

Strongsville City Schools District Happenings

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22nd - Demolition to Begin at Annex and former Publications Buildings

February 24th - [K-5 Go Math! Program Technology Parent Meeting](#)

February 25th - Middle School Transition Parent Meetings

- Middle School administrators and guidance counselors will be on hand to meet with parents to discuss all things middle school; courses, scheduling, and questions. The meetings will be held at the Strongsville High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 6th graders and 7:00 p.m. for incoming 7th graders.

February 28th - Athletic Booster Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

At the February 18th Board Meeting, Superintendent Ryba gave an update on the "Excellence with Athletics" campaign. Click to see the [presentation](#), as well as a [video](#) that highlights the importance of enhancing our athletic facilities from a students perspective. As you can see on the last presentation slide, we have raised over \$700,000 and need your support to make this vision a reality for our students and community. Please click [here](#) to find out how you can become a partner in this exciting campaign.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Sixty Seconds with the Superintendent

Click [here](#) to view our most recent edition of 60-Seconds with the Superintendent. This week we are at the Strongsville City Schools Administrative Offices (formerly Zellers Elementary), highlighting the transition from an elementary school to consolidating two administrative office buildings into one.

Strongsville Announces Demolition Date for Publications/Food Bank and Annex Buildings

Strongsville City Schools will begin the demolition of the publications/food bank and annex buildings, located at 13200 Pearl Road, on Monday, February 22. The demolition is a major step in the Strongsville Middle School construction project that is currently 80 percent complete and will open in August. The state-of-the-art Strongsville Middle School project is on time and on budget.

Please note that this demolition does not include Center Middle School or the former Board of Education building. These buildings will be demolished this summer/fall along with the Drake Elementary, Albion Middle School and the Pupil Services building located on Pearl Road. Public walk-throughs are scheduled for residents who would like to see these buildings one last time and share their memories. Drake is scheduled April 5th, Albion April 12th and Center is scheduled for April 19th. All walk-throughs will occur from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

“We are excited for this milestone in our construction program” said Board of Education Member George Grozan, “Our team has worked diligently to make sure the new building is on time and on budget. The new Strongsville Middle School is a state of the art educational facility, reflecting what our residents expect from our school district. At the same time we are saving money by removing old and inefficient buildings. We are excited for this new chapter in our district’s history.”

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Participant-Driven Technology Conference

Strongsville City Schools will be hosting **#EdCampCLE 2016** this year for any area educators. This exciting technology “un”conference promises to be bigger than ever, connecting educators and administrators from across Ohio. The event will be on **May 21, 2016** at Kinsner Elementary School. This is a free conference that can help rejuvenate your passion for teaching! Take away some great ideas and start building lessons for next year. Not only is it a **FREE** day of collaboration and learning; EdCampCLE will provide a light breakfast during registration (7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.) and lunch. They’ll even give away prizes at the end of the day! Talk to some of the the most innovative educators Ohio has to offer and get great ideas to implement in your classroom. Visit the [website](#) to [Register](#) now!

Strongsville Education Foundation Scholarships for SHS students

The Foundation manages several endowed scholarship funds established by members of our community, and will be distributing the following this spring:

- D. MacDowell Scholarship \$500
- G. Setterfield Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Strongsville Education Foundation Scholarship \$1,000 (x3)
- S.R. Zellers Scholarship \$1,000
- Brooke Bossman Memorial Scholarship \$400
- Richard A Perez Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Cleveland Memorial Scholarship
- Carole L. Maatz Music Scholarship \$1,000
- Ryan Cleveland Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Bethanne Hoyt Flamik Memorial Scholarship \$500

Each of the above scholarships will be processed through the SHS guidance office and will need to use the SHS application. Applicants can use this form linked [here](#) to apply for all 35 scholarships at once. There are NO restrictions other than being a senior, so apply right away. Applications are due Tuesday, March 1, 2016 by 3:00 pm. The SHS senior salute is on May 5, 2016.

The Foundation also offers the Samantha Archer Memorial Fund, which is a \$2,500 scholarship for up to 3 years for a nursing student. The deadline for the Samantha Archer Memorial Fund is April 15, 2016.

Check out Strongsville City Schools on Social Media

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to Strongsville alumnus **Patrick Monnius**. Patrick is a top notch multi-faceted string player, He graduated from Strongsville High School and was a member of the Strongsville Symphony Orchestra and select Strongsville Chamber Strings Orchestra. Patrick is a violinist currently studying at the Oberlin College Conservatory. He has participated in masterclasses with Jeffrey Irvine, Lynne Rasmey, and Renee Skerik. Patrick started playing viola in the fifth grade through the Strongsville school system in which he grew up. Ever since he began, he has enjoyed playing the viola and sharing his music with others. He has attended Credo Chamber Music Camp during the summers of 2011, 2012, and 2013 and Credo Australia during January '15 where he was a counselor and assistant staff member. He was a member of the Cleveland Youth Orchestra, serving as principal for the 2014-2015 season, and the Baldwin Wallace University Orchestra serving as assistant principal for the 2014-2015 season. He was also the recipient of The Donald Crossley Memorial Prize in the 2014 Ohio Viola Society competition and the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Outstanding High School Senior award. As well as classical music, Patrick's playing extends into such genres as Fiddling, Bluegrass, Country, and Rock. Non-classical mentors include Buddy Spicher, Tammy Rogers-King, and Mark Wood.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Have a community event to share? Email spetrie@scsmustangs.org and we will try to include the event in a future edition of the Strongsville Schools Happenings!

Read Around the World

On Saturday, February, 27th the Kiwanis Club of Strongsville is sponsoring its annual "Read Around the World" program from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Strongsville Community Library. Members of the Kiwanis believe that the sooner a child gets interested in reading, the better the chance they have for success in school. The program and its activities are intended for preschool and K-5th graders. There is no admission charge for children and their accompanying adult. Cookies and beverage will be available at no charge. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

Strongsville Community Band Concert

From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center on February 28th to hear the Strongsville Community Band play a tribute to the city's Bicentennial. The concert is free and open to all.

Minecraft Challenge II

Kids in grades 4 and up can take the Minecraft Challenge Part II at the Strongsville Library. Join another building challenge and vie for a prize. Register at (440) 238-5530. The event will

be held on February 29th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

Discover your Flavor Fundraiser

If you have never tried Indian Cuisine, now is your chance. Bhelwala Indian Street food offers fresh, healthy authentic Indian cuisine in a less intimidating, non-traditional way. You will be able to sample all of the items before you put them in your bowl, roll or salad. Bhelewala has agreed to donate 20% of all sales in support of the SHS Choral Boosters. Thursday March 10th from 11 am – 9pm. No advance tickets required just mention SHS or SHS Choral boosters and be treated a truly a unique experience. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

Kids Resale Event

The Strongsville Early Childhood PTA will be hosting a Kids Resale Event. Kids Closet is Saturday March 12, 2016. It will be held in the Strongsville High School Cafeteria, 20025 Lunn Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tables are on sale now. The cost is \$20 for SECPTA members and \$25 for non-members. Table registration forms are available at www.secpta.org. Cost of admission to the sale is \$5.00 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and \$1.00 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4th Annual Minute Men Run

Sign up for the 4th annual minute men run on Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at Progressive Field. The event will benefit the Beds for Kids at the Cleveland Furniture Bank. The kids dash is for ages 10 and under. Single and Home Run Events are \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 on race day. Sign up by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) to view the event flyer. Online registration will close on Friday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. All mailed pre-registered entries must be received by Wednesday, April 6th. Please make checks payable to: Hermes Sports & Events.