

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 21 (1pm-3pm)	Strongsville High School Commencement (CSU Wolstein Center)
Monday, May 23	Strongsville High School Campus Closes for the Summer (through Friday, August 19) - Offices moved to Kinsner Elementary
Thursday, May 26 (2pm)	Public Auction at Center Middle School (Doors open at noon)
Friday, May 27 - Friday, June 3	No phone or internet service throughout school district* (*See Emergency Phone Numbers below)
Thursday, June 2 (7pm-9pm)	Strongsville Board of Education Work Session (Admin. Bldg.)
Thursday, June 30 (7pm-9pm)	Strongsville Board of Education Meeting (Admin. Bldg.)
Tuesday, August 23	First Day of School for Grades 1-9 & Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday, August 24	First Day of School for Kindergarten & Grades 10-12
Monday, August 29	First Day of School for Early Learning Preschool (Aug. 23-26 Orientation)

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Eighth grade students at Center Middle School recently had an opportunity to contemplate their future plans as part of "Reality Day." With morning activities centering around personal finance, and the afternoon featuring guest speakers from various careers, students were able to think deeper about the familiar question of "What am I going to do when I grow up?" Click [here](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Congressional Art Competition Award Winners

At the beginning of this month, Congressman Jim Renacci announced this year's winners for Ohio's 16th District in the annual Congressional Art Competition. Among the student winners in this competition are two Strongsville High School senior students. **Abraham Abellana** received a 2nd Runner Up Award for his crosshatched ink portrait. An Honorable Mention Award went to **Lindsey Blomquist** for her Collage Design Scene. Congratulations to both Abraham and Lindsey for being recognized at this prestigious art show.



(L to R) SHS Senior Abraham Abellana, Ohio Congressman Jim Renacci, SHS Art Teacher Kristi Trussa



SHS Senior Lindsey Blomquist and Ohio Congressman Jim Renacci

Your Chance to Be Part of the Demolition Crew at Center Middle School

Bid now to be one of the individuals to "swing the wrecking ball" at Center Middle School. Highest bidders will have the opportunity to take part in the initial demolition of the main building. All individuals bidding above \$1,000 will be eligible to participate in this initial two hour demolition event at Center Middle School. Highest bidder will take the "first swing" in the demolition. All money raised through winning bids in the demolition auction will benefit the "Excellence in Athletics" Campaign.

Click [here](#) to make your bid in this special auction!

Summer School Registration - Still Available

Summer school registration for middle school and high school grades 7-12 is still available on-line. Click [here](#) for more information on this program. Summer school for elementary grades 1-3 is by invitation only. Elementary students who qualify for summer school should have already received an invitation with additional information.

Interruption of Phone & Internet Service for Strongsville City Schools (5/27 - 6/3)

Please make special note that phone and internet service will be unavailable throughout the school district from Friday, May 27 through Friday, June 3. The interruption in service is due to moving our servers and network operations to the new Strongsville Middle School. In order to contact the Board offices and schools during this week of interrupted service, please use the following emergency phone numbers:

440.223.9056 - Superintendent's Office, Chapman Elementary, Whitney Elementary, & Surrarer Elementary

440.223.0207 - Treasurer's Office, Kinsner Elementary, Muraski Elementary, Early Learning Preschool

440.223.3334 - Business Services Office, Albion Middle School, Center Middle School, Drake Elementary School

440.391.0752 - Strongsville High School

*** For transportation issues, please call the individual schools and they will relay messages to the transportation department**

Polaris Culinary Team Wins National Championship

Strongsville High School Junior **Chris Hritz**, a student in the Polaris Career Center Chef Training program, was among a team of five students who recently claimed a national title at the 2016 National ProStart Invitational Culinary Team Competition in Dallas, Texas. This annual event, which is presented by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, provides a platform for students across the United States to showcase their culinary talents in a real world setting. Fantastic work Chris and the rest of your teammates on achieving the top award in this competition!



Polaris Culinary National Championship Team (L to R):

Therese Napier, junior, North Olmsted High School; Dakota Stevens, senior, Berea-Midpark High School; Amber Stevens, senior, Berea-Midpark High School; **Chris Hritz, junior, Strongsville High School;**

Emily Leopold, senior, Berea-Midpark High School

English Language Learners (ELL) Summer Newsletter

Please click [here](#) for our English Language Learners (ELL) Summer Newsletter, which includes contact information, links, and other helpful information for this district program.

Great Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers - TOMORROW at Kinsner Elementary

EdCampCLE 2016 is coming to Strongsville! This FREE event connects educators and administrators from across Ohio for a conference unlike any you've ever attended. EdCampCLE 2016 takes the best parts of a conference - the collaborative sharing of ideas between sessions - and makes that the whole conference. It's a day focused on YOUR needs. EdCampCLE 2016 will be held tomorrow (Saturday, May 21) at Kinsner Elementary School - 19091 Waterford Parkway from 8:30am - 1:30pm.

[Click here for more information on #EdCampCLE 2016](#)

[Click here to register for #EdCampCLE 2016](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Strongsville City Schools Public Auction - Center Middle School, Thursday, May 26

The Strongsville Board of Education is holding an auction of loose furnishings, excess equipment, and surplus items at Center Middle School on Thursday, May 26. Doors open for public viewing and registration at 12:00pm. Auction begins at 2:00pm. Payment must be made prior to the removal of any item purchased. For further details or questions about this auction, please contact SCS Business Services at 440.572.7052.

Mustangs Athletics Summer Sports Camps

Is there a "future Mustang" at your house who wants to learn from and train with our high school varsity coaches and athletes this summer? Click below for Information and registration for a number of Mustang sports camps, designed for all athletes!

[Mustang Football Camp](#)

[Boys Basketball Camp](#)

[Girls Basketball Camp](#)

[Volleyball Camp](#)

[Soccer Camp](#)

[Tennis Camp](#)

Singin' in the Ville Camp with Mustang Express

Join the "Mustang Express" at a special camp for young performers. Kids in grades 1-8 will have the chance to learn to sing, dance, and perform on stage at the annual Singin' in the Ville Camp, August 15-18 at Albion Middle School. Click [here](#) for more information.

ALUMNI UPDATES

We are proud of the **Class of 2016!** We have enjoyed seeing you grow and are excited to see where your journey takes you next. Please stay in touch and we look forward to sharing your success stories with our community in the future. **#foreveramustang**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Have a community event to share? Email dfoust@scsmustangs.org and we will try to include the event in a future edition of the Strongsville Schools Happenings!

Fundamentals Summer Camps

Looking for some additional summer camp opportunities for your students? Check out the Fundamentals Camps, featuring soccer, theatre, art, and basketball. These free week-long summer camps are offered in North Royalton at Abundant Life Community Church. To register, visit www.alcc.cc or call 440.877.1202

Blue Moon Yoga

Register now for summer sessions of 'Noodle Kids Yoga' at Blue Moon Yoga Studio. Two summer sessions will happen on Wednesday mornings for kids ages 5-12. These sessions include breathing exercises, fun yoga poses, games, crafts, meditation and rest. Visit www.bluemoonyogastudio.com or call 440.334.4292 for additional information.

KICK Diabetes 3v3 Soccer Tournament

Strongsville Soccer Club presents the KICK Diabetes 3v3 Soccer Tournament to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8:30am - 12:00pm at the Ehrnfelt Soccer Complex (Foltz) in Strongsville. The tournament is open to U8-12 girls and features games, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and concessions. Click [here](#) for more information on registering a team and for sponsorship opportunities.

NASA Glenn Research Center Open House

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, NASA's Glenn Research Center is having a free open house at its Plum Brook Station in Sandusky on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12 from 10am-6pm each day. Plum Brook Station is home to the Space Power Facility, which houses the world's largest vacuum chamber and was the set of scenes from the movie The Avengers. Step inside Plum Brook's world-class test facilities, take an historical and wildlife tour, get NASA souvenirs, and talk to scientists and engineers working on the nation's space exploration and aeronautics programs. The open house

features lots of hands-on activities for kids, including interactive exhibits and make-and-take crafts. Visit www.nasa.gov/glenn75 for more information. Open to all US citizens. Adults must bring government-issued photo ID. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Strongsville Library (May & June Events)

Please note the following upcoming May events at the Strongsville Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call 440.238.5530 for more information and to register. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for more library event information.

Monday Afternoon Book Discussion. 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be held on **Monday, May 23rd**. This month we will be discussing *West of Sunset* by Stuart O'Nan. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Create a Rube Goldberg Contraption. Ages 11 - 18.

Wednesday, May 25th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ever played the game, *Mousetrap*? Mousetrap is a type of Rube Goldberg machine. Your challenge is to use everyday materials to create your own kooky Rube Goldberg machine. Teens will work in teams and compete for prizes!

Year-Round Story Times!

Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children Birth to Age 5. Our current story time sessions are back in session for the summer. Please call the library for more information about our Summer story time sessions.

Teen Writer Boot Camp. Ages 13 - 18.

June 6 - 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Review the fundamentals of creative writing and create new work in poetry, fiction and drama. Please bring along an example of your best writing. Registration is required as space is limited.

Young at Heart

Tuesday, June 7th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A book club for adults who love Children's and Teen books. Meets the first Tuesday evening of every month. Please register in person to pick up a copy of the book. Our next discussion will be on the book *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.

Book Discussion Group for Grades 3 - 4

Friday, June 10th from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Children in Grades 3 – 4 are invited to join us to discuss a good book. Copies of the book will be available one month before the discussion. The title for June will be *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. Please register in person.

Summer of Zen: Adult Summer Coloring Workshop

Saturday, June 11th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Coloring is not just for kids anymore! Research suggests that coloring is one of the best ways for adults to reduce stress & relax. We will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Materials and different coloring pages will be provided each month, or participants are welcome to bring their own. We will have a quiet space for adults who want to join others who love to color! Registration is not required. Stop in once or join us for all three sessions this summer!

Just Keep Rowing! Author Visit with Katie Spotz.

Monday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this special presentation as local adventurer, Katie Spotz and her co-author, Mark Bowles, share information from their new book *Just Keep Rowing: Lessons from the Atlantic Ocean by the Youngest Person to Row It Alone*. It is a first person account of Katie's remarkable 70-day journey across the ocean. Along with this empowering story, the presentation shares an educational lesson about the global water crisis and how to help those impacted by it. Katie has raised over a quarter million dollars for this cause. Books will be available for sale & signing after the presentation. Program sponsored by the Friends of Strongsville Library.

Thyroid Issues: Signs and Symptoms

Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as endocrinologist Dr. Sanjit Bindra MD from Southwest General Hospital presents this informative talk on "Thyroid Disorders." He will discuss the signs and symptoms of thyroid issues, how they are treated, and how to best take care of yourself if you have thyroid disease.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on Wednesday, June 15th. This month we will be discussing *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the circulation desk. Registration for this program is not needed. Just read the book and join us for an evening of great discussion!

Safety First. Ages 8 - 12.

Thursday, June 16th from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Empower your child to be safe at home alone or when he or she is caring for little ones. Come to an interactive talk given by Southwest General Health Center's Sondra Martin, Family Life Instructor and our Community Nurse Laurie Pfahler, RN. They will discuss how to prevent injury, what to do if injury occurs, and who to call for help. Children will learn about safety and get a taste of the Southwest Safe Sitters Class. Talk is geared to children ages 8-12, but parents are welcome to attend as well.

Happy Birthday, Strongsville!

Saturday, June 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the 200th Birthday of the city of Strongsville with this special musical

celebration. Musical group to be announced.

Road to Success Camp!

Grades 4 - 6. Meets June 20 - 24th from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Get on the Road to Success. Learn empowering skills that will help you succeed in school and life, while engaging your creativity through exciting activities. Registration begins on Wednesday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m..

Parkfit Mall Walkers Wellness Talk: Healthy Aging

Tuesday, June 21st 10:00 a.m.

Join us the third Tuesday of each month for this special wellness talk sponsored by Southwest General and Southpark Mall. The speaker this month will be Dr. Monika Demko from Southwest Hospital. She will be speaking on healthy aging and how to adjust to changes related to advancing age. The ParkFit Mall Walkers Club is a combined effort of Southwest General and SouthPark Mall in Strongsville. The Club provides an opportunity for community residents to improve their health by walking for exercise in a safe, interesting and climate-controlled facility. Walk at the mall first, then come over to the Library for this informative wellness talk!

I Can Dance, I Can Play!

Thursday, June 23rd from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Join local children's author and illustrator Betsy Snyder as she debuts her new books, *I Can Dance, I Can Play*. Readers become the stars of these innovative board books that cue little fingers to kick, splash and celebrate both independence and teamwork. Betsy will give the audience a peek behind the scenes of her books and share a finger puppet craft. Books will be available for purchase and signing. As part of the fun of pretending, children are invited to come dressed up as dancers or athletes.

Registration begins on Friday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Book Discussion Group for Grades 5 - 6

Friday, June 24th from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Children in Grades 5 – 6 are invited to join us to discuss a good book. Copies of the book will be available one month before the discussion. The title for June 24th will be *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate. Please register in person.

Monday Afternoon Book Discussion.

Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be held on Monday, June 27th. This month we will be discussing *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Strongsville High School Required Reading Book Club. Teens entering Grades 9 - 12.

Tuesday, June 28th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion of a Strongsville High School required reading book. Get a jump

on your assignment and possibly earn some extra credit, too! Book will be announced when the required reading list is released. Registration is required.

***All branches of Cuyahoga County Public Library will be CLOSED in honor of Memorial Day from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. Regular hours resume Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

***Stop the "summer slide!" Slide into reading this summer with **Cuyahoga County Public Library's** summer reading program, "Get in the Game: READ," which begins June 6th. And don't forget all those great summer programs for youth that are happening at Strongsville Branch Library! For more details, call or visit your local library or go online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org