Sonoran Trails Middle School

"Be Nice, Work Hard, Have Fun"

Dates to Remember

September

3 Labor Day—No School
7 PTO Meeting—12:00—1:00
10 Early Release at 10:45
10 STMS Night at Chili's
11 STMS Night at Chili's
12 Site Council @ 3:00
14 BBQ & Spirit Day
18 Student of the Month Lunch
19 Early release at 10:45
20 Fall Break - No School
21 Fall Break - No School

October

6 PTO meeting @ 12:00 pm.
12 End of 1st Quarter
13 OKTOBER Fest @ Harold's Corral (PTO event)
16 Student of the Month Lunch
17 P/T Conferences 3:00—5:00
18 P/T Conferences 12:00—4:00 & 5:00—7:00
18 Early Release @ 10:45 am
19 2nd Semester (2017-18 SY) Awards Ceremony
19 Picture Make up Day
19 Early Release @ 10:45 am
24 Site Council meeting @ 3:00
26 BBQ & Spirit Day
31 Halloween Spirit Day (costumes allowed)
31 Early Release @ 10 45

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year

We are very excited to begin a new year of teaching and learning with such wonderful students and staff. Our moto is "Be Nice, Work Hard, Have Fun". We would like to welcome our newest staff members.

Language Arts Department:
Ms. Valva

Science Department:
Mrs. Petrine - 8th Grade

Math Department:
Mrs. Feiden - 7th Grade Math
Ms. Gervasio - 8th Grade Math
Mrs. Winter - 8th Grade Math

Special Ed Department:
Ms. Lindblom - PLC
Ms. Ramsey - Psych Assistant
Ms. Watts - Resource Teacher

School begins at 7:40 am. Students should not be on campus prior to 7:20 (unless they are going to morning office hours or a club) as there is no supervision. The school day ends at 2:30. We do not offer before or after school care. We do offer after-school clubs and office hours on certain days, some before and some after school. The club cost is $80 per club. There are also after school sports. Right now we have volleyball, cross-country, and wrestling.

Office hours are listed on the last page of this Newsletter and also on the STMS web site.

If your child is going to be absent, please call our attendance line at 480-272-8604.

If you need to speak to your child's counselor, they are:

7th Grade - Mrs. Angeli
cangeli@ccusd93.net

8th Grade - Ms. Bock
lbock@ccusd93.net

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Want to know in an instant what is going on at STMS? Well, there's an app for that!! You can download the app with the QR Code's below.

You can receive up to date notifications on test schedules, report an absence, athletic schedules, special events, field trips, contact staff, see the lunch menu, contact the PTO or staff to name just a few.

If you don't have a QR code reader on your phone, you can load a QR code reader for free in your app store.

September Students of the Month

The 7th Grade Electives Student of the Month is Gina Fabbri. Gina is a superb student who comes to drama ready to take the stage. She is a team player and works well with everyone in class. She is kind and respectful and is a shinning star. Way to go, Gina!

The 7th Grade Social Studies Student of the Month is Johnathan Geare. Johnny is already crushing it in 7th grade. He comes to class every day with a positive attitude and is ready to contribute. Not only does he give thoughtful contributions to class discussion, he isn't afraid to ask questions and learn as much as he can. On top of that, he is respectful to everyone around him and makes a great friend. Keep up the great job, Johnny!

The 7th Grade Science Student of the Month is Connor Glenn. Connor is a hard working and very respectful student. He always seems excited to be in science class and is quick to participate in the lessons and truly enjoys working with and helping others. This makes him an excellent candidate for STMS Student of the Month! Congrats Connor!

The 7th Grade Language Arts Student of the Month is Katie Liu. In the short time we have been together Katie has already set herself apart as an exceptional and creative person! Her positive attitude brightens my day and her thoughtful ideas challenge us all to think more deeply. It is truly a pleasure to have her in my class! Great role model Katie!

The 7th grade Math Department nominates Ali Smith for September Student of the Month. Ali always rolls into class with a positive attitude, jumps right in and helps others, demonstrates amazing organization, shows responsibility and always has a smile on her face.

Way to go Ali - we're proud of you!

The 7th Grade World Languages Student of the Month is Alyssa Wilson. Alyssa is very enthusiastic about learning French. She energizes the whole classroom with her interest in the subject. Alyssa is the first to pronounce new expressions, to sing and to act in skits. She enjoys learning and is always eager to know more! Way to go Alyssa!

September Students of the Month

It is my pleasure to elect Logan Gerst as the 8th Grade Electives Student of the Month. It has been an absolute joy having him in drama last year and again this year. Logan is an awesome performer and is ready to take the stage. He is always polite and respectful to everyone around him and has a smile to share.

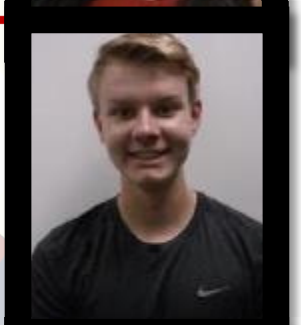
Way to go, Logan!!!

The 8th Grade Social Studies Student of the month is Antonio Gianni. Antonio is a polite student who always asks how both teachers (Mrs. McLyn and Mrs. Barrett) are doing and says Hi in the hallway. He is kind, fun and energetic in class. He is a great leader to have in class and in the hallways.

Keep up the great work Antonio!!

Cindy Tapia Grijalva is my choice for 8th Grade Language Arts Student of the Month. Being new can be a struggle, but Cindy has worked hard in class, always has a smile, and despite not knowing as much English as her peers, she's not shy about working with her peers. Cindy is working hard to be an awesome part of our Stinger family, and I'm glad she's in my class!

Congrats Cindy!



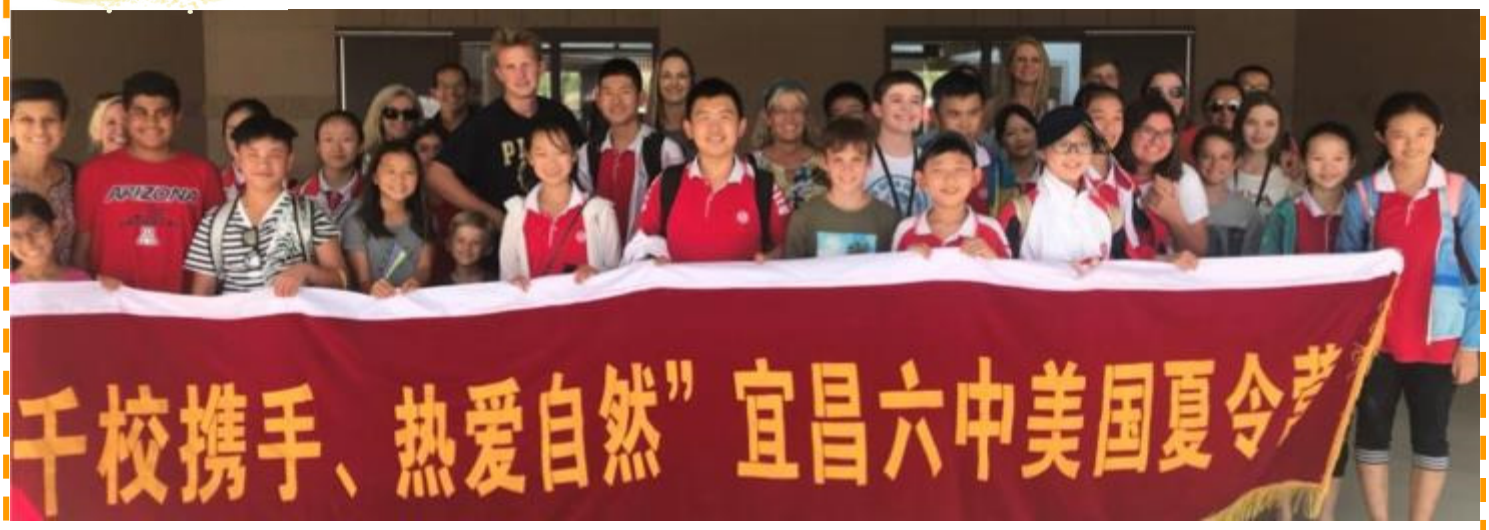
The 8th Grade World Languages Student of the Month is Robert Lenz. He is new to Sonoran Trails but hit the ground running. He's never had a foreign language but isn't letting that stop him. He is motivated and is constantly pushing to do his best and learn as much as he can. Rob isn't afraid of a challenge and is always attempting his best, even if he isn't sure he is right. His sense of humor and positive attitude are what make him such a fun person to be around and he never fails to liven up the classroom. Way to go Robert!

The 8th Grade Math Student of the Month is Cole Martin. Cole is kind, responsible, intelligent, and respectful. He is friendly to others. He works in class to complete assignments and Cole is always willing to help others.

Keep up the good work, Cole!

The 8th Grade Science Student of the Month is Blake Pottinger. Blake is an upstanding student and citizen! He puts in an insurmountable effort in all that he does! He actively listens to others and emulates empathy consistently to his peers and staff. He promptly turns in all of his assignments and is proactive in his efforts to complete them to the best of his ability. He is the perfect candidate for this honor! :) Great job Blake!

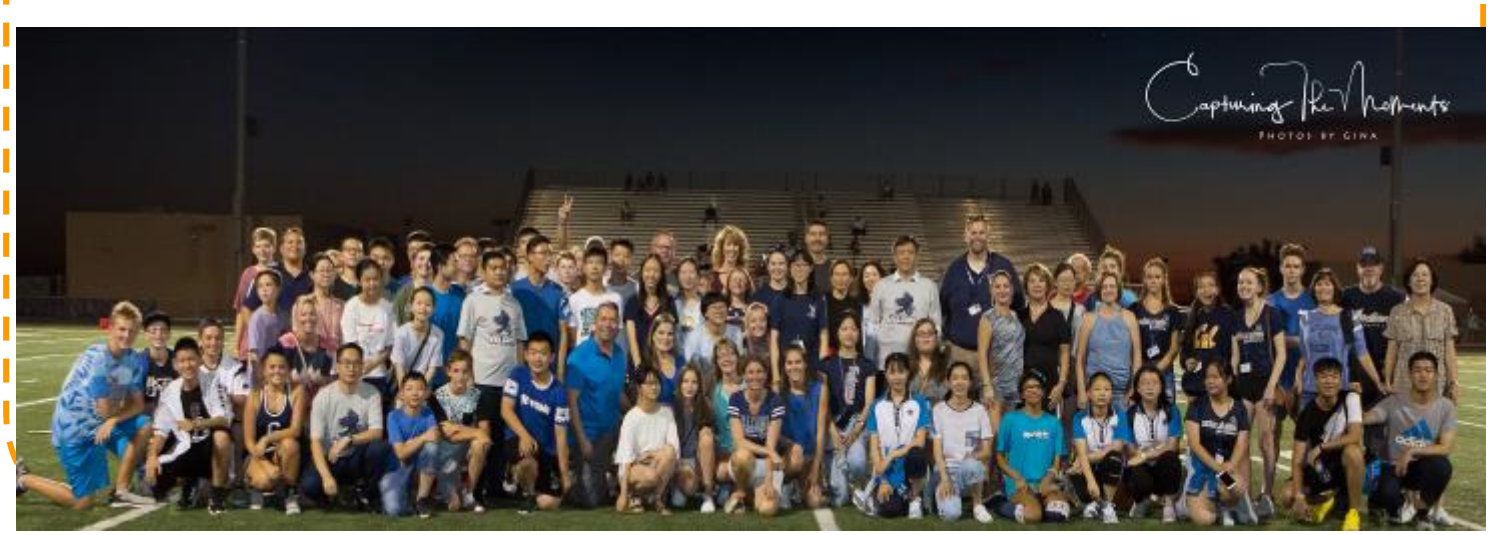
Number 6 Sister School from China Visits STMS Students in Arizona



Sonoran Trails was thrilled to host students from our Sister School in China! Number 6 Middle School from Yichang, China brought 15 students and 4 adults to our beautiful state of Arizona. They toured Washington DC, New York and Boston before arriving in Phoenix. Our original guest teacher, Li Qiong, was in charge of bringing these students to us. The students were able to stay with host families from Sonoran Trails and enjoy family life with Americans. The students, teachers, principal and district administrator were overwhelmed with the hospitality and generosity of their host families.

Along with attending classes during their stay, some of the Chinese and host students and their families went to a CSHS Football game and some enjoyed a good old barbeque and rodeo at Buffalo Chip in Cave Creek in addition to all of the wonderful activities the families provided to our guests.

We look forward to our continued relationship with Number 6 Middle School.



National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who will serve on the executive board for the 2018-2019 school year.

President - Nate Pozen
Vice President - Lani MacMillian
Treasurer - Andrew Roe
Secretary - Ayden Schure
Historians - Caroline Paradies and Gabrielle Coleman

We are looking forward to a great year under your leadership!

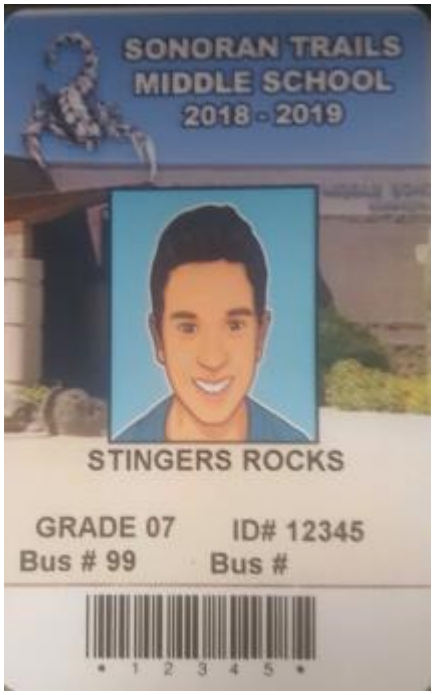
SCI TECH CLASS

SciTech 2 students in Mrs. Wilson's room doin' work!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Reminder: Sonoran Trails Middle School **does NOT provide any medication** for students. If you want your child to receive or be able to receive medication such as cough drops, acetaminophen (Tylenol), or Ibuprofen (Advil) while at school, you should bring a supply of that medication in the ***original bottle (small bottles only please)*** and sign a medication administration release form. Students are not allowed to have medication in their backpacks and are not allowed to bring medication to the health office—a parent MUST bring the medication to school. If this happens, the medication will be confiscated and the parent required to come get it or it will be thrown away that evening. A note is not sufficient in order to allow children medication. The back of the white Emergency Medical Card that you signed, and the student handbook found on the district website also covers the medication policy. You are welcome to contact the health office at 480-272-8602 if you have any further questions. Thank you.

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 current policy is as follows:

1. If a student forgets his or her ID, he or she has until 7:35 a.m. to receive a temporary ID in the front office. There will not be consequences as long as they receive it by 7:35am.

2. After 7:35am a student without an ID needs to report to the Assistant Principal's office for a temporary ID. Parents will be contacted after any student receives a 3rd temporary ID. If a student receives five temporary ID's his or her account will be charged $5 and a new ID card will be issued. An email will be sent when their account is charged.

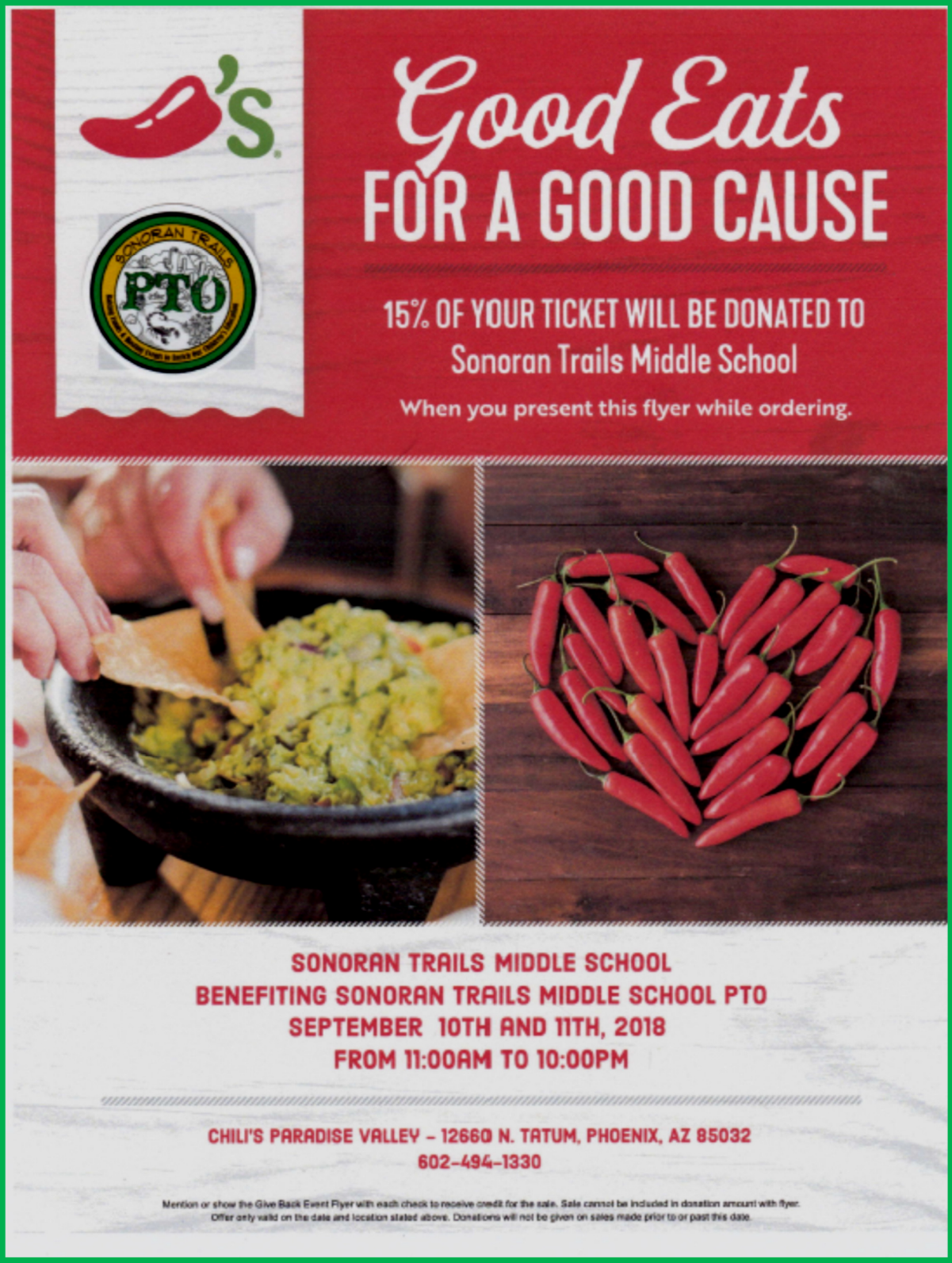
3. After a student receives eight total temporary ID's (after 7:35am), Mr. Wright, Assistant Principal, will be calling to let a parent know that his or her child's school account will be charged another $5 for a new ID card and your student will be asked to serve a day of Saturday School.

4. For every three temporary ID's after this, a child's school account will be charged $5 for a new ID card and the student will be assigned to serve a day of Saturday School. Parents will be notified when a child's account is charged and Saturday School is required.

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

is having a Sonoran Trails Give Back event BOTH next Monday, Sept. 10th and Tuesday Sept. 11, with 15% of TAKE OUT or DINE IN sales coming back to our school.

You can either bring a copy of this flyer or take a picture of the flyer, or you can just mention to your server that you're with Sonoran Trails.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

When: October 17 & 18, 2018

Appointments will not be taken however conferences are limited to 10 minutes per teacher so that all parents attending have the opportunity to see teachers. If additional time is needed, please schedule an appointment with the teacher directly. You can choose which teachers you'd like to speak with and go to that assigned room (below). If you have questions, please call the office @ 480-272-8600.

Teacher Locations:

Language Arts Teachers will be in the AUDITORIUM
Social Studies Teachers will be in the CAFETERIA
World Language Teachers will be in the CAFETERIA
Math Teachers will be in the LIBRARY
Science Teachers will be in the LIBRARY
Electives Teachers will be in the GYM
Resource Teachers will be in the ROOM 421

Wednesday, October 17
Available conference times are from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18
Available conference times are from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Teachers will not be available between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

STMS has no conferences on Friday, October 19, 2018.

Awesome Volunteer Opportunity for Middle School Students!

CAVE CREEK MUSEUM

The Cave Creek Museum is recruiting students for a new endeavor, our new Junior Docent Program. We are hoping that you have inquisitive, capable students who are available to do volunteer community service hours at the museum from October through May. We will train them in the tasks they need to do—or, better yet—teach us some great new ideas along the way!

We are seeking middle school-aged students to join the ranks of the museum's docents and volunteers for guest services. These students will learn local history and prehistory, improve their social and public speaking skills, and have lots of fun in a great environment. They will be paired up with our experienced senior docents who will mentor them in museum operations, but also offer their insights in navigating life.

If these opportunities sound like the kind of work and fun your students would enjoy, please have them connect with us at the Cave Creek Museum!

You may sign up on our new Google Doc at the Junior Docent link- Our Junior Docent Program is designed for students in middle or high school. Junior docents are assigned to work alongside our veteran docents, learning about the museum, and sharing their enthusiasm with our guests. Training is provided, schedules can be flexible. We are happy to sign your volunteer hour form for school!
To volunteer as a junior docent - click here: Junior Docent Form
Thank you for your consideration,

Karrie Porter Brace
Executive Director, Cave Creek Museum, Inc.
Location: 6140 E. Skyline Dr, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Sonoran Trails Middle School

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

GET THE BEST PRICE OF THE YEAR!

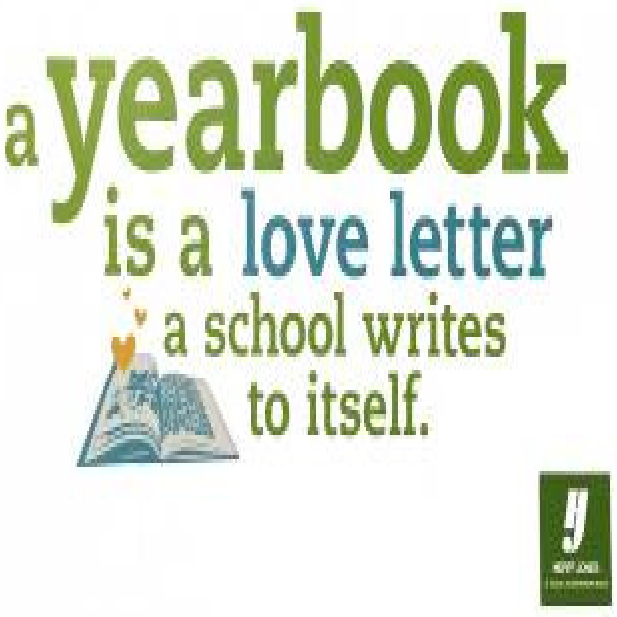
SAVE $20 NOW

SALE ENDS 9/15/17

STMS YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE ONLINE ONLY!

BEST PRICE OF THE YEAR
$25/book
(SAVE $20 NOW THROUGH 9/15/18)
PRICE INCREASE 9/16/18

Visit the **STMS Yearbook Web Page** (in the Clubs tab)
or
The online YEARBOOK ORDER CENTER
www.yearbookordercenter.com
PLEASE USE
SCHOOL CODE **7381**



The STMS PTO Post

School Newsletter Edition — September 2018

A HUGE PTO SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU TO OUR VERY GENEROUS STINGER FAMILY DONORS!

- Adams Family
- Budd Family
- Cheang Family
- Dettman Family
- Drakulovic Family
- Hills *(Schwenbeck)*
- Koch Family
- Konerko Family
- Monika Cheang Photography
- NOA Investors
- Ochoa Family
- Oliver Family
- Regina Family
- Roberts Family
- Smith Family
- Sokal Family
- Stasik Family
- Toughill Family
- Vasiloff Family
- Watkins Family

Don't see your family name when it should be here? We sincerely apologize for the error! Please e-mail the PTO President.

Thank you, again!

Caught You Being Good

PTO is partnering with our terrific Safety Resource Officer, Brooks Naegeli. We'll be on the lookout for students who are performing acts of kindness around school. Twice a week Officer Naegeli will award a deserving student a coupon for a free treat at the after school Snack Shack. Also, each month he will gift a coupon for a free Stinger t-shirt.

Help achieve our school improvement goals:

- **Golden Ticket Donation Forms**
- **Parent Volunteer Forms**
- **Community Donation Forms**

Are all located in the STMS front office. Or, you may donate online with PayPal at StingerFamilies.org. *Thank you!*

PTO is placing a spirit wear order on September 7th. Please get your online order or paper orders *(with money)* to the PTO box in the office by Thursday the 6th!

As an alternative, your students can purchase shirts, hoodies, and Stinger merchandise after school daily at the Snack Shack with cash only, while supplies last.

SNACK SHACK NEWS First we want to say a great big THANK YOU to all our Snack Shack Volunteers! Everyone seems to be having fun while raising funds to support our students at STMS. There are still some spots available on the current sign up genius! We will be creating another sign up genius in October to cover months November through January, then again in January to cover months February through May. You can always find the link to the sign up genius on the PTO site under the parents tab on the STMS website. Feel free to have your student volunteer along with you in the Shack. Each shift is worth 0.5 hours towards the Superintendent's Challenge. In the meantime, if you would like to be on a substitution list, please send Brian or Jacque your contact information at stmsSnackShack@gmail.com.

Stinger Spirit Nights at Chili's

15% Monday, Sept. 10th and Tuesday, Sept. 11th

Back to Sonoran Trails! (Dine in or Carry out)

GIVE BACK EVENTS

Chili's Paradise Valley
12660 N. Tatum Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85032
602-494-1330 (Tatum & Cactus)

We Connect, Serve & Give To Create The Best Life.

Attention Stinger Parents:

"Check out" the **Parent Resource Lending Library** located in the front office.

Borrow books on many interesting & informative topics from finance to philosophy and fitness.

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PTO BOARD MEMBERS 2018 - 2019

CONTACT E-MAIL	BOARD POSITION	VOLUNTEER	MIDDLE SCHOOLER(S) & GRADE
stmsPresident@gmail.com	PRESIDENT	Stephanie Stasik	*Austin Stasik [7th]*
	VICE PRESIDENT	Kelly Henry	*Joshua (Josh) Henry [7th]*
stmsCommunications@gmail.com	COMM & WEB MASTER	Jessica O'Sullivan	*Ashley O'Sullivan [7th]*
	SECRETARY	Heather Lynch	*Ian, Sophia, & Isabella Erickson [7th]*
	CORRESPONDENCE	Tanya Dossett	*Christian Dossett [8th]*
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stmsSnackShack@gmail.com	SNACK SHACK & STINGER MERCHANDISE	Jacque Olmert & Brian Bunkers	*Joseph [8th] & Ben Sidoti [7th]* / *Cait Bunkers [8th]*
stmsHospitality@gmail.com	FUNSHINE COMMITTEE	Ju-Leigh Sharp	*Hannah Sharp [7th]*
		Keri Woosley	*Katie Woosley [7th]*
		Nicole Smith	*Ella Smith [7th]*
		Kelly Manzeck	*Kaylee Manzeck [7th]*

PTO Board Meeting Dates 2018-19

In the STMS Conference Room 12 – 1:20 pm

~~Friday, Aug. 10, 2018~~
Friday, Sept. 7, 2018
Friday, Oct. 5, 2018
Friday, Nov. 2, 2018
Friday, Nov. 30, 2018
Friday, Jan. 11, 2019
Friday, Feb. 1, 2019
Friday, Mar. 1, 2019
Friday, Apr. 5, 2019
Friday, May 3, 2019

Access our StingerFamilies.org website to donate, sign up to volunteer, or order Stinger Spirit wear all from your phone using the SONORAN TRAILS App.

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Thursday, Sept. 6th Last day to order Stinger Wear
- Friday, Sept. 7th Deadline for Stinger Parent Directory info
- Saturday, Sept. 8th Kiwanis Stinger Give Back (8am-12 noon)
- Mon. 10th & Tues. 11th 15% Chili's Give Back Night (Tatum & Cactus)
- Friday, Sep. 14th STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ
- Friday, Sep. 14th Student Council All School Dance (6 - 8 PM)
- Monday, Sep. 24th Kick off day *Step It Up*

OCTOBER 2018

- Month-long Candy Drive for PTO Snack Shack
- Saturday, Oct. 13th Oktoberfest @ Harold's Corral (6 - 11 PM)
- Wed. 17th & Thurs. 18th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, Oct. 26th STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ
- Wednesday, Oct. 31st Halloween Spirit Day

NOVEMBER 2018

- Friday, Nov. 9th Step It Up *Day of Awesomeness*
- Thursday, Nov. 15th *Future Stinger Night*
- Friday, Nov. 16th Stinger Movie Night
- Friday, Nov. 30th STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ

DECEMBER 2018

- Friday, Dec. 7th 7th Grade Dance
- Monday, Dec. 17th Chorus & Band Concert

JANUARY 2019

- Date TBD, Jan. First Semester Awards Assembly
- Thursday, Jan. 31st *Coffee with the Counselors #1*

FEBRUARY 2019

- Wed, Feb.13th Science Tech Festival
- Thursday, Jan. 21st *Coffee with the Counselors #2*
- Friday, Feb. STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ

MARCH 2019

- Friday, Mar. 8th Stinger Movie Night
- Friday, Mar. STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ
- Wednesday, Mar. 20th *Coffee with the Counselors #3*
- Wed. 20th & Thurs., Mar. 21st Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, Mar. 22nd Spring Pictures & School Wide Talent Sho

APRIL 2019

- Month-long Candy Drive for PTO Snack Shack
- Thursday, Apr. 18th STUCO Spring Fling or Dance
- Friday, Apr. 26th STMS Spirit Lunch and Principal's BBQ

MAY 2019

- Wednesday, May 1st Panoramic Picture Day
- Thursday, May 2nd *Coffee with the Counselors #4*
- Monday, May 6th – 10th Teacher Appreciation Week
- Friday, May 17th 8th Grade Dance
- Wednesday, May 22nd 8th Grade Breakfast
- Wednesday, May 22nd 8th Grade Promotion Celebration
- Thursday, May 23rd 8th Grade Dodgeball

TEACHER GIVING TREE & STAFF's FAVORITE STUFF

Give our deserving Sonoran Trails teachers something they really need, ...or want.

Visit our website at StingerFamilies.org or from the PTO tab on the STMS app.

- Log into the Sign Up Genius, *(Teachers listed alphabetically)*
- Find a wish list item(s) to gift, sign your name up, and voila!
- Bring the item within the next few days to the front office.
- Fill out a "Giving Tree slip" (in front office) and attach to items.

Binder with STMS Staff's favorite items is located in the PTO area of the office

Parents and Guardians, mark your calendars for the Adult-Only event of the Fall Season: Oktoberfest at Harold's Corral in Cave Creek! It is loads of fun, food, beverages, music, laughs, & memories. Proceeds benefit Sonoran Trails.

$25 Ticket = Access to event, German buffet, and 4 complimentary drink samples
$400 = All the above for Table of 10 guests, PLUS extra swag and gifts for guests

The Cave Creek school with the most attendees gets an extra $ bonus! Details and Oktoberfest ticket info will be available at PTO website soon!

Stinger Families: There's Still Time to Be in the STINGER DIRECTORY!

1) This Stinger Directory has parent contact info, and includes only your middle schooler's name & grade.

2) Only include info you are comfortable sharing with the Stinger Community, but at least one way to contact your family. For example, the Lees may give names, address, phone, and emails, while the Smiths only give names and a parent email or phone number only. Any combination of contact choice is fine.

3) If PTO does go ahead with launching this directory, you will be emailed or texted each a copy of the typewritten info we have for you for review/changes/additions (if necessary) BEFORE we print it.

4) This is intended as a resource to help us stay connected as parents; arrange carpools for clubs, sports, and school events; and even help our middle schoolers get homework assistance from a peer, if needed. It is not for solicitation and the information should not be distributed other than to our Stinger families.

5) Several of you have already turned in slips. Thank you! If you need to make amendments, email us.

As a wise Stinger parent eloquently stated, *"After all this time in the same community, we value the connections we have made with parents, and look forward to new ones."* If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other PTO matter, please contact Stephanie at stmsPresident@gmail.com.

☐ YES, please include our family in the 2018-19 Sonoran Trails Directory

_____ Grade ____ e-mail: _____
Student's First and last name

_____ Grade ____ phone: _____
Student's First and last name

_____ text/cell: _____
Parent's or Guardian's First and last name(s)

_____
Address

_____
City State Zip Code

Fill out only the info with which you feel comfortable sharing. However, do leave a way to reach you via email, text, or phone.
Return to the PTO basket in the front office by Sept. 7th

Library News

Welcome to the Sonoran Trails Middle School Library, one of the BEST libraries in the district! If you haven't had a chance to see our spectacular mountain vista views out the back windows, please stop by.

Introducing "The Art Walls"

In our library at Sonoran Trails. With the purchase of a gallery hanging system by our PTO, we now have two walls in the library to showcase exhibitions by both our students, and exhibitions on loan. The idea is for this space to get used, so teachers can come with their projects, exhibitions can come from local artists and more importantly we can hold exhibitions of our students' work. There will be regular "Call for Entries" with different themes, open to all students whether they are taking art electives or not. The two walls can hold around 16 pieces each and pieces will need to be framed to hang on our walls. Please look over the flyer in the newsletter as we are looking for donations of frames. Also as a kick off for this new space we have an open invitation to all students to submit work for consideration for our inaugural exhibition in October. Please see the attached flyer. We look forward to an enthusiastic response from our students!

Ms. Baker, the Gifted teacher, has asked about her students displaying the art project they'll be working on shortly, in the Library. And some of her students have already come in and asked me about it.
I will be sending the "Call for Entries" out to all staff here, so you can let students know about our new art space.

Library Hours

The Library is open before school at 7:20 a.m. and after school until 2:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday. We close at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays. Students are welcome to come in (no pass required) BEFORE or AFTER school to check out books, read quietly in our comfy chairs under the beautiful skylight, use computers for school projects or even play chess/ checkers. During school hours (including lunches), students must have a hall pass from a teacher and an academic purpose for coming into the library at those times (e.g. checking out a book, printing for assignments/projects). In order to maintain academic focus, and in accordance with the campus cell phone policy, we ask that if you are bringing your cell phone to the library, you mute the sound or turn it off, before entering, so as to not be disruptive to others.

Printing

Black-N-White Printing: When using the library computers/printers to print for school assignments or projects, students may print black-and-white, double-sided for FREE. However, in order to avoid excessive printing, we ask that you limit your printing to no more than 5 pages, double-sided.
Color printing: We are fortunate to make superior-quality color printing available for our students. But due to the high cost of color ink cartridges, the library is charging 50 cents a page. Students must get approval and assistance from the Librarian or Library Aides before printing color print-outs, in order to avoid excessive printing.

Checking Out 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. New this year: We are no longer collecting overdue fines, similar to the policies of the CCUSD elementary school libraries. However, since middle school level books are very popular, 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. Parents will be contacted regarding lost book fees, but, of course, we prefer to have parents assist their students in finding the book and returning it to our library, so that other students may continue to enjoy reading it.

Textbooks are checked out for the school year. Students do NOT carry them back and forth from school. They are left AT HOME. Each of their teachers has a class set to use during the school day. Teachers can also provide the information for online access to textbooks, if that is available for the text.

Library Volunteers

Finally, we are always in need of new parent volunteers to help with various tasks in the library and our annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Preferably, we would like to have volunteers to help us keep the library open for both lunches, from 10:30-12:30, and whenever there is no scheduled coverage from Library Student Aides. However, we're very flexible with regard to scheduling. If you can routinely volunteer for at least one day a week, or every other week, that would be extremely helpful. Duties typically include checking books in and out to students and some light shelving. We use Signup Genius to make it easy and convenient for volunteers to sign up for a shift, after completing some brief training. Contact Ms. Ledington, STMS Librarian, at the Library Front Desk: 480-272 8609, or Email: tledington@ccusd93.org

CALL FOR ENTRIES

INAUGURAL EXHIBITION CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED STUDENTS.

- PLEASE SUBMIT WORK TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE INAUGURAL EXHIBITION ON "THE ART WALLS" AT SONORAN TRAILS LIBRARY
- OLD, NEW, ANY MEDIA, ANY SUBJECT. CREATED AT HOME OR SCHOOL
- ORIGINAL WORKS BY STUDENT ARTISTS FROM SONORAN TRAILS ONLY
- SUBMIT UP TO THREE PIECES [PLEASE LABEL] TO THE LIBRARY OR SEND IMAGES VIA EMAIL OR TEXT TO:
  MICHELE: michelecdesimone@gmail.com
  or 623 628 8481
- SUBMIT PIECES BY SEPTEMBER 24TH FOR EXHIBITION OCTOBER 1ST.

GOOD LUCK

WE
NEED
FRAMES
We now have two Art Walls in the Library to showcase our talented students. But we need frames! Please consider donating any unused frames you might have. We want an eclectic look, so all styles accepted!
At least a 12x16 opening.
Thank you!
Please contact Michele at 623-628-8481 if you have questions.

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 **an $80 per club fee**. Descriptions of clubs are on the next two pages.

Monday	Student Council meets in room 514 with Ms. Arnold & Mr. Francis Yearbook meets in room 306 with Ms. Wilson Roleplay Club meets in room 201 with Mr. Nielson until 4:30
Tuesday	Veteran's Heritage Project meets in room 525 with Ms. Griffith Robotics (considered a sport so the fee is $155) meets in room 302 with Ms. Fauss until 4:00 Pinterest Craft Club meets in room 613 with Mrs. Kniffen Harry Potter book club meets in room 410 with Ms. Cunningham
Wednesday	NJHS meets at 6:45 a.m. in room 608 with Mrs. McLyn & Mr. DeVore Sustainability meets in room 404 with Mrs. Moran and Ms. Fauss Chinese Club meets in room 310 with Wang Lao Shi FPS meets in room 509 with Ms. Spiess French Club meets in room 201 with Mr. Nielsen
Thursday	Drama Club meets in room 447 with Ms. Fauss & Ms. Arnold Ceramics Club meets in room 435 with Mr. Lazo Jazz Band meets in room 445 with Mr. Brady Stingers Unified meets in room 205 with Ms. Mardeusz (not weekly)
Friday	FPS meets in room 509 at 6:30am with Ms. Spiess Youth & Government Club meets in room 513 with Mrs. Hintz & Ms. Valva Drawing and Painting Club meets in room 435 with Mr. Lazo Roleplay Club meets in room 201 with Mr. Nielson until 4:30

CLUBS ARE STARTING!

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 2018-2019 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!

FPS is an academic program that challenges students to think creatively, critically, and futuristically. Students work in think-tank teams of four and analyze issues facing society today and in the future using a six-step creative problem-solving process. Students target, solve, and create action plans for problems in writing, and also showcase their work as dramatic presentations.

VHP is a year long project. Our mission is to connect students with veterans in order to honor veterans, preserve America's heritage, and develop future leaders. As a member of this club, you will have the opportunity to interview men and women about their service, archive your interview with the VHP at the Library of Congress, publish your veteran's story in narrative form in the next volume of Since You Asked, and sharpen your writing/public speaking skills.

Painting & Drawing Club

Ceramics Club

Roleplay Club

Do you like fantasy and creative problem solving? Do you like you working w/ like minded fantasy fans? If so come check out what this club is all about!!

CLUBS ARE STARTING!

This 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!

If you like to debate & want a chance to go to the Arizona State Capital to see how laws are created, work with other students in Mock Trials, and so much more come by Room 513 for more information on our new Youth & Government Club hosted by Mrs. Hintz & Ms. Valva.

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.

Sustainability Club

Stinger Sustainability Club will focus on sustainable solutions in our community! We will work on spreading awareness, reducing waste on campus, creating a pollinator garden, and current trends in sustainability

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.

Students in the Jazz Band will learn about the style and characteristics of jazz, as well as how it applies to their instrument! In addition, they'll learn fun and exciting new music that they'll prepare for performances! Students DO need to know how to read music and should have prior experience on their instrument.

Foreign Language Clubs

Do you want to improve your French or Chinese language and have fun at the same time? Then join either the French or Chinese Club. Activities might include, speaking culture, discuss and view movies in the language, make food, compare cultures and create a news segment throughout the year either in French or Chinese. We create posters and decorations for the World Language building like flags, etc. The Language Clubs meet in different rooms.

STMS Game Cheer
Tryouts September 11th & 13th

Cheer your school on!!!!

Tryout for the 2018-2019

STMS Game Cheer Team

STINGER CHEER

- 2 Practices per week
- Cheer at Basketball games & perform a ½ time routine
- 1st Game November 14th
- Compete in the Deer Valley Competition Date TBD
- Practices Start 9/17 – Uniform Fitting 1st practice
  - Monday's 4:00pm – 5:00pm (No Study Hall)
  - Wednesday's 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Pre-Tryout Meeting September 5th in the STMS Library @ 6:45pm

We will discuss costs, expectations & commitments
Both Parent & Cheerleader should attend

NOTE: Must bring permission slip, grades and current physical to the first day of tryouts

Any questions please email the Coaches: **SonoranTrailsCheer@gmail.com**

Coach Sara & Coach Marissa

2018 – 2019 Game Cheer Tryouts

September 11th & 13th 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sonoran Trails Middle School Game Cheer Tryouts 2018

Permission and Release Form

Participant's Name:_____ Grade for the 2018 – 2019 School Year:_____

I give my consent for _____ to participate in the Sonoran Trails Middle School Game Cheer tryouts September 11th & 13th 2018, knowing both the benefits and potential of injury associated with such participation. I further understand that cheerleading is a sport that can be dangerous. I give permission for my child to be spotted in any skill set they would like to learn or demonstrate. Safety precautions and basic skill progression s are followed, but some skill are inherently more dangerous than others. I also acknowledge the responsibility of my child to follow the coaches' instructions regarding technique, training and rules.

Be it known that I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named student, do give my consent to authorize coaches, school personnel or medical personnel to render any necessary first aid. I further authorize any of the above to use their own judgement in securing medical aid and emergency medical transport in my absence.
It is also understood that any expenses incurred will be paid for by the insurance or parent/guardian of the student trying out. Payment of the expense IS NOT THE SCHOOL, THE DISTRICT, OR THE COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY.

_____ _____ _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) **Parent/Guardian Signature** **Date**

Family Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Insurance CO: _____ Policy #: _____

Allergies to Medication: _____ Allergies to Food: _____

Medical History: _____

_____

In the event of an emergency, please contact me at:

Mom's Name: _____ Mom's Cell: _____

Dad's Name: _____ Dad's Cell: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

If cannot be reached, please contact (Name): _____ Phone: _____

Everyone must turn in the permission slip & ALL tryout paperwork to a Coach September 11th before being released to participate.

<u>What to wear</u>: Black athletic shorts, a plain white top, athletic shoes and your hair pulled back in a neat, clean ponytail

Please Email Coach Sara or Coach Marissa with any questions or concerns: **<u>SonoranTrailsCheer@gmail.com</u>**

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