January 27, 2025

Dear Parents:

Listed below are the updates for the week.

Parent Communication Tips - Call vs. Email

One trend that has occurred over the past 10 years is that less and less people make phone calls. I am there with you, but there are times when picking up the phone is the best option. As a school district, we have set the expectation that staff will respond to calls or emails within 48 hours or two (2) business days. However, there are times when 2 days is too long based on the reason for the communication. With the fact that in our jobs, we are not in the office or at our computer a lot, sometimes we may not see an email for 24 hours. **If there is something that needs more immediate attention, please call the appropriate person or leave a message with the office to have the staff member call you or check their email for a message from you.** You can still send the detailed email, but the call will get it on our radar more quickly, so we can work together to ensure a timely response to a more pressing issue.

PowerSchool Data Breach Follow-Up

We want to provide an update on the PowerSchool data breach reported earlier this month. After further investigation, it has been determined that "Student Table Data" was accessed. For our district, this includes directory information, such as student names, grades, and parent contact details (addresses and phone numbers). This type of information is comparable to what might be shared through a formal records request to the district. We also want to clarify that no sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers, was accessed. While some districts have reported breaches involving this type of data, our district does not store Social Security numbers in a way that would make them vulnerable to such an incident. We are continuing to monitor PowerSchool's communications and will provide any new information if it pertains to our students.

Volunteers Needed for SHS Mock Interview Event - Friday, February 28th

We are looking for interested adults from businesses and organizations in the community to serve as interviewers in a **Mock Interview Experience** for Strongsville High School 11th graders enrolled in our second semester Speech and Communications Course. Each adult will conduct approximately five 15-minute mock interviews with students. Please click **HERE** to fill out a brief form if you are interested in participating. Additional details will be sent closer to the event date. Feel free to

forward this information to others in your organization and/or those in your professional network who you think may be interested in being part of this experience.

- **What:** SHS Mock Interview Experience
- **Where:** Strongsville High School
- **When:** Friday, February 28 ~ 7:15 AM - 11:00 AM*
    - *We will need a few volunteers to stay until 12:00 PM for additional student interviews.

SHS Textbook Community Review/Feedback - Spring 2025

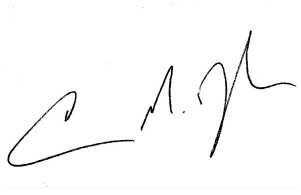
Our high school English, Social Studies, and Science textbook/ materials adoption process is underway. Teachers have reviewed and evaluated materials based on suitability, accuracy, and relevance in the context of the intended educational level and subject matter, assurance of academic quality and alignment to Ohio standards, ethical and cultural considerations, instructional design and pedagogical strategies employed in the materials. We invite parents and community members to be a part of this review. Materials will be available from February 10 - March 7, 2025 at the Strongsville Administrative Office. Sign up **HERE** to schedule a time to participate. Community members who are unable to attend in-person or who would like to review materials from home may request to do so by completing the same form.

SAVE THE DATE…2025 State of the Schools

Save the date for the *Model Mustang Experience* on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6PM at SHS, as we showcase the extraordinary work of our district at our annual State of the Schools event. More information to come on how this evening will be filled with students and staff sharing their learning and work to make our District the great place that it is!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,



Dr. Cameron M. Ryba
Superintendent

Job Opportunities. If you are interested in working for the schools for the 2024-2025 school year, click **HERE** to check out our job postings.

Past Parent Updates. If you are trying to find information that I shared in previous parent updates, you can click **HERE** to access all updates that are linked on our District website.

SCS Text Message Opt-In. If you would like to receive these and other text messages from the District alerting you of important updates, opt-in by texting 'Y' to 67587.

Strategic Plan. Click **HERE** to access the new Strategic Planning web pages that are now live on our website under 'Find it Fast'.

Substitute Opportunities. Click **HERE** if you are interested in becoming a substitute for our District or contact Human Resources at 440-572-7037.

Work Permits. Work permits are available in the SHS main office or on the SHS home page under "Find It Fast" - **Work Permits**. The forms are signed at SHS.