

District Happenings

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Information on Snow Day Procedures

As the weather gets cooler and winter approaches, we want to make sure families are aware of the procedures that will be followed should the district cancel school for the entire day or implement a two-hour delayed start. Click [here](#) for snow day information with regard to how and when we make the decision to close schools. Additionally, click [here](#) to view procedures for a two-hour delayed start due to inclement weather.

Important Dates to Remember

October 15th marked the end of the first quarter. As was shared in an earlier update, the District will be moving to paperless report cards. Next week, a separate email will be sent to all parents/guardian with directions on how to access their child's report card through PASS.

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. 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.

Curriculum Update

ACT/SAT Prep

As our high school students continue taking the ACT and SAT tests for the college application process, here are some tips on preparing for the tests. The links below have tips and materials such as free practice tests and study guides. Good luck to our students!

[SAT Practice](#)

[ACT Tips](#)

[The New SAT](#)

Check out our new Special Education Parent Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the first edition of the monthly Special Education Parent Newsletter. This newsletter is designed to communicate important topics that impact our families and students. Look for information about the Special Education Department and the Special Education Advisory Committee in this month's edition.

Alumni Update

Congratulations to Strongsville graduate and New York City Broadway star, **Tricia Tanguy**. During her time at Strongsville High School, Ticia was a member of the SHS Mustang Express Show Choir, Cantorum and the Drama Club. She was the lead actress and dance captain in two SHS musicals and a member of the Strongsville Orchestra, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and an honors student. After high school Tricia attended Ithaca College's BFA Musical Theatre Program. She also attended Carnegie Mellon and studied Musical Theatre. Tricia has performed in a number of Broadway shows including Cats, Sister Act with Whoopi Goldberg, Beauty and the Beast, and Bye Bye Birdie. Click [here](#) to see more of Tricia's accomplishments and additional alumni success stories and photos in our bi-weekly Strongsville Alumni Newsletter.

Construction Update

Come see the progress at the new middle school!

Strongsville Schools will be hosting the second community walkthrough of the new Strongsville Middle School. The walkthrough will be Friday, October 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 13200 Pearl Road. Please park behind the Annex and follow the signs to the construction entrance to be taken on a guided tour. Click [here](#) to view our October edition of the Construction Newsletter.

"Ask the Superintendent"

Below are some of the questions you submitted to Superintendent Ryba. Submit your questions for Superintendent Ryba by emailing spetrie@scsmustangs.org and he will respond in a future edition!"

Will the new Strongsville Middle School have full-sized student lockers?

Strongsville Middle School will have lockers for every student in the location of their team assignment. Lockers will be 12" x 12" x 60", which is the recommended size for middle school lockers.

Athletic Update

Excellence in Athletics

Strongsville City Schools is committed to excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. Partner with us in improving our athletic fields with synthetic turf. Turf is more durable, costs less to maintain, and will provide more opportunities to compete on a safer surface. With turf, our athletic fields at Strongsville Middle School and Pat Catan Stadium will be used nearly year-round, providing greater access for school and community events. Click [here](#) to donate now and [here](#) to view our sponsorship opportunities!

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!

Strongsville Community Theatre

SCT presents the musical "The Last 5 Years" on October 16th-18th and 23rd-25th. Shows will take place at Old Town Hall, 18825 Royalton Rd. Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. For more information or tickets, please click [here](#).

Trick or Treat at the Historical Village

On October 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Strongsville Historical Society will host its 7th annual Trick or Treat in the Strongsville Historic Village for ages preschool through kindergarten. Admission to the event is one non-perishable food item or \$1 per person, which will be donated to the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. There will be games and refreshments! Reserve your spot by calling (440) 572-0535.

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!