

Sonoran Trails Middle School

"We are Learners - We are Leaders"

Dates to Remember



March

- 17 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conf. - 3:00-5:00
- 18 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conf.
12:00-4:00pm
5:00-7:00pm
- 18 Early Release - 10:45
Spring Pictures
- 19 Early Release - 10:45
Spring Pictures
- 22 Spring Break - No School
- 23 Spring Break - No School
- 24 Spring Break - No School
- 25 Spring Break - No School
- 26 Spring Break - No School
- 29 School Back in session

April

- 2 April Break - No School
- 7 Early Release @ 10:45
- 28 Early Release @ 10:45

Parents/Guardians: Please note—if you drop something off at school for your child, make sure they are aware. We do not call the classroom to let students know - we receive 20-25 parent dropped off items a day, that would be 20-25 classroom interruptions. You can send your child a text that can be read between classes or at lunch that you dropped off their item. We do inform students in the daily announcements that if their parents are going to drop something off, they need to check in the front office. Thank you for your support.

Message from our Administration Team

Spring has sprung at STMS and we are excited for the end of the 3rd quarter, virtual parent teacher conferences, and of course Spring Break! Your students Team should be contacting you to schedule a conference if they are failing classes, etc. ALSO there will be open signups for all parents to sign up if you would like to meet with the teachers. More information to follow from your Team. This is a great opportunity to ensure that your student is learning and growing.

We are in the process of planning the 8th grade promotion ceremony. We are not sure if that is going to be in-person or virtual. More information will be shared as we get closer to May.



Mr. Wright
Vice Principal

Mr. Dolezal
Principal

February Students of the Month



Team Beta's student of the month is 7th grader Gavin Coleman. Gavin is a bright light in my day and he has a positive attitude. He always gives his best effort and is willing to help his classmates. Gavin is respectful and kind, both while having a great sense of humor. He's an asset to any classroom and I am honored to recognize him as a student of the month!

Way to go Gavin!



The elective team picked 7th Grader Lincoln Griffith as student of the month. He is kind and encouraging to all those around him. Lincoln minds his own business and focuses on the task at hand. I am also very impressed with his work ethic. Lincoln is an awesome example of how hard work pays off.

Congratulations, Lincoln!! So proud of you!!!



The World Language team has chosen Matthew Hord. Matthew has shown an amazing commitment to learning Spanish this year! He is a hard working, responsible, and kind young man who always comes to class with a positive attitude. Matthew strives to do his best in Spanish and shows a great deal of interest in learning a new language. He will participate, ask questions and is always willing to help out his peers. It is such a pleasure to have him in my World Language class.



Team Gamma has picked 7th Grader Maya Stasik as student of the month, Maya is a go to person for her teachers. Her maturity and strong work ethic make her an asset in all her classes. She is a good friend to others helping to keep them as focused and hard working as she is.

Keep up the hard work! Team G is honored to have you!

February Students of the Month

Team Delta has picked 8th Grader Rita Clausen as student of the month. Rita is an exceptional math student, and an even more exceptional person. She always has her math homework done and is quick to help others. Rita is polite and respectful to everyone. Her positive attitude and bubbly personality brightens everyone's day. Keep up the great job.

Way to go Rita!



Team Zeta chooses Stella Huff. Stella is a hardworking, respectful, and sweet young lady. She is a joy to have in class and sets a great example for the other students in the class. Stella comes prepared each day and is always willing to give her very best in class. When she is unsure of something, she makes sure to ask questions and stays on top of her work! Stella always comes to class with a positive attitude and is ready to learn. She is a dedicated student who works and studies hard! Congratulations and thank you for making STMS an awesome place, Stella!

Keep up the great work!!



Team Gamma has picked 8th Grader Emma Lee Adams as student of the month. Emma is a hard worker who always strives for success. She is a kind and generous friend to everyone, often she is the first person to greet new students to STMS and help them get settled in.

Way to go Emma Lee, Team G is proud of you!



Electives nominate Maura Scherf for student of the month. Maura may not be the loudest or most boisterous in class, but those who are around her know that she is one of the sweetest, most caring people around. She is always right there to help one of the PALS kids in our class, and is a great role model. Maura works hard, and always does her best. She can always make us smile and laugh, and she has a heart of gold.

Congratulations, Maura!!! You're the best!



MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The 7th Grade World Language Student of the Month is Anthony Andrade. Anthony is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He always greets people with a smile and a friendly "hi!!" every time you cross his path. Anthony is such a hard worker and always gives everything he's got.

Way to be, Anthony!



The 7th Grade Language Arts Student of the Month is Caleb Stahowski. Caleb is one of the kindest kiddos I have ever had the pleasure of teaching! He is always ready to offer a helping hand to his teachers or other students. Caleb has such a great attitude and work ethic as well! I can always count on him to put forth his best effort in my class, and StuCo and Drama club as well! This kid has a great sense of humor, and just brightens my day! Congratulations Caleb!



The 7th Grade Social Studies Student of the Month is Mackenzie Swansinger. Team Beta is proud to name Mackenzie as our student of the month. Kenzie stands out in so many ways. She not only works hard to succeed, but she does all she can to help others in the class succeed as well. Her positive attitude is evident to all and makes the classroom a happier place. Kenzie's focus, determination, and outstanding character are a shining example for all of Team Beta to emulate. Way to go!

♥ MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Team Gamma's 8th Grade Student of the Month is Avary Bordenet. Mr. Conklin nominated her. Avary is a very respectful and engaged student. She seems to have a real interest in science and is a pleasure to have in class.

Keep up the great work Avary!

Team Zeta's 8th Grade Student of the Month is Cameron Coolidge. Mr. Elletson nominated Cameron. Academically, Cameron continually takes care of business and excels in the classroom. Just as important though is his positive attitude and willingness to help others. Cameron is an excellent example of someone who lives our STMS motto every day - "Be nice. Work hard. Have fun."



Congratulations and keep up the good work!



The 8th Grade Language Arts Student of the Month is Charlie Lewis. Once in a while – every so often – we teachers come across a student who is just “with it.” They are their own person, with their own style and sense of humor. They have a presence that is authentic and real. At the same time, they are someone who is a naturally-born leader without being assuming or overbearing. In other words, they are just cool! Charlie Lewis is such a person. Charlie has the personality to handle life in stride; yet with confidence. She has been faced with several obstacles in this COVID-year, and she has always done her job and managed her life. She is always conscientious, considerate, thoughtful, and with a solid work ethic. Basically, she is a cool kid.

Ellayna Townsend is my choice for 8th Grade World Language Student of the Month! Ellayna works hard, is quick to take care of making up work when she's absent, and is super responsible. I know I can count on her to do anything I ask, and she's willing to help to her friends and classmates as well. Ellayna is always smiling, and has been an absolute joy to have in class this year.

Keep up the good work, Ellayna!



CAFÉ NEWS

GREAT NEWS FOR ALL!!!!

"Thanks to funding from the USDA, every student on campus can receive one free breakfast and one free lunch daily. This has been extended through the end of the school year!"

BREAKFAST:

Hard to get your child moving in the morning? Do they sometimes miss breakfast? Well, good news for those mornings. Our Café serves breakfast every morning (except for early release days) at 7:20.

Breakfast is served through the snack bar window

Entrée, fruit, vegetable, milk, and juice.

Entrée items include:

- Banana bread
- Pumpkin bread
- Breakfast bar
- Cinnamon honey bun
- Pop tarts
- Donuts
- Breakfast sausage and egg sandwich.



LUNCH:

Hot Lunch Line 1

- ♦ Monday: Hot Dog w/ fries Corn Dog w/ fries
- ♦ Tuesday: Bean & Cheese Burrito or Beef Tacos (soft or hard)
- ♦ Wednesday: Orange Chicken with Rice
- ♦ Thursday: Chicken Tenders with Tator Tots
- ♦ Friday: Vendor Pizza



All meals come with: Fruit, Vegetables, Milk (fat free white and chocolate), and 100% Fruit Juice

To see the complete menu, please go to the STMS web site and click on the "Lunch Menu" icon.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Do you have a child with food allergies? The STMS café can accommodate them with a special meal. Please contact our Kitchen Manager, Wendy McAtee at wmcatee@ccusd93.net or 480-272-8683. They are always willing to work with kids who have allergies.



ALERT!

**FOOD
ALLERGIES**



Cell Phone Policy

Technology has made our lives easier in so many ways especially when it comes to the way we communicate.

Not only does it enhance our lives, it can also be a distraction so in order to keep focus on academics, we ask that all cell phones remain in students' backpacks and turned off or silenced while in class.

Students may use them before school, during lunch and after school. There may be exceptions such as the teacher has given permission to use it. When technology is required, all notifications are required to be turned off and only used for classroom work.

Any violation of these rules will result in the phone being confiscated and given to Mrs. Aden in the front office. An notification email will be sent to a parent or guardian of the violation and information on how and when to pick the phone. Similar to baseball, 3rd strike and you're outta here, after 3rd violation the phone will need to be left at home or checked-in to Mrs. Aden first thing in the morning and picked up at the end of the day.

There's a right time and right place to use your phone - thank you for your cooperation!

Student ID Policy

Based on recommendations from security experts, Sonoran Trails Middle School students are required to wear his or her student ID visibly at all times when on campus. This is a district-wide policy for high school and middle school students.



Our policy is as follows:

When students arrive on campus, they must wear their Student ID on a lanyard around their neck. The ID is to be worn, not kept in their backpack or pocket – it must be visible at all times. Students need to use their ID's for the following;

- ◆ check out a book in the Library, purchase food in the cafeteria, participate in school activities or ride the bus

If a student forgets their ID, they will need to get a temporary ID in the front office.

If they receive 5 temporary ID's, their account will be charged \$5 for a new ID.

After a student receives 10 total temporary ID's, they will be charged for another ID and for every 5 temporary ID's after that. After a student receives 17 temp ID's, they will be charged for a new ID everytime they forget their ID.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Wright (twright@ccusd93.net, 480-272-8607) or Mrs. Aden (laden@ccusd93.net, 480-272-8616)

CCUSD / STMS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Cave Creek Unified School District schools pride themselves on providing a safe, orderly and respectful environment in which students are challenged to achieve at high academic levels and demonstrate the essence of good character and good citizenship. The following guidelines will assist you and your child in making good decisions about what to wear to school and you can help us enforce this policy by referring to it as you plan your school clothing purchases.

The following examples do not cover all situations:

- Clothing should have adequate coverage to allow a full range of movement without skin or undergarments showing
- Undergarments must not be visible
- Clothing must cover the entire buttocks and extend a reasonable length to ensure modesty.
- **Students shall not wear:**
 - Tank tops with straps less than 1 inch
 - Garments with spaghetti straps without a cover up
 - Halter-tops
 - Strapless garments
 - Sagging pants
 - “see-through,” low cut, or expose the midriff
 - **Vulgar, offensive messages**
 - Clothing that displays vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous messages that demean others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promotes alcohol or drug use or violence; or that are otherwise contrary to the school’s educational mission.
- **Footwear/Jewelry/Accessories**
 - Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times on campus according to state law and for student safety
 - Body piercing that is a safety hazard and/or hinders performance in a classroom is not allowed
 - Wallet chains are not allowed
 - Hats are allowed in outside areas only
- **Pandemic - Face Covering**
 - K-12 students will wear a cloth face covering when social distancing is not possible. Failure to wear a cloth face covering may result in disciplinary action.



Student/Parent Responsibility Students and their parents/guardians have the responsibility to be aware of the school’s dress code and conform to these requirements. If a student or parent has any questions about whether specific attire or accessories are in compliance with the dress code, they should contact their school administration prior to wearing such attire or accessories to ensure compliance. [Here](#) is where you can find the complete write up of the CCUSD Student Dress, Conduct and Appearance.

Administrator Discretion:

The school administration retains the final discretion to determine that the garment or accessory meets the dress code. Some exceptions may be made for uniforms, formal attire, and/or costumes.

Consequences:

Any student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to; warning, parent conference, detention, community service or off campus suspension. In addition, the student will remove the garment or accessory and replace it with an appropriate alternative provided by the school, student, or parent.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY!



Library Hours

- The Library is open before school at 7:30 a.m. and after school until 2:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- During school hours with a pass from a teacher.

Printing

- ◇ Black-N-White Printing: Free up to 5 pages double-sided.
- ◇ Color printing: 50 cents a page

Checking Out Library Books

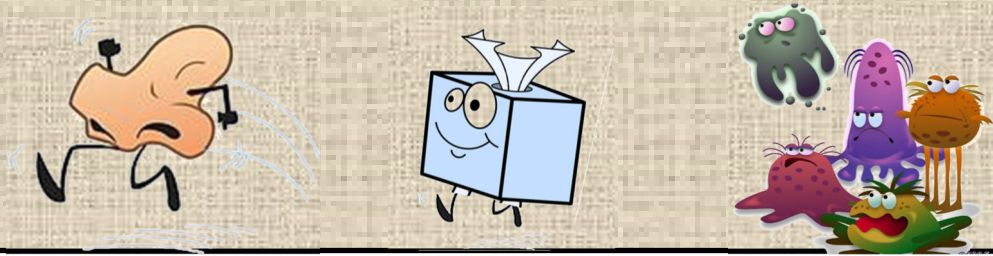
- Students may check out up to 2 books at a time for a period of 2 weeks.
- Students may renew their books one time, if there is no hold on the books.
- They can renew their books in the library or online by clicking on the “Renew Your Books Here!” link on the Library’s homepage.
- Students may only renew books if they are not overdue. If a book is overdue by approximately one month, the book will be marked lost and the replacement cost of the book will be charged to the student’s account.



Donations!

Thank you to all of our families that have donated Kleenex,
hand sanitizer and disposable mask!

STMS students little faces and hands appreciate it!



HELP NEEDED!

Attention: Parents and Guardians

Are you looking for work? STMS has 6 employment opportunities available.

Part time Café' worker (4 hours a day) (1 position)

Paraprofessionals - Full Time - 3 positions available

*If interested in any of the current positions, please call
Mrs. Aden at 480-272-8616.
You can also contact our Human*

2020-21 STMS Yearbook

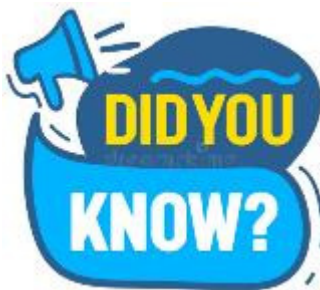
ONLINE ORDERING NOW OPEN

RESERVE YOUR STUDENT'S COPY
TODAY - Click the link below...

[Yearbook Order Center](https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/jobSearch/displayHome)

In case the link is not working, the link address is:

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/jobSearch/displayHome>



CCUSD has an Anonymous Tip Line for students, parents and community members. Links to the ATL can be found on both the main district webpage and the STMS main page under Quick links. If you see or believe something questionable is happening with someone in our STMS community please let us know!

Quick Links

[The Stinger Way](#)

[Yearbook Order Center](#)

[Current Drug Trends Info for Parents](#)

[Anonymous Tips](#)

[Accessibility Policy](#)

[Arizona Common Core Standards](#)



Teen Lifeline

Teen Lifeline resources are available to all of our students and are listed on the back of his or her school ID badge. The Lifeline is available 24/7 at 602-248-8336, or via text from 3pm to 9pm daily.

Northern Arizona University

Free Counseling

telehealth · evening sessions · weekly appointments

Steps To Get Started

1

E-mail NV Counseling@nau.edu

- State you are inquiring about counseling
- Include first and last name
- An electronic form will be e-mailed to you

2

Submit Form

- Provide your contact information and availability for sessions
- Schedule a phone screening (link provided on the form)

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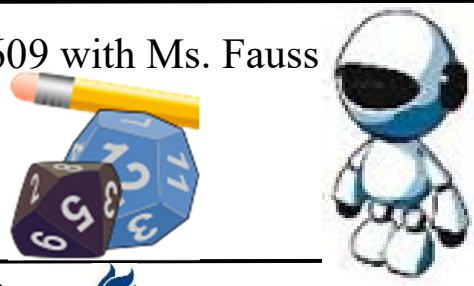


Complete a Phone Screening

- 10-15 minute phone call with scheduler
- Review submitted form
- Brief overview of mental health history
- Schedule initial appointment



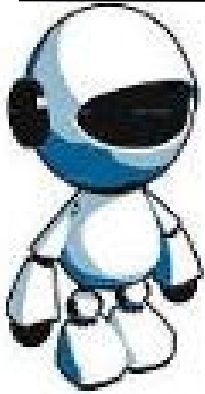
School Clubs

Sonoran Trails offers many clubs for students to join. This is a list of current clubs on campus, however it is subject to change as new clubs form each year. There is a **\$125 one time club fee**. Once the fee is paid, students can join as many clubs as they'd like all year!

Monday	<p>Student Council meets in room 514 with Ms. Arnold Yearbook meets in room 302 with Ms. Wilson</p> 
Tuesday	<p>Robotics (considered a sport so the fee is \$155) meets in room 609 with Ms. Fauss Roleplay Club meets in room 308 with Mr. Nielsen</p> 
Wednesday	<p>NJHS meets at 6:45 am in room 608 with Mrs. McLyn Pinterest Craft Club meets in room 613 with Mrs. Kniffen SEED Club meets in room 609 with Ms. Fauss Stinger Debate club meets in room 525 with Ms. Paperman</p> 
Thursday	 <p>Drama Club meets in room 447 with Ms. Fauss & Ms. Arnold RolePlay Club meets in room 308 with Mr. Nielsen</p>
Friday	

CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

Student Council is the VOICE of the STMS student body. Student Council is a fun and creative group where students have an opportunity to organize fundraisers, plan dances and other community based activities. If you want to make a difference in your school and community, be a leader and have a great time, join the 2020-21 Student Council.



Robotics

Are you into robotics or want to learn how to build a robot? This TEAM is for you! Robotics Team is in it's second competitive year! Members will get to work in teams to build their own robot and participate in competitions! They will also be showcasing their work at the Sonoran Trails Sci-Tech Festival.

Yearbook is a club that is responsible for creating the school's annual yearbook. Students are responsible for documenting activities throughout the year as well as creating the layout of the book. If you want to take part in publishing your schools memories – come and join Yearbook Club!



ROLEPLAY CLUB

In Roleplay club you can meet up with your friends and go on daring adventures in fantasy worlds, all while learning interpersonal skills, creative problem solving, and team building strategies. We meet every Monday and Friday after school to play Dungeons and Dragons style table top games, as well as Magic the Gathering and many other games. If you are interested, come on down to room 308 and quest with us !



CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

Pinterest Club is a club for all the crafty, adventurous, fun-loving students at STMS. Each week students will scour Pinterest and choose something new to try. The possibilities are ENDLESS! Calligraphy, recipes, crafts, art--you name it! Come join us, and let's have FUN!



Drawing and Painting Club. Students will get to work with a variety of different mediums. They can draw and paint.

NJHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. To join you must fill out an application. Applications are available starting in November of each school year and must be turned in the first week of January to be considered. You must have 20 hours of community service to join, leadership roles, 94% overall average GPA in your core classes and a willingness to help people in the community.



SEED (Students Expressing Environmental Dedication) Club is working toward making our school and the community greener! We will be working on a project to plant more trees on campus, growing a pollinator garden and other fun sustainability projects!



This is a fun club full of students with creative minds and open for everyone to enjoy. Students will get to work with other students in many aspects of theatre. We will focus on movement, voice, playwriting, directing, and theatre games to improve acting skills. We will have special guests join us to work with students on these techniques. We will also be producing a play in the spring.

The Stinger Debate Club welcomes any student who wants a chance to practice their public speaking, research, and persuasive writing skills. Club members will get the chance to express and argue their opinions in an organized manner, all the while in a welcoming environment.



SONORAN Trails Middle School

Grades 7 & 8

Excelling School, "A" District

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Principal Bill Dolezal
Assistant Principal Todd Wright

Remember to Vote



Cave Creek Unified District 93 **Governing Board Members**



Back Row (LtoR): Vice President Jeff Fortney, Superintendent Cort Monroe, Ed.D. and Member Scott Brown.

Front Row (LtoR): Member Brianna Walker, Member Janet Busbee and President Beth Hatcher

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