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Over the past few years, our teachers and staff have been teaching and developing the following skills in all of our students - Innovative, Resilient, Collaborative, Global, and Empowered - as part of "The Model Mustang," which is the foundation for our District's Strategic Plan. These are the necessary skills for all of our students in grades PreK-12 to build success in the classroom. Perhaps more importantly, developing these skills will lead to success long after our students graduate from Strongsville High School.



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I am always trying new things in my classroom and encourage my students to do the same. We practice everything we do in life and rarely get it perfect on the first try. The same can be said for teaching and learning. By showing my willingness to try new things, my students gain a sense of comfort. I'm always reevaluating lessons in the classroom to continuously help my students better understand, because that is what they need and deserve.



Mr. Cory Maatz - 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at SMS



Helping our youngest learners find a voice requires thinking flexibly, learning from experimentation, and pursuing imaginative and creative solutions. To make communication accessible, I trial a variety of communication systems such as iPad apps for children unable to speak verbally. SCS has helped me grow by providing opportunities to be innovative and help make communication accessible, enjoyable, and attainable for my students.

 Mrs. Mackenzie Grimm - Speech Language Pathologist at Early Learning Preschool



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SCS treating all employees as valuable team members - Mr. Paul Cummins - Head Custodian at SMS

April



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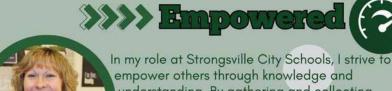
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empower others through knowledge and understanding. By gathering and collecting information from teachers, parents, and students, we can empower students to use their strengths to overcome their challenges.

- Mrs. Amy Hofmann - School Psychologist at Surrarrer Elementary & SMS

Leading the Career Exploration Program allows me to create a nontraditional learning environment for students over the course of the two year program. Being empowered means you reflect on learning experiences and you're given a chance to improve on things you may have missed the first time. I strive to challenge students to be better people and be aware of their impact on others. Being able to step back and assess strengths and areas for improvement is a lifelong skill that students can start to build in school.

- Mr. Matt Jancar - Intervention Specialist & CEP Teacher at SHS

I'm empowered to be a role model for our students. Each day I give them positive words of encouragement such as "have a great day" "stay focused" "believe you can" and "always be kind". I share these phrases in hopes that they will also feel empowered and make the choice to have a positive attitude throughout their day.

> - Mrs. Cheryl Richardson - Bus Driver at Strongsville City Schools

June



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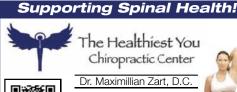
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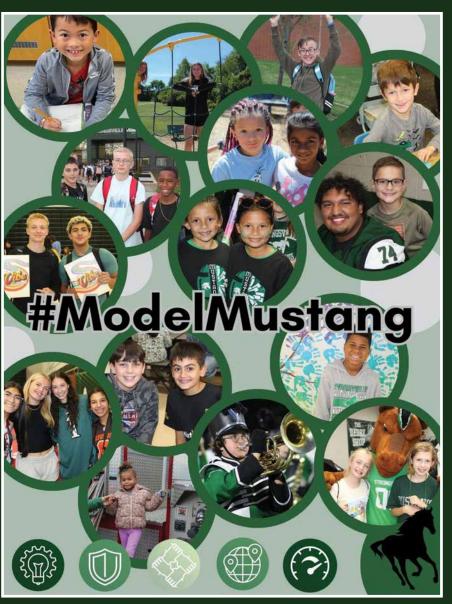
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As a building administrator at Strongsville Middle School, I feel empowered daily by actively analyzing problems and their outcomes, seeking out answers to challenges while acting responsibly in my decision-making. This reflective practice not only enhances my own learning experiences but also fosters a culture of continuous improvement within our school community.

-- Mr. Bryan Szczepanski - Assistant Principal at SMS



Our cafeteria workers have shown an incredible amount o dedication, hard work, and resiliency over the past few years. We have seen many changes, including COVID, new management, and the increase in meals we prepare for students. All require adjustments and being resilient. I am proud to be part of a group that works hard to make sure our children are fed.

- Mrs. Shrea Kellums - Cafeteria Worker at SHS

As a music teacher, collaboration is at the heart of everything I do. Working closely with other teachers to create positive experiences for our students is our top priority. Collaboration is essential in all relationships, and relationships are fundamental to life. Students have daily opportunities to develop their collaboration skills, including in my music class.

-- Mrs. Marie Dykstra - Music Teacher at Muraski Elementa

In the classes that I teach, I try to instill resiliency in my students. In 'Metals' class, students learn how to weld. I reinforce with them that welding is a skill, and the more that they practice, the better they can be at it. Small changes in technique can result in big differences in the quality of the weld. Being able to learn from their mistakes and improve the next time they try something is an important skill.

Mr. Dan Hogan - Industrial Technology Teacher at SHS



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Empowerment means taking ownership of one's learning path, and I strive to ask how I can empower my students each day. The Model Mustang has inspired me to cultivate a classroom that promotes a growth mindset and a willingness to take risks. I believe that when my students are equipped with the right resources, tools, and encouragement, they can achieve anything. I hope my modeling of empowerment instills confidence in my students to achieve their hopes and desires throughout their educational careers.

> -- Mrs. Holli Myers - 6th Grade Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher at SMS

Being collaborative has profoundly impacted my work at SCS It not only enhances our dynamics but also fosters a positive learning environment for our students. I strive to model this competency by actively listening to others, communicating effectively, and providing feedback, as well as being open to constructive feedback. I believe that empathy and valuing each other's perspectives are essential in our efforts. As a school counselor my job is to work with school personnel, parents and guardians, communi partners, and other agencies to coordinate support for all students.

- Mrs. Denise Schlueter - School Counselor at Muraski Elementary

In my more than 43 years of employment at Strongsville City Schools, I have witnessed a lot of changes. Through all of those years, it has been my experience that to be successful and productive I have needed to be resilient. You can't be resistant to change and be effective at work and home when the world around us is changing so rapidly I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve our District and community.

- Mr. Wayne Brooks - Head Custodian at SHS



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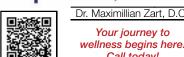


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Being resilient as a teacher is not just a sporadic effort. It is a practice we engage in every minute of every day. Each day, I strive to adapt my teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of my students. I have a clear vision of where I want my students to go and the path I wish to guide them along. Ultimately, when those remarkable moments occand students reach their destinations, every challenge a detour along the way becomes worthwhile! By explicitly ents occur v challenge and teaching resilience to my students, I reinforce resilience as an educator.

-- Mr. TJ Lett - 3rd Grade Teacher at Whitney Elementary

Our team is constantly given opportunities to learn how to do new things and also take on projects in the District. We are empowered to use these new skills to handle work that might oth e contracted out. I'm proud of the work elf-esteem provides empowerment. There we do is lots of room to take the skills we've learned and do what we need to do to help the District - and that's empowering.

-- Mr. Dan Wilson - Skilled Maintenance Worker at SCS

Empowered is very meaningful to me, as I believe it is essential for SHS students and educators to remain curious about their learning. We value providing students heir learning experiences and having them use from peers and adults to cultivate a growth-oriented approach in taking ownership towards achieving c and unlocking new possibilities.

Mrs. Susan Harb - Assistant Principal at SHS



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Working with parents of students with disabilities and the staff that support them is a job that requires sharing knowledge, empathy and understanding. Parents that have the understanding of the special education process, their child's rights, and their responsibilities are empowered to advocate for their child. We all work as a team to make the best educational decision for our students. Knowledge is power -- Mrs. Teresa Karsnak - Parent Mentor at SCS

> Custodians wear many different hats around a school building, which gives us the opportunity for collaboration with all staff members. It is through our unwavering commitment to our students that we are able to work together to find new and creative ways to make learning environments safe, fun, and exciting. When our staff is excited, we pass that excitement on to our students. There is no greater reward than seeing the excitement on our students' faces!

Mr. Chris Sofranko - Head Custodian at Chapman Elementary

While all of the Model Mustang competencies are important, resilient is at the top of my list. Being resilient goes a very long way toward enabling me to reach goals set by me, as well as those set by others. I continue to lean heavily on resiliency to help get past roadblocks that develop during a project, and to find new ways to solve problems.

Mr. Scott Benson - Coordinator of Audio Visual at SCS

As a bus driver and SMS hall monitor, I have rules to follow and expectations to meet. But beyond that, I'm empowered to make how I do my job each day my own. It's a mindset on how I choose to be each day. A smile, wave, friendly greeting, learning names and using them, brings me joy. The more effort I put into making even the smallest positive impact on the people I interact with each day, the more joy I get back in return.

-- Mr. Mark Wyler - Bus Driver & SMS Hall Monitor



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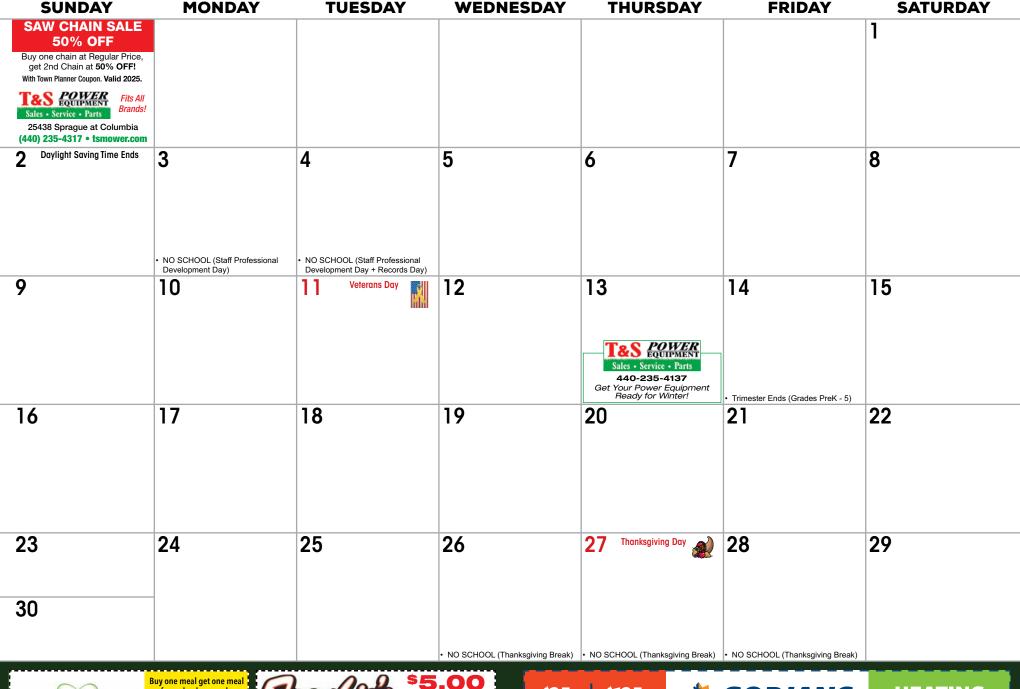
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l enjoy teaching our students about different cultures around the world through Art. I have seen the benefit of global education, as my students are more accepting of diversity when they have an increased understanding of people who are different from themselves. Ignorance creates a fear of things that are different. Through education we can grow to notice what we have in common with others around the world, and then live more peacefully with them. Being global means understanding that each of us is a small part of a bigger community and we need to work together as a team.

- Mrs. Debra Sue Solecki - Art Teacher at Surrarrer Elementary

After being in the District for over 15 years, I've found that the only way to thrive is to be resilient - willing to adapt and change in a disciplined manner. Instead of doing things "the way they've always been done," I've pushed myself to learn updated ways to optimize completion of tasks including learning new technology. While this can be slow and frustrating at times, it is essential to keep the focus on moving forward in order to achieve our district goal

Mrs. Joanna O'Bryon - Administrative Assistant, Curriculum Department

My job in Food Services is all about teamwork and collaboration. When we work as a team, communicate, help each other, and have fun, it makes the day run smoothly. I also enjoy connecting with students and having real conversations about their lives. Even these simple interactions can make a positive impact on someone's day.

> Mrs. Michelle Kuznik - Assistant Cafeteria Manager at SMS

Whether you are competing in sports or working through challenges academically, you're going to face adversity and are going to need to show resilience to carry you through. Having a resilient mindset can get you through the toughest of times. Keep Working!

Mrs. Chloe Fadenholz - Health & Physical Education Teacher / Varsity Girls Soccer Coach at SHS



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**Dear Parents and Community Members:** 

It is my honor and privilege to serve as Strongsville City Schools' Superintendent. Our District serves more than 5,700 students and consists of one preschool, five elementary schools (grades K-5), one middle school (grades 6-8) and one high school (grades 9-12).



The Model Mustang is our District's foundational plan creating opportunities for our students to develop five durable skills - **Innovative**, **Resilient**, **Collaborative**,

**Global, and Empowered.** The Model Mustang provides focus for all of our students (PreK - 12th Grade) and is our District's thirteen year commitment to provide a premier educational experience that is based on rigorous content and the integration and development of these five durable skills essential for life-long success.

In addition to providing opportunities for students, our staff is also committed to continuing to develop these same Model Mustang skills. This year's calendar highlights the different ways our Model Mustang is impacting the "People of Strongsville City Schools." Whether an individual is directly involved in classroom learning or is a member of our support staff, modeling these skills not only makes our team stronger, but also positively contributes to the growth and development of our students.

We have much to be proud of at Strongsville City Schools. Our students and staff continue to accomplish amazing things inside and outside of the classroom. SCS is one of only 68 school districts in Ohio to receive a 5 Star Rating (Significantly Exceeds State Standards) for this year's State Report Card - our 2nd straight year earning a five star rating. Our District has also been recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for the 11th straight year with a "Best Communities for Music Education" award. Our Treasurer's Office has received national recognition for budgets, financial reporting, and fiscal transparency for eight straight years with the Meritorious Budget Award and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials.

I look forward to working with our parents and community in the coming year. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 440.572.7010 or cryba@scsmustangs.org. You can also visit our website (www.scsmustangs.org) for additional information about our District.

Go Mustangs!

Dr. Cameron M. Ryba Superintendent

Strongsville City Schools



### **Community Information**

All Numbers Are Area Code (440)
Unless Indicated Otherwise

#### **Emergency**

<b>Emergency Assistance</b>	 911
Police Non-Emergency	 .580-3230
Fire Non-Emergency	 .580-3210

#### **City Offices**

Animal Control	.580-3180
Building	.580-3105
Chamber of Commerce	.238-3366
City Hall	.580-3100
Mayor's Office	.580-3150
Service	.580-3170

#### **Community Resources**

Post Office
Library
License Bureau
Ehrnfelt Recreation580-3260
Ehrnfelt Senior Center 580-3275
Senior Outreach Services 580-3276
Senior Travel Opportunities 580-3275
Food Bank
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Board of Education572-7000
Superintendent572-7010
Transportation
Strongsville High School572-7100
Strongsville Middle School 572-7090
Chapman Elementary572-7140
Kinsner Elementary572-7120
Muraski Elementary572-7160
Surrarrer Elementary572-7170
Whitney Elementary572-7180
Early Learning Preschool 572-7046

#### **Other Schools**

St. Joseph & St.	John	
Inter-Parochial		238-4877

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