

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, July 11 - 7pm	Strongsville Board of Education Work Session (Admin. Bldg.)
Thursday, August 4 - 7pm	Strongsville Board of Education Work Session (Admin. Bldg.)
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)

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

The new Strongsville Middle School is nearing completion. Take a tour of this state-of-the-art learning environment with a sneak peek before classes begin on Tuesday, August 23rd. Click [HERE](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

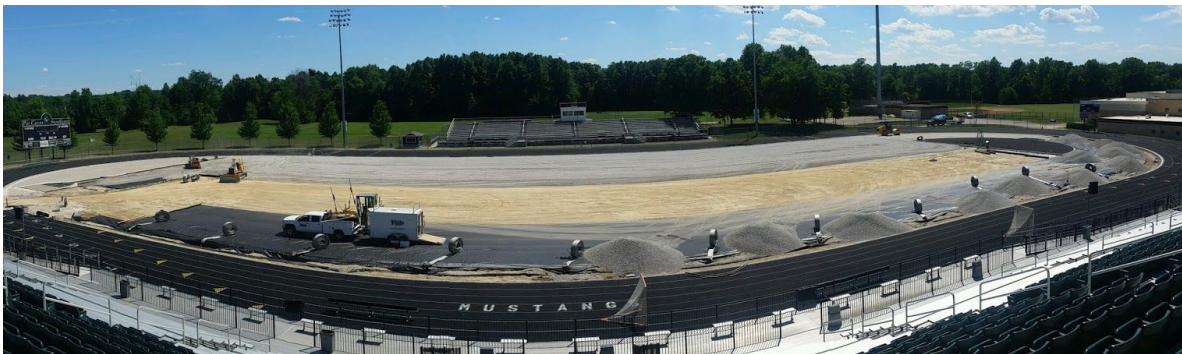
Time Capsule Unearthed at Center Middle School

During preparation for the demolition of Center Middle School, workers found a time capsule in one of the walls. The capsule included a photo of Strongsville High School's Class of 1940, along with a class roster and a listing of the teachers. The photo brought back special memories for **Rodney Wheller**, who still lives in Strongsville. The 93 year-old was featured in this FOX 8 news [STORY](#) recently.



“Excellence In Athletics” Campaign Receives Two New Donations

Triv’s Restaurant and Strongsville Rotary Foundation are the latest organizations to step up and make donations to the “Excellence in Athletics” fundraising campaign. Each has committed \$25,000 toward the funding for turf fields at Pat Catan Stadium (Strongsville High School) and at Strongsville Middle School. Over \$1.6 million has been raised through generous donations from the community including Serpentine Chevrolet, Southwest General Health Center, the Pat Catan family, Progressive Poured Walls, Shoreline Trucking, GPD Group, Hammond Construction, Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, Strongsville’s Athletic Booster Club, Strongsville’s Music Booster Club, Strongsville Lacrosse, Strongsville Soccer Organization, City Club, Chick-fil-A, the MAQ Center, Strongsville administration and Board members, and Strongsville PTA.



Panoramic View of Pat Catan Stadium Playing Surface Construction
Photo Taken on 06.27.16



Strongsville Middle School Playing Surface Construction
Photo Taken on 06.24.16

Potential Sale of Drake Elementary School Building & Property

Upon the recommendation of the Board Facilities Development Committee, Strongsville's Board of Education approved placing the Drake Elementary school building and property up for public auction to determine the market value of these district assets, and potential sale to an interested buyer.

A special Board of Education work session was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Administration Offices (18199 Cook Ave.), which included opportunities for public comment. Click [HERE](#) for some of the frequently asked questions surrounding this decision by the Board.

Center Middle School Bricks

Own a piece of Strongsville history - Center Middle School bricks are now available. The brick pile is located next to the former Pupil Services building on Pearl Road (15650 Pearl Road). It is in the front parking lot which may be accessed off Rademaker/Miller Rd. and will be replenished throughout the month of July. The bricks are free, but please be respectful of all who may be interested in a memento of the school.



Best of Luck Mr. Carpenter!

We wish **Mr. Jim Carpenter**, former principal at Chapman Elementary School the best of luck as he has accepted a job in another district. Thank you for the time spent impacting students in our district and best of luck as you begin your new opportunity! For those interested, the application for this open position can be found [HERE](#).

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.

And make plans for Strongsville's Community Day, presented by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Join the community in celebrating Strongsville's 200th Birthday and the Chamber's 75th Anniversary with free food and entertainment in the center of town from 11am-3pm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters Golf Outing

Tee off at the inaugural Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters Golf Outing on Saturday, August 6th at Skyland Golf Course (2085 Center Rd. / Hinckley). It will be a fun day of golf to raise money to support Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters AND for this year's band trip to DISNEY! More information about registering can be found [HERE](#).

Singin' in the Ville Camp with Mustang Express

Join the "Mustang Express" at a special camp for young performers. Kids in grades 1-8 will have the chance to learn to sing, dance, and perform on stage at the annual Singin' in the Ville Camp, August 15-18 at Albion Middle School. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to **Olivia Kotlarz**, a 2016 SHS graduate who recently earned a \$2,000 scholarship by placing first in a contest sponsored by the law firm of Spangenberg Shibley & Liber LLP. Students were invited to create an original public service announcement about one of four important societal issues (bullying, voting, nutrition, distracted driving). Over 100 students from 27 different states submitted a PSA video. Click [HERE](#) to see Olivia's winning PSA video. **#foreveramustang**



Olivia Kotlarz, 2016 SHS Grad, is presented the award for First Place in the Spangenberg Shibley & Liber LLP 2016 Video PSA College Scholarship Contest. Presenting the award is William Hawal, a partner in the law firm.
(photo courtesy of Spangenberg Shibley & Liber)