

# STRASBURG-FRANKLIN TIGER PRIDE



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## Welcome to Winter

Let me start by saying that our hearts go out to Carrollton Schools, Buckeye Career Center and Tusky Valley Schools for their losses. The Strasburg-Franklin community stepped up and wrapped their arms around those in need. I commend all of you for the support you provided to all that needed it. We truly have an amazing community and we understand that our community is far reaching and without boundaries.

As we enter the winter season, we will communicate any and all snow days via All Call text and phone call, Social Media and radio/TV alerts. Students are always excited for a snow day and have been asking for one since August, we will see what we can do for them.

We had a wonderful Fall Sports season. Our football team competed and showed outstanding growth on the field and in the weight room. Always a great season when you can beat TCC! Our Volleyball Team won the IVC for the first time in 19 years and we had the Coach of the Year in the IVC with Coach Archer and player of the year with Riley Thomas. In Cross Country, Kylie McKenzie had another amazing season earning a trip back to Columbus for the State meet.

Shout out to the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for such an amazing Fall Fest. Our PTG is the best around and really cares about giving our students a wonderful experience. If you are interested in participating or supporting the PTG, please contact the school for information. Additionally, our Tiger Foundation is another outstanding organization who supports our students and staff. They identify the distinguished alumni and honor them at graduation. If you are interested in a brick to honor or recognize someone, please check out their Facebook for more information

or contact the Foundation at [strasburgtigerfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:strasburgtigerfoundation@gmail.com).

We continue to make safety enhancements to our district. We ask that you bring a Photo ID when visiting our district to enter the building during the school day and that includes picking your child up early. With more safety and security enhancement, it may be more inconvenient at times to ensure that all safety protocols are being followed. Additionally, we welcome a School Resource Officer into our district. This positive experience and great working relationship with the Village Police Department only was strengthened.

Our Multipurpose Athletic Complex, now formally called The MAC, is open to the public. We ask anyone wanting to use The MAC contact Gary Spinell to complete the waiver form. Tentatively, The MAC will be available in the mornings before school, evenings Monday-Friday and the weekends from 2-8pm. While school is in session and students are in the building, The MAC will be closed to outside visitors.

We look forward to an exciting 2024 and welcome all of you to be part of our district. We are eager to see you at our basketball games and school events. While here, be sure to show that Tiger Pride! Thank you for being the foundation to such a great school district and community. Let's continue to be the best in all we do, it's the Tiger Way!

Go Tigers!

Vince



Mr. Vince Lindsey  
Superintendent

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### VISION STATEMENT:

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster

**Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence**

### Upcoming Events

#### DECEMBER

22.....	Elementary Classroom Parties
25 - Jan. 5 .....	Winter Break

#### JANUARY

8.....	Classes resume
15.....	MLK Day - <b>No School</b>
18.....	End of the 2nd nine weeks
26.....	First Semester Report Cards

#### FEBRUARY

15-23 .....	Elementary Book Fair
16.....	Teacher Day - <b>No School</b>
19.....	President's Day - <b>No School</b>
22.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences

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## *Be The Best In All You Do...It's The Tiger Way!*

**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.



## STAY CONNECTED

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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.



## When the weather outside is frightful....

Each year we remind families of how we communicate during inclement weather. Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Strasburg Schools puts a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late or close. Safety of our students and staff are our first concern in making these decisions.

## When are decisions made?

Strasburg School officials do their best to make the decision no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

## Alerts

School delays/closings will be sent out by our "All Call System". You will be notified by either a call or text. Notifications will also be posted on our local TV channels: NEWS 5, FOX 8, WKYC 3. Also on radio stations WTUZ 99.9 FM, WJER and on social media.



## Upcoming Events (cont.)

### MARCH

1-2 ..... Preschool Registration  
5.....PTG Meeting  
22..... Donuts with Dudes (Grades K-5)  
..... *End of the 3rd Nine Weeks*  
25-Apr. 1 ..... Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**

### APRIL

2..... Classes resume  
4..... Spring Picture Day  
5..... Spring Fling/Classroom Parties  
10-11 (late start days)..... ELA Air Testing (Gr. 3-5)  
16 (late start day) ..... Science Air Testing (Gr. 5)  
17-18 ..... Kindergarten Registration  
23-24 (late start days)..... Math Air Testing (Gr. 3-5)

### MAY

19..... High School Graduation  
27..... Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**  
29..... Elementary Fun Day  
30..... Elementary Awards Day  
..... Kindergarten Program - 10am  
..... Gr. 1-2 - 1:30pm  
..... Gr. 3-4 - 11:30am  
31..... Fifth Grade Graduation - 10am  
..... **Last Day for Students**

# Middle/High School News



## News from Mr. Kruger, MS/HS Principal

It has been an excellent year thus far at Strasburg Middle School/High School. Students and staff have been engaged in a variety of activities to make this a successful year.

The students have been actively involved in the academics, arts, and athletic opportunities. The Fall sports season was a great way for our school and community to celebrate our student athletes at football, volleyball, golf, and cross country events, as well as, listening to and watching our excellent marching band and color guard. The marching band competed in a variety of band shows this Fall and participated in an off-campus performance opportunity at the Atwood Fall Festival. The Fall sports season culminated with the success of **Kylie McKenzie** qualifying for the State Cross-Country Meet.

Speech and Debate is once again competing this year. Mrs. Lake and the students are looking forward to another successful season. Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers are once again working with our elementary students to provide mentoring opportunities and connections with our younger tigers. The National Honor Society students, along with Mrs. Morosko, performed community service with Blessings in a Backpack. NHS also hosted Breakfast with Santa on November 18 in the cafeteria. Sixth-graders attended Camp Muskingum in early November for their outdoor education experience. Thank you to Mr. Hershberger and Mrs. Haney for chaperoning this event again. Youth 2 Youth once again sponsored Red Ribbon week this Fall to support healthy habits and a drug-free lifestyle.

It is a privilege to get to work alongside an amazing staff at Strasburg Middle School/High School to provide academic, arts, and athletic opportunities for all students. We appreciate your continued partnership and support with our students.

Go Tigers!



## Sixth-Grade Camp

Sixth-graders attended sixth-grade camp at the FFA Camp Muskingum in Carrollton from November 8-10. Weather was good and the kids had a great time!



## Career Fair

Juniors and seniors attend the Career Fair at Kent State University in October. It was an incredible opportunity for them to explore various academic and professional paths.

# Middle/High School News



## McDonald's

What a wonderful job Mrs. Haney's art class did painting the windows at the Strasburg McDonald's. Great Job!



# Elementary School News



## Fall Festival

The PTG organized and ran the annual Fall Festival on October 27. Each year gets better, outdoing the previous year. This year students enjoyed making scarecrows, a petting zoo, and a hayride to a makeshift pumpkin patch to pick out their personal pumpkin, among other fun activities. We are thankful for the PTG which provides many "extras" for our students and staff.



## Veterans Day

Our ninth annual Veterans Day breakfast and program was held November 10. It was our honor to host over 70 distinguished guests. Students created a huge paper link flag to display, fourth and fifth-graders sang, and the band played several patriotic songs. Fifth-grade students served the Veterans and ran the entire program, which was planned by Mrs. Jessica Barkley.

# Elementary School News



## Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was held for students in grades K - 5 on November 21. Hundreds of "Grand" guests enjoyed precious time with their grandchild(ren) as they circulated through different stations at their leisure. Mr. Shawn Miller planned this annual event.



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## Girls on the Run

This was the second year we offered the "Girls on the Run" program. The season ended November 11 with a 5K race. Special thanks to Mrs. Morehart, Mrs. Cerrato, and Mrs. Hohman for coaching the girls.

# Athletics



Seventh Grade Boys Team



Eighth Grade Boys Team



Varsity Boys Team



Middle School Cheerleaders



Varsity Cheerleaders



Competition Cheer Team



Seventh Grade Girls Team



Eighth Grade Girls Team



Swimming Team



Varsity Girls Team



Amelia Spidell  
Signs Letter of Intent

Congratulations to **Amelia Spidell** on signing her letter of intent with Ohio Dominican University. Amelia will play softball for the Panthers.

Amelia is pictured with her mother Veronica and father Tom.

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET

**SATURDAY JANUARY 27 - STRASBURG CAFETERIA - 6:00 PM**

**TICKETS \$25 - ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY - NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR**  
**DINNER 6:00 PM - FOLLOWED BY INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**ALL TIGER FANS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**TIM AUL**  
**LEWIS DREHER**

**SARA THARP COLE**  
**JEFF & SUSIE WILLIS**

**1980 FOOTBALL TEAM**

### 2024 STRASBURG ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



**Hall of Fame Weekend January 26-27**

**PURCHASE TICKETS: [www.strasburg.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/112](http://www.strasburg.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/112)**