



From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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MEMORABLE DAY AT TOM BENSON STADIUM

On Saturday, our Bulldogs took the field at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, adjacent to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Playing at this venue was a special opportunity, and our team made it even more memorable with a 35-6 victory over St. Francis Preparatory from Queens, New York.

The Heart of a Bulldog was easy to see in the way our community showed up for our students. Our marching band and cheerleaders helped keep the energy going, while families, staff, and fans cheered from the stands. Together, they brought a little bit of Stow-Munroe Falls to Canton.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience possible. I hope our students remember the excitement of playing and performing in that stadium and how many people were there to share it with them.



STRONG START FOR GIRLS XC

Our girls cross country team competed under the lights last weekend at the HOKA Night XC Showcase at SPIRE Academy, finishing eighth among 43 scoring teams from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Several Bulldogs set personal bests, while others competed in their first high school meet.

Senior Maddie O'Brien placed 14th overall with a personal-best time of 18:54.68, becoming just the seventh girl in SMF history to break 19 minutes. Congratulations to Maddie, Coach Doug Herbert, and the entire team!



Reminders!

- September is **Attendance Awareness Month**. Being at school each day helps students learn, build friendships, and stay connected.
- The **Board of Education** will hold a Work Session/Regular Meeting at Kimpton Middle School on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m.
- **Varsity football** travels to Medina High School on Friday, Sept. 11, for a 7 p.m. kickoff.
- Friday, Sept. 11, marks 25 years since the **September 11 attacks**, a time to remember the lives lost and honor those who responded.



YOUR SCHOOL FINANCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

School finance can get complicated quickly, and we want to make it easier to understand. In our new video series, **Bulldog Breakdown**, Treasurer Eric Soltis and I tackle one question at a time. Our first conversation covers how Ohio public schools are funded and the mix of state and local funding that supports Stow-Munroe Falls.

I encourage you to watch the series on social media and let us know what else you'd like explained. Submit your questions through the [School Finance Question](#) form at SMFSchools.org. Your question could help guide a future Bulldog Breakdown, and chances are, someone else in our community is wondering the same thing.



ORCHESTRA TAG DAY - SEPT. 12

Orchestra Tag Day is Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Students in grades 7–12 will visit local homes to share concert schedules and collect cash or check donations for music, instruments, and repairs.

CLUB INTERACT PACKS SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS

Last week, Club Interact put "Service Before Self" into action by packing donated school supplies with Mrs. Henderson and Mayor John Pribonic. Partnering with the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls, members complete monthly service projects and volunteer at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Students in grades 9–12 interested in joining can email st_henderson@smfcsd.org.

SEPTEMBER IS OHIO PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is Ohio Preparedness Month, and this year's theme, "Prepare Your Family," encourages households to take simple steps to get ready for emergencies. Learn more and view the governor's proclamation [HERE](#). For tips throughout the month, follow [EMA Facebook](#) and [EMA Twitter](#).

