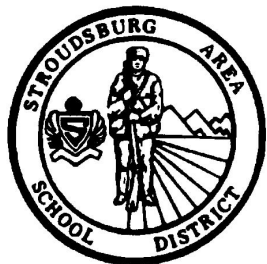


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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Parent Conferences will be held on Friday, February 17, **(ONE DAY ONLY)**. Conferences will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **School will be CLOSED for students on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th** (Presidents' Day). School will reopen Tuesday, February 21st.

Teachers may request a ten to fifteen minute conference as needed. A teacher who is requesting a conference will send a request form home with your child next week. If your child is experiencing a successful school year, it may not be necessary to schedule a conference. We recommend that your child attend the conference with you. In order for parents and teachers to focus exclusively on the student during the conference, we encourage parents to seek child-care for siblings. When parents, teachers and students work together to plan strategies for sustaining and improving a child's performance, conferences are more productive. Even if you do not receive a request form, you may contact the Guidance Office to request a conference at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our Parent Conference Program. If you have any questions regarding conferences or would like to schedule a conference, please phone the Guidance Office at 424-4848, Ext. 1106.

Since time for each individual conference is limited, we are providing you with several suggestions to increase conference effectiveness. In preparation for the conference, all participants should identify the following for each student:

1. Areas of strength.
2. Behaviors that impede progress.
3. Several goals that will result in improved school performance.

PSSA TESTING

During the months of March and April, all eighth grade students will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments in Reading, Math, Writing and Science. **It is mandated by the "No Child Left Behind" legislation that a minimum of 95% of all students participate in this assessment.**

The PSSA testing schedule is as follows:

PSSA Reading & Math – March 12th through 23rd.
PSSA Writing – April 16th through April 20th.
PSSA Science – April 23rd through 27th.

It is very important for your 8th Grade student to attend school during the mandated testing periods.

Stroudsburg Area School District Mission Statement

"The Stroudsburg Area School District, a diverse community, will provide a safe and supportive environment in which all of our students receive a quality education designed to promote lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing global society."

SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

In addition to the systems in place on the various television and radio stations, we will be using AlertNow, an automated phone system to contact you with important information regarding school delays and school closings.

Please note the following procedures and keep them posted for future reference. In the event of a very fast accumulating snow or an ice storm this schedule may change.

ONE HOUR DELAY All schedules are delayed one hour. **NO BREAKFAST SERVED.**

TWO HOUR DELAY All schedules are delayed two hours. **NO BREAKFAST SERVED. NO Vo-Tech classes.**

THREE HOUR DELAY All schedules are delayed three hours. **NO BREAKFAST SERVED. NO Vo-Tech classes.**

There are times when it becomes necessary to alter the plan for a delay if weather conditions deteriorate. Please be assured that the message is delivered to the various media AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It is always advisable to stay tuned to your local television and radio stations for these updates. Your cooperation and assistance in ensuring the safety of our students is most appreciated.

As previously mentioned, we will also use the AlertNow phone system to call your contact numbers with important information regarding school dismissals, delays and closings.

Please use the following resources for school delays/closing updates:

93.5	WSBG	CH 22	WYOU
CH69	WFMZ	CH16	WNEP
CH13	Blue Ridge Cable	CH28	WBRE

During conferences refreshments will be sold throughout the day in the main lobby as a fundraiser to benefit the 9th grade class.

Have your children outgrown their school clothes? Please consider donating gently used dress code appropriate clothing to our Mountie Closet. (tops, bottoms, shoes) A Mountie Closet drop off box is located in the administration lobby.

If you have a Target charge card, Target will donate 1% of your charge receipt to the Junior High School. Please designate Stroudsburg Junior High School as your preferred school in the "Take Charge of Education" program on the Target website. Giant Foods is offering the A+ School Rewards Program, please be sure to register your card to benefit our school by using **ID# 05842**. Mr. Z's/Weis Market will also donate 1% of your total receipt to the Junior High School. "Box Tops for Education" are also being collected. Please send your Mr. Z's/Weis Market receipts and Box Tops to school with your child. There is a container for the slips in the Main Office and also in your child's homeroom.

Sincerely,

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