

Strongsville Schools Happenings

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2015-2016 School Year

Don't forget, school starts earlier than usual this year! In order to allow time for the demolition of Center Middle School and the opening of our new Middle School in the summer of 2016, first through ninth grades will resume August 12. Tenth through twelfth grades and kindergarten will resume August 13 and preschool resumes August 17.

Students Earn Perfect Third Grade Reading Guarantee Results

For the second year in a row, 100% of Strongsville City School's third graders met the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee criteria. The Third Grade Reading Guarantee is designed to ensure that every child receives the support needed to be reading at grade-level. Starting in kindergarten, students' reading levels are monitored. If a child's reading level falls below grade level, a reading improvement plan is immediately implemented. This perfect passage rate shows that the Strongsville City School District is preparing students for success and future learning.

Strongsville City School District Adds Two Master Teachers

Kelli Izzo, French teacher and, Vicki Kellar, Spanish teacher, earned their master teacher certifications from the State of Ohio. Kelli and Vicki are the fifth and sixth master teachers within the Strongsville City School District. Izzo has been teaching in Strongsville since 1999, and has taught at the middle school and high school levels. She is the World Languages department chair. Kellar has taught at the high school since 2004. The Master Teachers program is an optional program and the application process requires teachers to submit a 12 page portfolio of experiences within the last five years.

In Time For Back-to-School Shopping: Ohio Sales Tax Holiday

Senate Bill 243 enacted a one-time sales tax holiday from August 7-9, 2015. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax: clothing \$75 per item or less, school supplies \$20 per item or less, and school instructional materials \$20 per item or less. For more information please visit Ohio.gov.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Strongsville graduate and famous national television restaurateur, **Jonathon Sawyer!** Upon graduation from Strongsville, Jonathon earned his degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts, beginning his career at the posh Biltmore Hotel in Miami Florida as well alongside Michael Symon in New York City. Congratulations to Jonathon for winning a 2015 "James Beard Foundation Award". Jonathon won Best Chef in the Great Lakes. The awards were held in Chicago in May of 2015. Jonathon is the chef/owner of The Greenhouse Tavern on

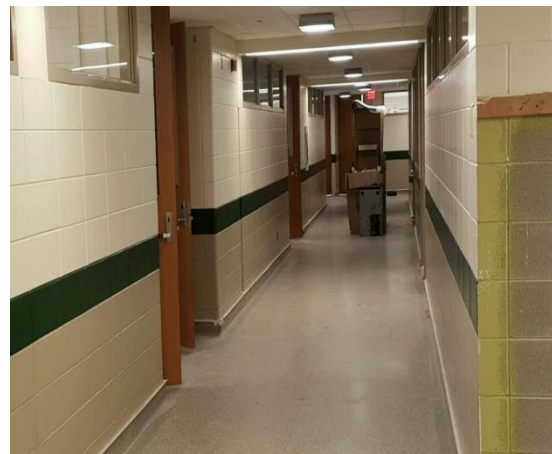
East Fourth Street, Trentina Restaurant in University Circle, Noodlecat, as well as small gourmet restaurants such as the See Saw Pretzel Shoppe in Quicken Loans Arena and Sawyers Street Frites in Cleveland Browns Stadium.

Congratulations to the **Sokolowski's**, who were featured recently again on the Food Network as, "Best Places to eat". The Sokolowski's are the owners of the famous Sokolowski's University Inn Restaurant, established in 1923. It is Cleveland's oldest family owned and operated restaurant. The restaurant is also loved by Late Night Television host Jimmy Fallon, who has tweeted about the restaurant. Congratulations to owner Bernie Sokolowski and his children, all Strongsville graduates, on your continued success!

School Construction Updates

High School

At the high school, flooring is nearly complete in the 600 wing and the Media Center roof is underway. Electricians are continuing fire alarm work and the Bay windows have been replaced in the science classrooms. Other window replacement, demolition of ceilings, and final painting projects are all ongoing. Also, the auditorium demo has been completed. The next steps for the high school include the re-roofing, new flooring, and new ceiling tile installation of the 700/800 wing. The structural steel is being set at the new scene shop as part of the new auditorium.



Middle School

Painting of the gym is underway at the new Middle School. They are also working on foundations for the serpentine walls and plumbing in the locker room areas. The educational wing is rapidly progressing with bearing wall construction nearly complete and steel framing to follow. Interior walls and above ceiling rough-ins for the first and second floors continue. The third floor and roof decking will be completed by the end of September.



Mark your calendars for the next walk through of the new Middle School. Community members are invited to walk through on October 23, 2015. Details regarding this event will be provided in future email updates.

Upcoming Community Events

SHS Book Club

A SHS student book club will be held at the Strongsville Library on July 27, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This club is for Strongsville High School students who have required summer reading. One title will be discussed at each session. Register by visiting the library's website or by calling the library at (440) 238-5530.

Ice Cream Social

An ice cream social will take place on August 1 from 2:00—4:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Library. Participants in the library's summer reading program are invited to have ice cream sundaes. Register by calling the library or by signing up online/in-person beginning July 17.

Strongsville Farmers Market

Check out the Strongsville Farmers Market! Shop for fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, plus honey, jellies, flowers, baked goods, and more. The market runs Thursdays from August 6 to October 1 from 2:00—6:00 p.m. in the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center Parking lot, 18100 Royalton Road.

Free Summer Concerts

The Strongsville Community Band will be performing free concerts on the commons this summer. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) and are open to everyone, click [here](#) for the full schedule.

Share Your News!

Great things are happening every day in the Strongsville City School District, and we want to know about them. Click here to submit your story through our [publicity form](#).