

Strongsville



School News

John Krupinski, Superintendent



Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent-teacher conferences.

To provide the best education possible for your child, the partnership between home and school is critical.

You are the foremost expert and you understand the unique characteristics, special interests, aptitudes, and abilities of your child.

Sharing that information helps the teacher understand and connect with your child on a more personal level.

We encourage you to take advantage of the variety of opportunities to increase your involvement in your child's education throughout this school year.

Students & Staff Celebrate Fall

District-wide, students and staff are celebrating the fall season through autumn projects, seasonal artwork, and creative costumes.

Their sense of fun and exuberance uplifts us all.

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin



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School Breakfast Program Will Soon Expand to All Buildings



What's New?

The district has been piloting a School Breakfast Program at two of the elementary buildings since September.

Due to the efforts of Jill Orris, our Food Service Manager, her staff, and the building principals, this program has been well received and very successful, and we are going to replicate it at all elementary buildings.

Our goal now is to have a breakfast program in place at each school by the 3rd quarter.

Research shows students exhibit better behavior and tend to do better academically if they have eaten breakfast.

Strongsville City Schools is committed to doing everything possible to support our students.

Report Cards

Report cards, which at the elementary level have been updated to more closely address Ohio's New Learning Standards, are available in both hard copy and will be online soon in PASS (Parent Assistant Support System).

Grades 6-12 still have a more traditional report card. Next year, we will go paperless and use PASS to allow parents the opportunity to print the report card, if they so choose. We will also provide paper copies to families who do not have computer access and still need a hard copy in 2015-16.

Cameron Ryba, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Staff Development

Facilities Update



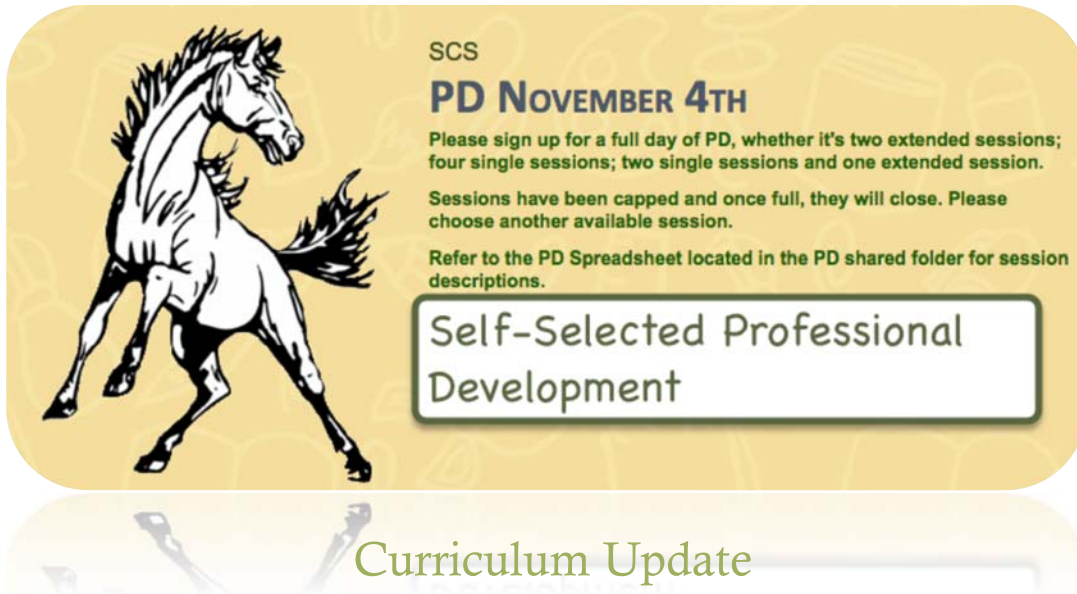
Newly Constructed Classroom in HS Media Center

Our Construction projects continue to move forward. As of 10/22/14, Rademaker-Miller road is open to the public and the contractor is addressing the parking lot change order for the Transportation office. This work should be completed prior to the Thanksgiving break.

The Middle School work is moving along well, and they are on schedule. The main office area and mechanical rooms will be fully enclosed by the end of the year. This will allow the interior work to continue through the winter to maintain the schedule. The gym walls are also going up, and we may be able to install the roof in this area to accomplish additional work this winter.

The High School construction plans are in place and the bids are due on 11/7/14. The final plans will be determined once the base bid amounts are known and the remaining available funds are allocated towards the alternate items we have included in the bids.

Mark Donnelly, Director of Business Services & Technology



Professional Development Day

We were pleased to offer a full day of self-selected sessions for our Strongsville City Schools Professional Development day on November 4th. Staff had the option of choosing from a wide variety of topics to fit student needs.

Session topics ranged from Bullying Prevention, Instructional Technology, State Testing, Differentiated Instruction, English Language Learners, Project Based Learning, STEM Resources, Classroom Management Techniques, and many other relevant sessions.

It was our hope and goal that each staff member would be able to select sessions of interest and value to grow professionally. We enjoyed a productive and meaningful day.

K-8 Science Technology Training

Science teachers and students in grades K-8 are enjoying the engaging resources that are a part of our new interactive science program. Throughout the month of October, K-8 science teachers received their second training covering the use and implementation of the science program. This is a research-based program that combines a blended approach to learning through traditional science lessons, hands-on labs, and interactive online activities and resources.

Teachers learned how to access and assign content to their classes via the Internet, explored the additional resources available in the program, and are now comfortable with both the hands-on labs and text as well as the interactive online portion. This allows students to *do* science- not just read about it.

Erin Green, Director of Curriculum and Talent Development



Staff attend one of their self-selected Professional Development sessions

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Guest Principal Update

Jennifer Pelko, Center MS

Center students and staff are surrounded by HEROES this year!

To us, a HERO=Helping Everyone Realize Opportunity.

Students help each other, stand up for each other, and work together to make school safe and enjoyable.

As a result of our partnership with the Strongsville Civic Team, we were able to secure financial support to purchase HERO shirts for every student, and those shirts are a constant reminder for our students to do the right thing and help one another.

Additionally, students signed a banner, which is in our main hall, denoting their commitment to being a HERO at CMS. Students will also be exposed to classroom guidance lessons on anti-bullying.

Staff who witness students performing HEROIC acts are asked to nominate them to our HERO SQUAD. These students have their pictures displayed in our showcase and are then treated to a reward at the end of each quarter.

Middle school can be a challenging time as students are growing and trying to make the right choices; it is our hope to make their school experience a positive and rewarding one for all students.



Staff Seen Around



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Grant Initiatives

Martha Holden Jennings Grant: Facilitating Students' Transition from High School to University Writing

We are pleased to be working in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center (ESC) and other colleges and high schools to help our high school students transition to college writing.



*HS Staff Members
Welcome BW Professors*

Supports both 1) excellence in teaching and 2) deep learning for students.

Development of a professional collaborative learning community (PCLC) among a consortium of higher education and high school English and Education faculty will benefit educators as they strive for excellence in teaching, particularly in developing strategies for student improvement in English Language Arts (ELA) content and writing skills, aligned to the standards of the new Common Core requirements.

Higher education and secondary educators will share knowledge, experience, and practical applications to enhance deep learning for students through classroom exchanges and observations, formal workshops, and study sessions.

Believe in Ohio

High School staff and students are participating in "Believe in Ohio."

"Believe in Ohio is a free new program from the Ohio Academy of Science that helps high school students prepare for the future. The program was developed in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio with the support of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio General Assembly."

For more information, visit our website:

<http://goo.gl/3Hvo3s>



Baldwin Wallace students receive advice and technology instructions on how to tutor high school students in the writing process.

The project "Facilitating Students' Transition from Secondary to University Writing" takes a dual approach and involves the following two key areas:



*HS Staff Members attend
Believe in Ohio Professional
Development Training*



SHS National Honor Society students assist attendees at the Strongsville Education Foundation Breakfast Fundraiser : "Bring Home the Chrome"