

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, August 18 - 7pm	Strongsville Board of Education Meeting (Admin. Bldg.)
Saturday, August 20 - 9a-3p	Strongsville Middle School Orientation (see below for specific times and grade levels)
Tuesday, August 23	First Day of School for Grades 1-9 & Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday, August 24	First Day of School for Kindergarten & Grades 10-12
Monday, August 29	First Day of School for Early Learning Preschool (Aug. 23-26 Orientation)
Sunday, September 11	Strongsville Middle School Community Open House / Cleveland POPS Orchestra Concert

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Changes are happening throughout the district, including renovations at Strongsville High School. In this episode, **SHS Principal Mark Smithberger** takes us on a tour of the “new look” building. Click [HERE](#) to see the exciting updates at SHS.



SHS Principal Mark Smithberger providing a tour of updated areas at the high school

DISTRICT UPDATES

Strongsville Middle School Orientation + Strongsville Community Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th, with two great events planned. Strongsville Middle School Student Orientation will take place that day, at the following times:

9:00am - 10:30am	6th Grade
11:00am - 12:30pm	7th Grade
1:00pm - 2:30pm	8th Grade

Students will receive their schedules and information packets and be able to locate their rooms, lockers, etc. Teachers and administrators will be available to answer questions.

In addition, make plans for **Strongsville's Community Day, presented by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce**. Join the community in celebrating the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce's 75th Anniversary with free food and entertainment in the center of town from 11am-3pm.



Strongsville City Schools Open House Schedule

All Strongsville Schools will feature open houses during the first two weeks of the academic year. These events are for families to meet the teachers and staff at each school. Elementary schools and preschool will conduct their open house events on Monday, August 22. Strongsville Middle School will have three open house dates - Tuesday, August 23 (Grade 6), Thursday, August 25 (Grade 7), and Tuesday, August 30 (Grade 8). Strongsville High School's open house will be held on Thursday, September 1. Click [HERE](#) for the complete Strongsville City Schools Open House schedule.

Immunization Requirements for the Upcoming School Year

Please check your student's immunization requirements for returning to school. If your student is missing immunizations or if you have not provided proof that your student has been immunized, please contact the office of our district nurse at 440.846.4137.

IMPORTANT: All immunization documentation or exemption forms must be provided **no later than September 14, 2016** to avoid exclusion from school.

Section 3313.671 Ohio Revised Code: No pupil, at the time of initial entry or at the beginning of each school year, shall be permitted to remain in school for more than fourteen (14) days unless the pupil presents written evidence that the pupil has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized.

Books-A-Million Book Drive to Support Strongsville City Schools

The Books-A-Million book drive is underway through August 27th. Just visit and make a purchase at the Books-A-Million store at Southpark Mall. You will be asked if you would like your purchase to count toward the Strongsville City Schools Book Drive. Books-A-Million will make a donation on your behalf. These donations will be totaled at the end of the drive and books will be donated to each of the schools in our district, based on the amount raised. Please consider making a purchase between now and August 27 to help benefit Strongsville Schools!

Chromebooks Have Arrived!

Chromebooks have been delivered and are being prepared for our students. As part of the district's 1:1 Initiative, all incoming freshmen will be receiving their own Chromebook which they will keep and

use throughout their high school career. New Chromebooks have also been delivered to Strongsville Middle School and the elementary schools, as we continue to incorporate digital citizenship into our curriculum and prepare our students for this ever-changing world of technology.



Join the Strongsville Athletics Booster Club Today!

The Strongsville Athletic Boosters is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of parent volunteers that raise funds and provides support to all of the Strongsville High School and Middle School athletic programs and student athletes. Every dollar this club raises is invested back into the student athlete experience at Strongsville. The Strongsville Athletic Boosters purchase uniforms, warmups, training equipment and other items to make our student athletes perform to the best of their ability in representing Strongsville City Schools. Our ultimate success depends on the commitment of parents like you!

To become a member, please log on to the new SHS Athletics Boosters website:

<https://strongvilleboosters.membershiptoolkit.com/home>



*SHS Girls Soccer Team - **Ranked #11 in the Nation**
In Top Drawer Soccer Pre-Season Poll*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Strongsville Education Foundation Brings the Cleveland Pops Orchestra to Strongsville Middle School

Make plans to enjoy a community open house and special concert on Sunday, September 11 at Strongsville Middle School. The Strongsville Education Foundation, with sponsors Medical Mutual and Southwest General Hospital, is proud to present the Cleveland Pops Orchestra for a special concert at 4:00pm. Strongsville Middle School will also be featuring an open house for the community from 12:00pm-3:30pm. Mark your calendars to be part of this day and have the opportunity to see the newest addition to our Strongsville City School District. Click [HERE](#) for the event flyer.

Strongsville Junior Mustangs & Basketball Coaches Clinic

Don't miss two great opportunities from Strongsville's Athletic Department:

The **Junior Mustangs** program is open to K-8th grade youth basketball players looking to further develop their skills. These Thursday night sessions will be led by SHS varsity basketball players and held at Strongsville High School. Participants also receive free admission to Mustangs Basketball Games! Click [HERE](#) for registration and more information.

Strongsville High School Boys & Girls Basketball Coaches, Darren Collins and Jeff Eicher, will be conducting a FREE coaching clinic for youth basketball coaches on Saturday, October 29 from 9am - 12pm. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to **Elizabeth "Libby" Jackson**, Strongsville High School Class of 2014. Libby is a recent recipient of the 2015-16 Performing Arts Library Colloquium Series' Excellence in Research Awards. Presented annually by The Kent State University Libraries and the College of the Arts, the awards recognize undergraduate and graduate students' scholarly excellence and are based on submissions of original research papers, relating to theatre, dance and/or music. Libby's research paper, *The Interchanging Development of Sexuality: Laumann's Theory in LGBTQ Texts*, earned her the Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research.

Libby is a second-year Honors student at Kent State University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in theatre studies and a minor in English. With a concentration on theatre and society, she plans to continue studying modern theatre as it applies to today's politics, cultures and people. **#foreveramustang**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

August Events at Strongsville Library

Please note the following August 2016 events at the Strongsville Branch Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call (440) 238-5530 to register or for more information. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Customers may also visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org to register and to see more library event information.

Summer of Zen: Adult Summer Coloring Workshop. Saturday, August 13th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Coloring is not just for kids anymore! Research suggests that coloring is one of the best ways for adults to reduce stress & relax. Materials and different coloring pages will be provided or participants are welcome to bring their own. We will have a quiet space for adults who want to join others who love to color! Registration is not required.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on Wednesday, August 17th. This month we will be discussing our favorite reads of the summer. Registration for this program is not needed. Join us for an evening of great discussion!

Live Happy. Thursday, August 18th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Jim Kargakos, psychology professor and certified life coach, will present scientifically-based knowledge on what factors make people happier, and conversely what factors detract from happiness. You will gain knowledge and tools to structure your life so that you can live happier.

Monday Afternoon Book Discussion. Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be held on Monday, August 22nd. This month we will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Paula Hawkins. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Weird Science: Terrariums! Teens in Grades 5 - 12. Monday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Create a beautiful plant terrarium using a glass jar, plants, and soil. Learn how water cycles and photosynthesis make it possible.