



STRACK NEWS

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School Spirit in Style

Let's get ready for some cold weather at Strack! Long Sleeves Spirit Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies are now available to purchase online! Order yours today! We will take orders from 11/04/15 to 11/17/15. We estimate these items to be ready the week of 12/07-12/11. We will make an announcement as soon as we receive our order. Please let your student know you have purchased one of these items. Contact Mrs. McKeever at mmckeever1@kleinisd.net if you have any questions.

Step 1: Go to

<https://kleinisd.schoolcashonline.com>*

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, click the school cash link, select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

You can choose to print your receipt at check out. -OR-

A receipt will automatically be sent to your email address.

Payment history is stored in your account under the 'Payment History' tab.

Parent Help Line: 1-866-961-1803

Email: parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

*You must use Internet Explore 11 or higher

Attendance Counts!

If your child is absent from school, please remember to send a note stating why your child was absent. On your note include your child's first and last name, grade level, the date(s) of the absence, reason for absence and your signature. Turn the note into the Attendance Office within five school days of the absence. You may e-mail Mrs. Hart at mehart@kleinisd.net

If you take your child to the doctor, please ask for a doctor's note and return the note to Mrs. Hart in the Attendance Office as soon as your child returns to school.

Important Dates for the 3rd Six Weeks

November 12th— Strack Bullritos Night

November 19th—Strack Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

November 23-27—Student Holidays

December 2—Strack Choir Concert at 7pm at KCHS

December 9—Strack Orchestra Holiday Concert at 6:45 at Strack

December 10—Progress Reports sent home

December 11—Final Exam in Art and PATH

December 14—Final Exam in Health and Digital Design

December 15—Final Exam in TSDE/Prof. Com./Comm Apps

December 16—Final Exam in For. Lang/Algebra 1

December 17—Final Exam in For. Lang/Algebra 2

December 21-Jan. 4—Student Holiday (students return to school on January 5, 2016!)

Comer's Corner

Dear Families,

The leaves are turning, the chill of fall is in the air, and the school year has hopefully settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children since the beginning of the school year.

The months of November and December are full of opportunities and important dates for our students. As the term winds to a close, it's more important than ever that students are at school all day. To encourage that, we are having a drawing at the end of the term for some very special prizes including several gift cards and a set of BEATS headphones! Students' names will be entered for each day they are in full attendance during the third six weeks. So if your child is here every day for this grading period, his/her name will be in the drawing 25 times!

We are working with students on a daily basis to be respectful towards one another and keep their hands to themselves. It's important that all students respect one another's personal boundaries by not touching in any way anyone else or their belongings.

On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, I am very thankful for the opportunity to lead a student-centered staff, work with supportive parents, and with your incredibly talented children within a great school district.

Library Snapshot Day

Strack held their Texas Library Snapshot Day on October 9. Libraries across the state collect images and statistics to promote Texas libraries and show how valuable libraries are to schools and the community. Our day was filled with a meeting by library club members, students before school working on projects or homework, and classes throughout the day selecting books for the reading programs. We also celebrated Star Wars Reads Day. Teachers and students could enter the drawing for prizes by wearing a Star Wars shirt, checking out a book and correctly answering a trivia question.

Blood Drive

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive at: [Klein Instructional Center](#)

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
(08:30 am - 01:00 pm)
4411 Louetta Rd
Room 100
Spring, TX 77388

Please contact Janet Webb at 832-249-4336 or email jwebb@kleinisd.net to schedule an appointment

Commit for Life donors will receive **Commit for Life** points for their donation to use in the **Commit for Life** store.

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NJHS Striving for Excellence

Strack NJHS has been very active this year. Students have already accumulated over 800 hours in community service in a wide range of activities. Many of our students are giving back to Benfer by working on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as tutors at their former elementary school. As a group, the NJHS students held a "Pizza and Posters" party and prepared over thirty *Attendance Counts* posters to display throughout the school year. In addition, the students are heading to the Houston Food Bank November 13th to have an evening of service helping prepare food for our neighbors in need.



Nurse's Corner

The cooler weather has arrived and can be a trigger for those with asthma. If your child suffers from asthma, please make sure Nurse Pali has the appropriate medication in the clinic.

Cold and Flu season is upon us. Hand washing is an effective method of reducing exposure to many illnesses. There are simple things that can be done to keep yourselves and your children healthy. School nurses teach these precautions to our students but it is also helpful for parents to emphasize these points with their children.

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes and nose.
- Wash your hands frequently. It is recommended that hands be washed for 15 to 20 seconds. That is about the same time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.
- When soap and water are not available, alcohol based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores.

For more information, please feel free to contact Nurse Pali at 832-249-5405.



Art Expressions

Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. This year's theme was "Share Peace". **Haeseul Kim**, an eighth grade art student at Strack Intermediate has won the local Klein Lion's Club contest. Haeseul's artwork will now be sent on to regional and national competition. Mr. William R. Hughes, a representative of the Klein Lion's Club, will present Haeseul with a certificate and award in a special ceremony at Strack.



The Texas Art Educators Association holds a state conference every year in November. This year, the conference will be in Galveston. T.A.E.A. requested that Klein ISD submit student artwork to be displayed during the conference, in the student gallery.

Ian Johnson, a Strack eighth grader, was one of only four intermediate students in Klein to have their artwork selected for the exhibition. His graphite pencil self-portrait, titled, "Melancholy" will be on display throughout the T.A.E.A. conference in Galveston, from November 11th – 15th. Congratulations, Ian!

Communication is the Key

There are several ways to make sure that you stay up-to-date on what is happening on campus. In addition to our school website, www.strack.kleinisd.net, you can subscribe to our school-wide Remind account to receive text messages concerning important events and activities. Also, please make sure that your contact information is correct in Parent Connect as we will continue to use Parent Link for more detailed announcements.

Strack Admin would like you to join Strack Intermediate!



To receive messages via text, text @strack to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @strack'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @strack to (832) 850-2534 instead.



*Standard text message rates apply.

StudentNet



The state and district provide many great resources to use for projects, research and homework. All of these resources can be found on StudentNet.

StudentNet can also be accessed at home. Follow these steps to access the online resources.

- Go to www.Kleinisd.net
- Find the "Student section"
- Click on the link to StudentNet

Please encourage the use of e-books and online databases. The information found on StudentNet will be accurate, age appropriate, and also includes the proper format to cite the source to avoid plagiarizing.

*Please call or see the librarian for passwords: Norren Adams, 832-249-5417.