

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, May 9 (7pm-9pm) Strongsville Board of Education Work Session (Admin. Bldg.)
- Tuesday, May 10 (5pm-7pm) Community Conversations with the Superintendent (Admin. Bldg.)
- Friday, May 13 SHS Seniors Last Day of Classes
- Tuesday, May 17 (5pm-7pm) Community Conversations with the Superintendent (Admin. Bldg.)
- Thursday, May 19 (7pm-9pm) Strongsville Board of Education Meeting (Strongsville Recreation Center)
- Friday, May 20 (Early Release) Last Day of Classes for All Students
- Saturday, May 21 (1pm-3pm) Strongsville High School Commencement (CSU Wolstein Center)

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

This week's episode travels to our Early Learning Preschool for a visit with some of the staff and students and an opportunity to hear how they have P.R.I.D.E. in their school. Click [here](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Student Council Groups Work Together to Help the Strongsville Food Bank

Student Council groups from Center Middle School, Albion Middle School, and all of the elementary schools worked together recently to collect donations for the Strongsville Food Bank. Nearly 3,000 food items (\$5,000+ value) were donated by students. Special thanks to the Student Councils from each school for combining efforts and making a difference in our community!

Last Day of School - Revised Release Times

We have had to make changes to the previously shared release times for our last day of school; Friday, May 20. Due to the fact that our last day of school does not coincide with other schools we transport, we will not have the buses to transport all students for our typical last day dismissal times. Please make special note of the following revised **release times** for each school on Friday, May 20:

Elementary Schools

- AM Kindergarten 11:10am
- PM Kindergarten 12:25 pm - 2:30pm (*see altered start and end time*)
- Full Day Kindergarten 2:30pm
- Grades 1-6 2:30pm

Middle Schools

Grades 7-8 2:00pm

High School

Grades 9-12 11:10am

** Polaris Students, Non-Public School Students, and Out-of-District Placement Students will remain on their regular dismissal schedule.*

SPOT Celebrates Our Community of Teachers and Staff

Members of the Strongsville Positive Outreach Team (SPOT) have been working throughout the year to recognize the many staff members who are making a difference in our district. SPOT consists of several teachers, staff, and administrators who are creatively finding ways to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of our district staff. Please click [here](#) for an end of the year video created by a few of the SPOT members.

Changes in Check Payments to the School District

Please note the following change for any payments made by check to the district. Due to revisions in federal banking regulations, **all checks must be made payable to “Strongsville City Schools”** and will no longer be accepted made out to the individual school buildings (e.g. Strongsville High School, Center Middle School, Whitney Elementary School, etc.). This includes ALL checks whether it is for food service, field trips, pay-to-play, trainer fees, school fees/fines, etc. Where applicable, families are encouraged to utilize the PayForIt option found at www.payforit.net.

Center Middle School “Breakfast of Champions”

Students from both the Magic and Rulers teams at Center Middle School were recently honored as part of the “Breakfast of Champions” event. Teachers from each team selected students who represent the six pillars of character - caring, fairness, respect, citizenship, responsibility, and trustworthiness - on a daily basis and make Center Middle School a stronger community. Congratulations to all students who were honored at the “Breakfast of Champions.”



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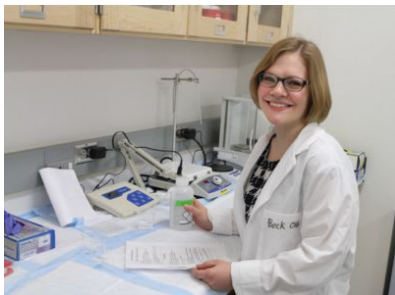
UPCOMING EVENTS

Strongsville Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The third annual Strongsville Athletic Boosters Golf Outing tees off on Friday, June 17th at 1:00pm at Mallard Creek Golf Club. The outing includes 18 holes of golf, skills contests (Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin), lunch and dinner, and plenty of prizes. Enjoy a day on the golf course - and help support Strongsville's Athletic Program. Click [here](#) for registration information.

ALUMNI UPDATES

We are proud of two Strongsville High School alumni - **Caroline David** (Class of '12) and **Ross Vasko** (Class of '13):



Caroline David Receives Top Honor from Minnesota Psychological Association

The following is an excerpt of the press release from Gustavus Adolphus College:

Gustavus Adolphus College senior Caroline David was recently named the 2016 winner of the Donald G. Paterson Award in Psychology by the Minnesota Psychological Association (MPA).

The Paterson Award recognizes and encourages high achievement in psychology at the undergraduate level and is given to an outstanding college senior planning a career in psychology. Each college in Minnesota nominates one senior student for the award every year. David is the fifth Gustavus student to be honored with the Paterson Award by the MPA.

A religion and honors psychological science double major, David will head to the University of Massachusetts Boston after graduation to pursue a doctorate in developmental and brain sciences. During her time in Boston, she will focus her research on behavioral neuroendocrinology in Dr. Jin Ho Park's lab.

Click [here](#) for the full press release on Caroline from Gustavus Adolphus College.



Ross Vasko Earns the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program

The following is an excerpt of the press release from The Ohio State University:

Ross Vasko, a junior honors student in computer science and engineering, is conducting research on flow field visualization with Rephael Wenger (Department of Computer Science & Engineering). His work with Wenger and Han-Wei Shen (Department of Computer Science & Engineering) has been accepted for presentation at this summer's EuroVis conference in the Netherlands. In addition, Ross spent the summer of 2015 conducting research with Franz Quint at the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences through the DAAD RISE program. Their work on real-time depth estimation of plenoptic cameras was published in *Advances in Visual Computing*. Ross has received the Shurtz Award for excellence in first-year mathematics, the College of Engineering Undergraduate Research Scholarship, and the Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Research Award. After receiving a Ph.D. in computer science, he plans to teach and conduct research on geometric algorithms as a professor.

Click [here](#) for the link to the full press release on Ross from OSU's School of Engineering.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

FREE Children's Health Fair

Strongsville High School junior, Krithika Sundaram, is hosting a free Health Fair for children ages 8-11 at the Strongsville Recreation Center on Sunday, May 22, from 1:00-4:30 pm. Krithika is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award Project and received a 2016 Team Strongsville Kelly Kinney Pay It Forward Grant to help fund her project.

KICK Diabetes 3v3 Soccer Tournament

Strongsville Soccer Club presents the KICK Diabetes 3v3 Soccer Tournament to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8:30am - 12:00pm at the Ehrnfelt Soccer Complex (Foltz) in Strongsville. The tournament is open to U8-12 girls and features games, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and concessions. Click [here](#) for more information on registering a team and for sponsorship opportunities.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Strongsville will host its Relay for Life event on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th at **Albion Middle School**. The event officially begins with a Survivor Luncheon at 11:30 am and Opening Ceremonies at 1:00 pm. The Relay continues throughout the day and night until 8:00 am on May 15. This is a family friendly event with great activities and entertainment, including a kids area, cartoon characters, bands, dance troops, food and fun! All money raised goes toward local research and programs for cancer patients. For more information, click [here](#).

NASA Glenn Research Center Open House

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, NASA's Glenn Research Center is having a free open house at its Lewis Field campus on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 from 10am-6pm each day. See NASA planes up close, step inside wind tunnels, meet astronauts, and talk to NASA scientists and engineers working on the nation's space exploration and aeronautics programs. The event also includes hands-on activities for kids, interactive exhibits, and make-and-take crafts. Visit www.nasa.gov/glenn75 for more information.

Strongsville Homecoming Festival

The 74th Annual Strongsville Homecoming Festival will take place July 13-16, 2016. The 43rd annual parade is Wednesday, July 13. Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 16. Live entertainment takes place each night. Enjoy rides, games, food, and fun for the entire family at the annual Homecoming Festival in July.

Strongsville Library (May Events)

Please note the following upcoming May events at the Strongsville Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call 440.238.5530 for more information and to register. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for more library event information.

Year-Round Story Times!

Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children Birth to Age 5.

Our current story time sessions are on break for the month of May. They will start up again in June. Please call the library for more information about our upcoming Summer story time sessions.

Toy Mania! Wednesday, May 11th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled look at toys of the past. Steve Presser, owner of Big Fun Toy Stores in Cleveland and Columbus, will discuss the history of toys through the ages and the different fads, styles, and changes in toys through the 21st century. He will bring some toys from the past for a fun evening of reminiscing. There will be a question and answer period after the program. Big Fun was voted 1 of the 20 coolest stores in America. All ages welcome!

Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting. Ages 10 – 18. Sat., May 14th from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join the Just 4 U Student Friends and volunteer at the library! We meet once a month on Saturday at 2 pm to help with special library projects or community projects. We have a lot of fun, so join us! Please stop by the library for an application form.

Parkfit Mall Walkers Wellness Talk: Healthy Lifestyle. Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us the third Tuesday of each month for this special wellness talk sponsored by Southwest Hospital. Our speaker this month will be Wendy Zullo, from Southwest Lifeworks talking about living a healthy lifestyle.

The ParkFit Mall Walkers Club is a combined effort of Southwest General and SouthPark Mall in Strongsville. The Club provides an opportunity for community residents to improve their health by walking for exercise in a safe, interesting and climate-controlled facility. Walk at the mall first, then come over to the Library for this informative wellness talk!

Fiber in Your Diet: Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series

Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us for our bi-monthly Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series. Each month we bring a special speaker of interest to seniors and residents of Strongsville. Our May speaker will be Judy Steffes from Southwest General speaking on the Importance of Fiber in your Diet. Refreshments served.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion. 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on **Wednesday, May 18th**. This month we will be discussing *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the circulation desk. Registration for this program is not needed. Just read the book and join us for an evening of great discussion!

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

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be held on **Monday, May 23rd**. This month we will be discussing *West of Sunset* by Stuart O'Nan. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Create a Rube Goldberg Contraption. Ages 11 - 18.

Wednesday, May 25th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ever played the game, *Mousetrap*? Mousetrap is a type of Rube Goldberg machine. Your challenge is to use everyday materials to create your own kooky Rube Goldberg machine. Teens will work in teams and compete for prizes!

***All branches of Cuyahoga County Public Library will be CLOSED in honor of Memorial Day from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. Regular hours resume Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date - Get in the Game! Our **2016 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 4th and runs until Friday, August 6th. Register online, read, volunteer, and complete

activities all summer long to win some great prizes! For more details, visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org