

Strongsville Schools Happenings

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Important Dates to Remember

As a reminder, there is no school for students on November 3rd due to Election Day. This day is used to provide professional development to our staff. Additionally, Wednesday, November 4th will be our next Early Release Day. On early release days, students will be ready for pick-up or arrive home one-hour earlier than a typical school day. Click [here](#) for the early release day schedule.

Daylight savings ends November 1st this year. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and change your smoke detector batteries. Smoke detector batteries should be changed twice each year. Click [here](#) for more information.

Strongsville Students Selected to Participate in Leadership Program

Each year, juniors across the region are selected through a competitive process to participate in the "Look Up to Cleveland" leadership program. For the second year in a row, Strongsville High School has had both of its nominees selected to participate. This year's participants will be **Harold Morton** and **Anne Papandreas**.

Harold and Anne follow in the footsteps of seniors Jasmeen Khuban and Justin Collins. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Look Up To Cleveland is a program of the Cleveland Leadership Center and is supported by corporate, foundation, community sponsors, and alumni. Please visit them at www.cleveleads.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cleveleads for more information.

Chapman Student Receives National Recognition for Gymnastics



Congratulations to second grader **Shayler Smith** of Chapman Elementary! Shayler was named to the USAG National Gymnastics Diamond Team, which is one of the highest honors a seven year old can earn in the sport of gymnastics. Shayler has been designated as one of the top 50 seven year old gymnasts in the country for physical abilities and skills. She trains at Five Star Gymnastics in Brunswick 4-6 days per week, putting in 16-25 hours. This program's path is designed for gymnasts stepping into the developmental program for elite athletes training for future collegiate, national, and world competitions.

Curriculum Update

Telephone Town Hall Meetings

The Ohio Standard Coalition will host telephone town hall meetings to help parents better understand Ohio's Learning Standards and aligned assessments. Callers who join will have the opportunity to hear from local educators and Ohio Department of Education staff about Ohio's academic standards, the upcoming PARCC score release, and Ohio's state tests. Parents will also have the chance to have their questions answered live. Please feel free to participate in these calls. You can sign-up for free and you will be called on the day and time of the event. You can also participate live on the event's web page via streaming, or via iPhone, or Android apps.

Click [here](#) to join the town halls online. The dates of this event are listed below. For more parent information, please visit <http://education.ohio.gov/parents>.

- Monday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 4th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 5th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parent Support Meeting for Parents of Students with Disabilities

On Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. the **Parent Support Meeting** will be held at the Strongsville Library. The Parent Support Meeting is for parents of students with disabilities to discuss topics of interest related to special education in the Strongsville City Schools. This Monday's meeting is also open to parents of students grades K-3 who may be affected by the Third Grade Guarantee and the meeting will feature Erin Green, Director of Curriculum for the Strongsville City Schools. Mrs. Green will present on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, what it entails, and how it impacts our students. Director of Special Education, Andy Trujillo and Parent Mentor, Teresa Karsnak will be on hand to answer questions related to how this mandate impacts students with disabilities. As always, time is set aside for parents to ask questions and participate in discussion. We hope that you can join us, and if you have any questions please contact Andy Trujillo at 440-572-7045. Please RSVP to Teresa Karsnak at tkarsnak@scsmustangs.org if you plan to attend.

Construction Update

The community walkthrough of the new Strongsville Middle School this past Friday was a huge success! We would like to thank the roughly 300 visitors that took part in our guided tours of the building. Strongsville Middle School is on budget and on schedule to open August 2016.



Superintendent Ryba and Assistant Superintendent Pelko at the community walkthrough



Strongsville residents taking a tour of the new Strongsville Middle School

Financial Update

House and Senate Support Partial Restoration of TPP

Strongsville City Schools commends the Ohio Legislature for legislation that restores some of the State funding cut from Strongsville City Schools in the last budget. Recently, the House and Senate agreed upon a bill that provides \$44 million in Fiscal Year 2017 for schools negatively impacted by the loss of TPP reimbursement in the recent biennium budget.

Strongsville City Schools lost more than \$2.8 million in FY 2017 when Governor Kasich line-item vetoed a hold-harmless clause in the budget. The recent legislation, which Governor Kasich is expected to sign, restores approximately \$2.3 million in state funding to Strongsville, meaning the state funding loss is now approximately \$500,000 for FY 2017.

"We appreciate the legislature restoring a portion of state funding lost in the recent budget," said Superintendent Cameron M. Ryba. "Our District believed the cuts were unfair. I thank the Legislature for addressing the line-item veto that disproportionately affected districts like Strongsville. I also thank the Strongsville community for collectively voicing its opposition to the funding cuts with Sen. Patton and Rep. Dovilla. Our strong voice delivered a compelling message to Columbus. State funding is critical to our District as we plan for our future and continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for our students."

Alumni Update

We are proud of Strongsville alumnus **Brandon Halm**. Brandon attended the University of Richmond, Virginia to earn his B.S.B.A. degree. He is certified as a CAIA Investment Analyst. Brandon advised transportation and logistics, and energy and power companies in the marketing, structuring, and negotiation of mergers, acquisitions, and public and private offerings. He also performed financial analysis and modeling. Brandon is currently an

investment professional for Calvert Street Capital, residing in Baltimore Maryland. Click [here](#) to read more about our Strongsville alumni in our bi-weekly alumni newsletter!

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!

Robotix Blox Halloween Challenge

On October 31st, kids ages 8-11 are invited to the Strongsville Library from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to create their own monster robot and have it perform various "tricks" or "treats". Parents, please complete a photo release for your child prior to the program. Space is limited. Register by calling (440) 238-5530 or www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat in Strongsville will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st.

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 OPA's wildly popular princess event on October 30th, an All American Girl Holiday from 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!

MetroHealth Information Classes hosted by CCPL

Click on the links below to view information about upcoming MetroHealth information courses hosted by the Cuyahoga County Public Libraries.

[Diabetes 101](#)
[Everything You Need to Know About Vaccines](#)
[Teens, Nothing to LOL about Addiction](#)