

Strongsville Schools Happenings

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Happy Thanksgiving! There will be no school November 25-27 due to Thanksgiving Break.

Curriculum Update

Technology Update

Our K-8 students have been learning about digital citizenship, online safety, and computer basics during their weekly Learning.com Tech Literacy sessions. Click [here](#) to visit our technology site to watch a video of them in action.

College Scholarship/Financial Aid Information

Financial Aid Information night will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 16th in the main gym at Strongsville High School. The event is free of charge and will provide families with information on ways of paying for college including loans, grants, and scholarships.

Family Connection is available via student and parent Naviance accounts, which provide scholarship databases for our families to utilize in order to secure valuable scholarship monies. Families can follow this [link](#) to their Naviance accounts or access them through the [guidance website](#). Families can also click [here](#) for more helpful tips on college loans, college savings, financial aid information, scholarships, and more.

Strongsville is fortunate to have a strong community network of scholarship sponsors who give generously each year to Strongsville students. Local scholarship applications are available through the guidance office webpage in February. Check out the Strongsville High School Twitter account [@MustangsMonies](#) which communicates scholarship opportunities to families.

Last year, Strongsville students earned over \$1 million in scholarship money!

Athletic Update - Fall Sports Roundup

Girls Tennis The girls tennis team finished with an overall record of 13-6 and 4-3 in the Greater Cleveland Conference. Overall the team finished in 4th place in the GCC out of 8 teams. The team was a sectional qualifier.

Girls Golf The girls golf team had a great season in a very competitive conference. The team finished 2nd overall in the GCC and also had a district qualifier this year.

Boys Golf The boys golf team finished 4th overall in the GCC. Highlights included finishing 3rd out of 16 at the Elyria Invitational as well as the Midview Invitational. The team

concluded its season finishing 6th out of 17 teams at the sectional to just miss out on qualifying for district competition.

Cross Country The cross country teams both had great seasons. The girls team qualified for the regional tournament and ended up finishing 9th. The boys team qualified two individuals to the regional tournament. In conference action, both teams finished 4th overall.

Football The football team finished with a record of 5-5 and unfortunately missed qualifying for the OHSAA playoffs by 1 spot. The team finished the season off on a high note by beating rival Brunswick in the last game of the year. Congratulations to the 9th grade football team as they finished the season 10-0.

Girls Soccer The girls soccer won this year's district championship and ultimately ended their season in the regional semi-final with a tough 2-1 loss in double overtime to Walsh Jesuit High School. The final record for the girls team this year was 15-2-3.

Boys Soccer The boys soccer team also won a district championship this year and ultimately lost in the regional championship game to St. John's Jesuit, 2-0. The team had a fantastic run through the postseason and finished with a record of 13-5-3.

Thank you to the **Mustang Cheerleading Squad** for the great job this fall leading the student section and raising the level of school spirit for all of Strongsville's athletic programs.

Congratulations to the **Mustang Marching Band** that did a great job at all of our football games this season. The band looked and sounded fantastic!

Lastly, thank you to the **Strongsville Athletic Booster Club** for their support this fall. If you want more information or would like to join the booster club, please email shsathleticboosters@gmail.com.

Save the Date The fall athletic awards ceremony will be held in the main gymnasium at the high school on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Winter Sports

All of our winter teams have begun practicing and we are looking forward to seeing you in the stands at all of our home contests. Listed below are the home openers for each team:

- Nov. 21 Girls Basketball vs. Euclid at 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 27 Boys Basketball vs. Olmsted Falls at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Swimming and Diving vs. Brecksville at 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 5 Ice Hockey vs. Brecksville at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 28 Gymnastics vs. Medina at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Wrestling vs. St. Ignatius time TBA

Mustang Athletes Sign College Scholarship Offers

The early signing period for NCAA National Letter of Intent began on Wednesday November 11th. This marks the period that seniors across the country can sign scholarship offers with colleges and universities. Congratulations to four Strongsville athletes DJ Arslanian, Rachel Wymer, Ari Soika and Cassie Martin who recently signed their scholarship offers. Strongsville is extremely proud of these student athletes!

DJ signed with Cleveland State University and will receive an athletic and academic scholarship. DJ is the captain of the Strongsville swimming team, a member of the SwimStrong club team, an NCSA Jr. National qualifier, and a Speedo Jr. National qualifier.

Rachel Wymer signed with Illinois State University. Rachel is in her first season with the Mustangs swim team, having recently moved here from Virginia. Rachel is a three time NCSA Jr. National qualifier and a four time Virginia High School League 4A individual event state finalist.

Ari Soika, a swimmer, committed to attend Trinity College, a division three college located in Hartford, CT. Ari has been selected as the captain of this year's swimming team. She has been a two-time state qualifier, a sectional champion and selected as an all-conference selection twice.

Cassie Martin signed with Duke University and she is a member of the Mustangs track and field team. Throughout her SHS career thus far, Cassie was a two time Division 1 State Outdoor High Jump Champion and two time Division 1 State Indoor High Jump Champion.



Alumni Update

Congratulations to Strongsville alumna **Ellen Cuppage**. Ellen attended Florida Southern University in Lakeland, Florida. In addition to being a professional scuba diver, she has earned bachelor's degrees in Psychology, General Zoology, Animal Behavior, Field Studies in Shark Biology, Research Design and Statistics, Marine Biology, Environmental Sciences, and Oceanography. Ellen was one of three recipients to be honored with the Florida Southern University McClurg Scholarship Award, as one of the college's highest GPAs. To view more Strongsville alumni success stories [click here](#).

Upcoming Community Events

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

Chamber Luncheon: State of the Schools

The monthly Strongsville Chamber of Commerce luncheon will take place on November 17th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Road. Registration is required. The speaker this month is Cameron Ryba, Superintendent of Strongsville City Schools. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$20 per person. Please register online at www.strongvillechamber.com or by calling the chamber office at 440-238-3366.

Brecksville United Church of Christ to Host the Autana Trio

On Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 pm, Brecksville UCC will host the Autana Trio. The Autana Trio features violinist Ruben Rengel, cellist Anna Hurt, and pianist Yuri Noh. The award-winning ensemble, which formed during the musicians' studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will perform works by Bach and Mendelssohn. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. [Click here](#) to view the program flyer.

Fall Family-Friendly Events at Olmsted Performing Arts

[Click here](#) to view the flyer for family-friendly fall events at Olmsted Performing Arts. Events include an All American Girl Holiday on November 13th-14th, and a Pocahontas Thanksgiving on November 20th and 21st. Tickets for these events are available at www.opatickets.com.

A Holiday Tradition-The Nutcracker

Northern Classical Ballet and Ana Lobe Ballet Academy present *The Nutcracker*. The shows will take place on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Wallace Kleist Center for the Arts. Tickets are available starting November 1st; visit www.showtix4u.com. Click [here](#) to see the flyer for the event. Click [here](#) for information on how to meet the characters backstage before the December 12th show!

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