academic subjects such as reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science, but learning the technological, critical thinking, and character education skills needed to succeed in a rapidly changing society. The daily work of teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff all help to accomplish these educational goals on a daily basis.

I hope each student has settled into a productive and positive routine for second semester. If you notice concerns with your child, please contact the school staff so a game plan can be worked on for student success. You don't have to wait for parent-teacher conferences (scheduled for February 21st and 26th) to meet with or communicate with staff. If you would like to meet, simply email the teacher or call the building secretary to set up a meeting. As another reminder, there is no school on Monday, February 18th, as we celebrate Presidents' Day. The 2019-2020 school calendar will be finalized at the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for February 21. Once approved, you may locate a copy of it on our website.

Last but not least, education is a process that works best when community members work together to support focused, learning objectives for students. Parental involvement in a child's education is very important. Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's education, achievement increases. Please continue to stay involved in your child's learning. Those purposeful questions you ask, the thoughtful schedules you put in place, and your high expectations are critically important to the success your child will experience in the future. Looking forward to the warmer and brighter days ahead.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Cindy Brown



Mrs. Cindy Brown

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### VISION STATEMENT:

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster  
**Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence**

past five years, Adam has spearheaded fundraising efforts for the athletic department so that a video board for the gym could be purchased. He has also created the annual media guide for basketball and he has organized the Basketball Tip Off banquet for the past three years. Adam also had a hand in helping Strasburg's students and staff achieve a B+ on the state report card, which was the highest grade in Tuscarawas County. Last spring, Adam coordinated a community service day during which all high school students and teachers performed odd jobs for local businesses, churches, and community members who were in need of assistance. Because he believes that it's important for our students to give back to the community that supports them, this is going to become an annual event. Recently, Adam organized the "Beyond Bodmer Avenue" alumni speaker series, which is intended to show middle and high school students that many accomplished individuals got their start at Strasburg schools.

Mr. Hall holds high expectations of himself and all his staff. He built his career initially as a special education teacher. So, he holds the difficulties

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## Mr. Hall is Educator of the Year

On January 23, 2019, **Adam Hall** was recognized as the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year. Mr. Hall has had a significant impact on the educational climate and culture of the Middle/High School at Strasburg. Adam has transformed his building into a student-centered atmosphere where students are the first priority in each and every day.



Adam is an exceptional leader for both the students and staff of Strasburg Franklin Middle/High School. He is a man of vision who sets high standards not only for himself but for his students, staff, and basketball players. In addition to ensuring that Strasburg Middle/High School offers its students the best possible education, Adam has been instrumental in creating a variety of extracurricular activities and clubs for our students.

He is also responsible for instituting Strasburg Middle/High School's Student of the Month award and enabling our students to attend various leadership conferences throughout the school year. Over the

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District is committed to developing successful students who value academic excellence and are prepared to contribute positively to society.





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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.



## Preserving History and Safety Addressed

The Strasburg Board of Education is happy to report that the Historical Arch has been repaired. Alan Yoder of Sugarcreek, who originally finished the arch when the building was demolished, has completed the repair. Mr. Yoder created a cap to cover the top of the arch to prevent water from seeping down through the arch.

Mike Wolfe of Wolfe's Lawn and Landscape has addressed the safety concerns citizens had raised regarding the use of the walkway connecting Bodmer and the school parking lot. Mike built and installed eight pillars with lights, up-lighting under the trees, as well as lighting around the circular area near the arch. Aesthetically, the walkway looks fantastic at night. Not only is the walkway now well-lit for safety and security, but it also provides a beautiful setting for the entrance to our school.



## Unique Tiger Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser

Since its inception in 2006, the Tiger Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling over \$62,500. Money for these scholarships comes from successfully investing and managing Foundations funds, but some also comes from fundraising activities. Members of the current foundation board came across a unique way to put a little "fun" in the fundraising! The idea is called "The Potty Drop!"

The foundation has prepared two colorful, but non-functional, commodes. Both are painted bright orange with black seats and lids. These "special thrones" can be placed strategically in the front yards of deserving Tiger fans, which then presents them with the opportunity to donate to the Tiger Foundation Scholarship Fund. The Plumbing Policies are as follows:

**For \$10** – it will be removed

**For \$25** – it will be removed and given to a "friend" of your choice

**For \$50** – you get "Plumbing Insurance," which gives you the first two items, plus the guarantee that it will not reappear in your yard again!

Of course, if you wanted to purchase your "Plumbing Insurance" ahead of time, that can be done by making a \$50 donation in advance. Checks should be made out to the Tiger Foundation, with "Potty Drop" written in the memo!



Stay tuned for start dates for this unique fundraiser!

**Mr. Hall**, continued from page 1

associated with learning close to his heart and continually reminds the staff to connect with their students. He often preaches the importance of building strong relationships so all students feel the belief we have in them to succeed.

In addition to motivating, inspiring and holding students accountable, Mr. Hall has brought the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to the district with a twist. He added two words, "and more". In this way, all students feel welcome, not just athletes. What an inspiration it is to see so many young people show up at 7:00 AM before school on Friday mornings!

Mr. Hall has maintained the Honor Roll and Merit Roll and added an award "On a Roll"! This acknowledgment is meant to recognize those students that may not be earning the best grades, but are working hard and turning things around. He has also created a collaboration with the local Lion's Club to present Student of the Month plaques for students in both sides of the building.

Exciting things are happening at Strasburg! Mr. Adam Hall has made excellent contributions to our success and deserved to be recognized. Adam has a vested interest in every student for which he is responsible. He is a good man and an outstanding educator. Congratulations to Mr. Adam Hall!





## Community Service Projects

As a requirement for high school graduation, all seniors must participate in a number of Community Service hours. To assist students in meeting the requirements, Mr. Adam Hall, principal, will be organizing a Pay It Forward Day. This day is scheduled for Friday, April 26 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Any individual or area business that has projects that need done, please contact Mr. Hall at 330.878.5571. No job is too big or too small. Some ideas of potential projects are spring clean-up around your home or business, mulching, weeding, trash collection, moving items, painting, etc. So call now to get on the calendar! Help our students be productive on their Pay It Forward Day!



## MITCH NEIDENTHAL November Teen of the Month for Tuscarawas

**NAME:** Mitch Neidenthal

**SCHOOL:** Strasburg Franklin High School

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:**

My parents are Matt and Melanie Neidenthal. I have an older brother, Matthew who is a pilot and an identical twin brother Mike.

**GPA:** 3.743

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

National Honor Society-Treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Academic Challenge, Big Brothers mentor, Post-Secondary-Kent State, golf, basketball and baseball.

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Americanism and Government Award, Buckeye Boys State delegate, 2018 Tusc Preps Male Athlete of the year, 2018 Tusc Preps Golfer of the year, IVC and Eastern District Player of the year junior and senior year in golf, All Ohio Honors in Golf junior and senior year, All Ohio honors in Basketball and Baseball junior year, Academic All Ohio and Honor Roll.

**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS:**

Hard working, Dedicated and Loyal

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CELLPHONE APP:**

Twitter

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:**

Hang out with friends.

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:**

Winning the IVC in basketball Sophomore year.

**MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW...**

that I have an identical twin, Mike.

**CAREER PLANS:**

I plan to attend The Ohio State University and pursue a career in accounting or finance.

**WHAT'S THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING TEENAGERS TODAY?**

Financing college and not coming out with a lot of debt.

**I WISH I WAS GOOD AT...**

playing an instrument.

*(article and picture courtesy of The Times Reporter)*



**Spencer Dailey**



**Madison Weaver**

## December Students of the Month

**Spencer Dailey** and **Madison Weaver** have been selected as Strasburg's Students of the Month for December. 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.

**Spencer** is a sophomore at Strasburg and the son of Ed and Stacey Dailey. He was nominated by his Foreign Language teacher, Mrs. Tanya Horne. Spencer plays football and basketball at Strasburg. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Outside of school, Spencer enjoys spending time with friends and playing video games.

**Madison** is a seventh-grade student at Strasburg and the daughter of Michael and Shelly Weaver. She was nominated by her Computer teacher, Dr. Ellen Christy. Madison enjoys spending time with friends, traveling, and camping.

Spencer and Madison were recognized at the board meeting on January 9, 2019.



# Middle/High School



## 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.

### October Students of the Month

Olivia Miller and Lauren Harvey received a plaque at the recent board of education meeting.



**Olivia Miller** is a senior and a member of Youth-to-Youth and participates as a Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentor.

She was nominated by:  
Mrs. Delcoma



**Lauren Harvey** is a sixth-grader and a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams.

She was nominated by:  
Mrs. Pryor

### November Students of the Month

Grade Yoder and Obispa Janeth Gonzalez received plaques co-sponsored by the district and Strasburg Lion's Club.



**Grace Yoder** is an eighth grader and enjoys reading, spending time with family and shopping. She was nominated by physical education teacher Brett Hershberger.



**Obispa Janeth Gonzalez** is a freshman and a member of the Foreign Language club. She enjoys drawing and listening to music. She was nominated by her foreign language teacher Mary Sue Fierbaugh.

## Leadership Conference

The Strasburg Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership team recently hosted a Leadership Conference for area F.C.A. Leadership Teams. The conference was held on February 1 at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Over 115 students and adults attended the event.

### THE STRASBURG F.C.A. LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENTS:



## "BREAKTHROUGH"



WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF NOTHING WAS STOPPING YOU?



#### FEATURED SPEAKER:

**TODD GONGWER**

Founder, Kardia Transformation Group



#### OTHER SPEAKERS:

**BRUCE HAMSHER**

CEO, Toward The Goal Ministries

**TY HAMSHER**

Student, Mount Vernon Nazarene

**AARON RAE**

Lead Pastor, Bolivar Community Church

**MIKE GALLINA**

Vice President - Communication & Community Outreach at AultCare

**"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME" -PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2019...8:00-2:00 PM...CARLISLE INN, SUGARCREEK, OHIO



### November Student of the Month at Buckeye Career

Floral design student **Sierra Cortright** is a 12-year 4-H member and two-year Buckeye FFA member, and has served as a Buckeye ambassador for two years. She plans to study social work upon graduation.





The Mobile Dentist visited our school again on December 4th through the SMILES program. The dentist provides a valuable service to students who otherwise might not receive dental care. Students had their teeth cleaned, had X-Rays taken, and received fluoride treatments and sealants. Some even had fillings put in or teeth pulled! Twenty-one students took advantage of this great opportunity.



Strasburg Elementary's Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) supports the school in numerous ways throughout the year. In addition to organizing and running events such as the Fall Festival, Holiday Room Parties, Walkathon, and the End-of-Year Fun Day, the group has logged countless volunteer hours and also provides financial support for classroom needs and wants. Pictured are first graders, happily learning about rhythm with the help of classroom instruments purchased by our magnificent PTG. We wouldn't be able to offer what we do without their help!



Our 4th annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Program was held November 12th. Under the leadership of coordinator Mrs. Barkley, students planned, created, and presided over the morning's festivities. Students made centerpieces, served breakfast, and emceed the program. It is a highlight of the year to be able to honor our local Veterans this way.



We began using the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) system last year to track student behaviors and reward those students who consistently follow the Tiger Pledge: "Strasburg Tigers come to school to learn. Tigers pledge to be respectful, responsible, safe, and prepared." Rewards include individual and classroom shout-outs, potato chip parties, 10-day rewards, and quarterly field trips. The field trip celebrating a successful first grading period was to Boulevard Lanes in Dover, and the semester ended with a trip to Quaker Cinema. We congratulate our hardworking students!

## Calendar of Events

### February

11 - March 21

After School Intervention (Tuesdays and Thursdays only)

18 Presidents Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

19 Kindergarten Registration Packets available

21 Parent Teacher Conferences

22 - March 1

Book Fair

26 Family Fun Night ..... 3:30 - 6:00 PM

K-1 Music Performance and Art Display ..... 5:30 PM

### March

11 Donuts with Dad ..... 9:00 - 10:00 AM

25 - 29 Spring Break (**NO SCHOOL**)

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Beginning February 19, **kindergarten registration packets** will be available from 7:45 am to 3:45 p.m. weekdays or until 6:30 p.m. on February 21 and 26 in the elementary office. Registration packets will also be available at the Strasburg library.

**Kindergarten screening** will be held on Thursday, April 25. An appointment for screening can be made when the packet is picked up in the office or by calling the school.

Students must be five years old on or before August 1, 2019, to enroll in **kindergarten**.

Computers will be available on screening day for completion of **Final Forms**, an online data application that collects and stores registration information, such as emergency medical forms.

**Questions** may be directed to Natasha Demuth, elementary secretary, at 330-878-6503, ext. 3.



# Elementary News



The holidays are always a busy, festive time in our schools! This year's events included students shopping at Santa's Workshop, the second and third grade Musical Program and Art Display, a sing-along, classroom parties, and 12 days of dress up fun!



## Toolbox Grant From Lowes!!

We are very excited to announce that we received a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant from Lowe's. At the end of last year we committed to a goal of attaining one chrome book cart per grade level, in addition to the cart needed for weekly technology classes. Thanks to the hard work of our PTG, especially Lindsay Thomas and Val Slabaugh, we are only one cart away from reaching that goal. The \$5,000 received will put us over the halfway mark of the \$7600 cost. If you know of a business or individual that would like to help sponsor the remaining cost, please contact the school or one of the ladies mentioned.



Our fourth annual Grand Event was held November 20th. For the first time, our guests rotated through five stations with their grandchildren. Stations included a dessert buffet, making a picture frame, and a photography station. We appreciate all the "grand" people who took time to spend the day in with our students, making memories with them to kick off the holiday season.





## Strasburg Tiger Marching Band Uniform Campaign

The Strasburg Tiger Marching Band is a vibrant part of the Strasburg community, proudly representing our school through local band shows, parades and football games. The marching band's purpose is to continue inspiring school spirit, enhancing community image and augmenting student learning.

The current band uniforms were purchased approximately 20 years ago through public and corporate donations, as well as fundraisers held by the band. The average lifespan for band uniforms is 12 years. While the uniforms may look fine from a distance, many are beyond repair because of broken zippers and years of mending and cleaning. After several years, over 150 football games, countless parades and public performances, it is time to replace the current band uniforms.

The new uniforms cost approximately \$500 each. In order to provide a proper fit for all students and to prepare for future growth, we will be purchasing 70 uniforms.

Each new uniform includes a hat, coat, plume, pants, garment bag and hat box. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 by January 2020 to ensure delivery of the new uniforms in time for the 2020 football season!

Please consider a contribution to the Strasburg Tiger Marching Band Uniform Campaign. All contributions are tax-deductible.

### Levels of Support

#### 8th Note \$10-\$99

\*Recognition in the programs for 1 year

#### Quarter Note \$100-\$249

\*Certificate of Appreciation

\*Recognition in programs for 1 year

#### Half Note \$250-\$499

\*Name displayed at home events and on website

\*Certificate of Appreciation

\*Recognition in programs for 1 year

#### Whole Note \$500 +

\*Name/business printed on summer uniform shirt

\*Name displayed at home events and on website

\*Certificate of Appreciation

\*Recognition in programs for 1 year



### Tiger Pride Contribution Form

Yes! I (we) want to help the Strasburg Tiger Marching Band continue their tradition of excellence!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and SHS graduation class (if alumni)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Contribution Level:

\_\_\_\_\_ 8th Note (\$10-\$99)

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Note (\$100-\$249)

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Note (\$250-\$499)

\_\_\_\_\_ Whole Note (\$500+)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

Strasburg Band Boosters

P.O. Box 222

Strasburg, Ohio 44680





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## 2019 Hall of Fame Banquet

An induction banquet for the fourth class of the Strasburg Athletic Hall of Fame was held Saturday, January 26, 2019. Nearly 200 people attended the catered banquet in the Strasburg School Cafetorium. The invocation was delivered by former Strasburg Superintendent, Al Osler. Charlie Jones, a 1967 graduate, served as master of ceremonies and introduced the five individuals and one team. Members of the softball teams and cheerleaders served the meal. Each inductee or a representative spoke about their experiences while at Strasburg High School.

### Class of 2019

**Chuck Garber**

**Jerry Haswell**

**Wes Hostetler**

**Carol Jones Infield**

**Mark Numbers**

**State Champion 1991 Softball Team**

## ★ ★ ★ Past Inductees ★ ★ ★

### Class of 2018

Donald E. (Ed) Becker III	John Farthing
Robert Welling	Dr. Carol Weinmann
George Gessner <i>representing</i> Newton Asphalt	
1955 Basketball Team	
State Champion Medley Relay Track Team:	
Connie Ross Dusenberry	Deb Bartsch Parolini
Connie Froman Schering	Patsy Simmers

### Class of 2017

Robert Adrian "Fizz" Miller	JJ Hurst
Jerry Von Kaenel	Ed Warinner
Frank Welling	
1987 State Champion Softball Team	
1988 State Champion Softball Team	
1989 State Champion Softball Team	

### Inaugural Class of 2016

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
1949 Football Team	
1967 State Champion Basketball Team	