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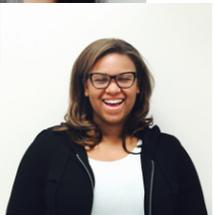
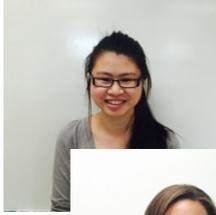
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MUSTANG MASCOT: MISSING IN ACTION!

As if coming back to school after spring break hasn't been hard enough for the weary students of Strongsville High School, the student body was greeted with yet another surprise on their first day back. Beloved friend and honorary classmate Marty the Mustang had disappeared from his typical home at the main entrance.

Naturally, the unsuspecting students and staff have been nothing but grief stricken over the missing mascot. The only way to assuage the worry of the community is by finding closure through answers from a reliable source: Stephen Breckner, Assistant Principal.

What really happened to Marty?

It's actually— I guess we gotta come out with it— for many years, Marty has been there greeting kids first thing in the morning and before the end of the day. He's decided that he's wanting to redefine his role in the school.

There's a couple different factors—he's not as young as he

used to be...and sitting out with, uh -let's say his, uh, rear end always in the cold in the winter. He's decided that, you know he wants to redefine his position in the school.

Where were you on the night of the disappearance?

There was a lot of construction going on and if you've noticed recently they were tearing up the floor and Marty discussed with Mr. Smithberger and myself that that was the time he left, he could take some time off.

Are you able to disclose his whereabouts—?

At this time, I can't.

Why not?

He doesn't know if he's taking his talents to South Beach. We think he's going to stay in northeast Ohio because he's a hometown boy.

There was photo leaked of him being tied down and hauled away?



Evidence of Marty during the crime in question, taken by eye witness Jaret Reimer, a Junior at SHS.

...because of his advanced age he needed to have more security as far as whenever he was being moved. That was at his request. It wasn't that he was being held against his will, we were aware of his leaving.

Are there any suspects of this crime?

First of all there is no crime; right now he's in a safe place. He's warm, safe, and dry. Well I have to say that he has requested to be at peace for a little bit. I know

there's a rumor that Brunswick stole him and put him up in their stadium. It was also rumored that he was going to outsource his talents to the Horseshoe Casino. That is not true, they did not come and take him in the middle of the night. It quite simply is that with the reconstruction going on, he felt it was the best time to evaluate his position here and see where he fits best in the new scheme of the building.

What are you planning on doing with the space in the front?

That whole space is going to be reconfigured. Rumor has it that he will be placed in the media center. I can confirm that that is an option that he's considering—he's very excited about the new media center. There's rumors that there might even be a café in the media center in his honor, that's one projection. He feels that that's going to be the new hub and a focus point for students to go to, and he wants to get away from the cold front doors, to answer your questions.

April: Month of Meter

is to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, encourage the reading of poems, assist teachers with bringing poetry into their classrooms, increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media, encourage increased publication of poetry books and encourage support for poets and poetry.

Poetry is a vital component to our way of life in the 21st century as it connects overarching themes and ideas from pain and suffering to love and longing. Poetry is just one of the multiple platitudes of art that is consistently at the forefront of forward thinking.

Art has many mediums: painting, dance, music, to name a few. But sadly, one of the most overlooked forms is poetry, because people dismiss it as an extension to the struggles of high school. What they do not see is the hard work that is a part of crafting every phrase and the specific guidelines that need to be adhered to. The type of poem dictates how

many stanzas the work has, its rhyme scheme, and metrical flow (that is to say, how it is read).

These elements combine to establish a structure with which poets use to craft meaningful stories, which make the powerful and artful use of language all the more impressive. Many people overlook the poetic art because they file it away as something boring or something difficult to understand.

Poetry is the embodiment of saying the most with a little. The rhetorical and literary devices from English class are used to create phrases with the most meaning possible--for example, see the works of E. E. Cummings.

But, on the other side of the spectrum, poetry can also find a million beautiful ways to describe the same subject, such as something as simple as a flower. The clever, eloquent use of language is unparalleled by conventional writing techniques, making the most boring of topics something fascinating.

Strongsville Victory (But Not For Sports!)



Olivia Gasper
Journalist

On Feb. 27 at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, 41 Strongsville students took the OCTM (Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics) math contest. Students were given a test with advanced problems that tested students' knowledge in math. The test is open to any public, private, or homeschooled students in grades 9-12. It lasts 60 minutes during which the students must complete 40 questions. Top-scoring students qualify for a higher-level test and individual awards.

With Strongsville students' scores combining for a 103, Strongsville finished second in their site pulling ahead of Rocky River, Berea-Midpark, Olmsted Falls, and Lake Ridge Academy. Strongsville finished seventh overall in the state. This set a new school record, 23 points above the score from last year.

Jimmy Foley achieved a 33 out of 40, the top score from Strongsville. Foley qualified as the 33rd highest score in the state and will be moving on to the OHIMO, the statewide competition.

This competition was a great way for students to advance their math skills and learn where they rank in the state. Participating students reacted positively. "I would participate in the competition again, even though it was pretty difficult. I plan to sign up next year" says Strongsville Junior, Hannah Schmit.



Lindsey Blomquist
Journalist



Sara Ludwig
Journalist

Calling all bookworms and connoisseurs of literature! National Poetry month is here and is celebrating 20 years packing a prose filled punch.

Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry month is a conglomerate of the written word for schools, librarians, booksellers, publishers, and aspiring poets. The largest literary celebration in the world, the aim of National Poetry month

Opinion

Editorial: Time to Clean Up!



Fatima Sajjad
Editor-in-Chief

Global recycling has increased 5.7 times since 1980, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All over the world people are taking initiatives towards making the planet a cleaner, greener place to live on. However, with many achievements being made within the global environmental community, it is understandable to question the extent of the actions occurring within smaller, local communities. Strongsville, with a population of 44,750 residents, has done its fair share of keeping the community clean.

Throughout the town, restaurants, small buildings, and even popular attractions such as SouthPark Mall are filled with hard-to-miss blue and gray trash

bins that encourage citizens to separate their trash from recyclables. Strongsville High School, however, contains a separate issue regarding the way students and staff recycle their disposables.

Within Strongsville High School, classrooms, offices, and even the cafeteria are abundant with average, black trash bins that are clear to spot out. Why is it so rare to find blue bins within the school? The question poses a valid reason to be concerned with the lack of initiative taken within the halls of Strongsville High School itself. Recycling is not a topic that is regularly discussed in school, with the exception of general science courses such as Environmental Science, that touch on the topic for an actual grade on report cards.

With Earth Day coming up on Apr. 22, let the students of Strongsville High School honor the community that they live in by pledging to take an initiative towards proper recycling...

Together, it is possible to show some respect for Mother Nature!

The Wrath & The Dawn



Grace Mutti
Journalist

How far would you be willing to go to avenge the death of a loved one? This question consumes every waking moment for Shahrzad al-Khayzuran after she lost her best friend Shiva at the hands of the murderous Caliph of Khorasan, the king of Rey. The people of Rey are growing concerned by the increasing number of daughters hung at dawn by their king and Shahrzad is determined to go as far as it takes to end the slaughter of young women in the kingdom and discover the Caliph's motives. After the death of her friend, Shahrzad realizes she is willing to pay any price to take revenge on the Caliph for her suffering and discover the truth behind the hangings.

What would you do if there was a secret you could not share that changed the way the world saw you? This question haunts the mind of young Khalid, the Caliph of Khorasan whose painful childhood and mountain of secrets are slowly eroding his heart. Trapped within the confining demands of leadership as an eighteen year old boy, Khalid has begun to cave into the icy, calculating demeanor

A Novel By Renée Ahdieh

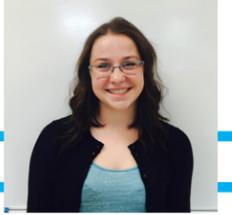
threatening to overtake him.

The paths of these two very different people intertwine when Shahrzad volunteers to become the next Calipha of Khorasan, swearing to use her position as the bride of the Caliph to destroy him for the pain he has inflicted. This becomes problematic however, as she finds herself captivated by the Caliph.

In this sensational, thought-provoking novel, the mysterious and defiant Shahrzad keeps readers on the edge their seats with her wit and the depth of emotion beneath the frigid surface of the Caliph keeps the pages flipping faster and faster at every turn. Both the characters and the moral dilemmas posed by this novel are stunning in their complexity and because each character has their own journey, *The Wrath of Dawn* becomes a much more realistic portrayal of love.

The story of Shahrzad and Khalid is real and unique and for this reason it would be a high-ranked favorite of all romance fanatics. Depicted by Publisher's Weekly as "Lushly imagined and powerfully characterized," this novel is a beautiful challenge to everything readers know about love. It forces them to ask themselves the same question Shahrzad and Khalid face: why is it the people we love who hurt us the most?

The Nerd's Corner



Lauren Gregory
Columnist

A Paragraph of Positivity

As we are nearing the end of the school year, it can become more and more difficult to continue to keep up with that whole "school" thing. These past 7(ish) months may have made your brain feel like a soggy, wet, knowledge filled, sponge and while that may be taking its toll on your mental sanity, despite this overwhelming feeling, you should continue to soak up knowledge for these next few weeks. The year is almost over and you can make it through these next couple of weeks, believe me. After coming back from spring break, you may feel done, but you can do it.

Spring break is supposed to serve as a recharging week for students, but all it really accomplishes is feeding our hunger for summer vacation. After that long glorious week of relaxation, coming back to waking up early to spend hours sitting in an uncomfortable desk learning about tangent graphs, symbolism in *Lord of the Flies*, electrical charges, and America's involvement in World War II, seems like a nearly impossible task. While the situation may

seem dire, a positive outlook can carry you through SLOs, AP test, and the ever-looming, finals week. Do not forget, those endless notes and lectures can be a daunting idea especially after a week of not touching a writing utensil, but do not fret, the hand cramps will become less severe after about a week.

The most important thing about these next few weeks is trying to keep up-to-date with everything you need to do. These next weeks can be vital to your end of the year grades, so make sure to keep up a positive attitude and work hard. Always try to stay on top of your game because you cannot always count on marrying into money.

Some anti-tips! Learn from my mistakes and make sure to NOT follow these tips of procrastination:

Watch an entire new season of *House of Cards* and *West Wing*.

Attend a political rally just for fun.

Eat an entire pint of Mitchell's Ice

Cream because you can.

Make political T-shirts with your similarly opinionated friends.

Take The Rapid downtown by yourself and walk around Cleveland like a confused tourist.

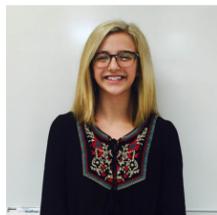
Read an entire book (but not one that was assigned to you).

Learn all the lyrics to Schoolhouse Rock's "The Preamble" because you're a true patriot.

Completely clean out your room (closets, desks, drawers, and everything inbetween).

For any more suggestions on what not to do, follow me on Twitter @lgregs53

Do you have strong opinions that you want to share with the student body? Have you ever wanted to write for the school newspaper? To join The Lantern, contact merste@scsmustangs.org or find a Newsie in room 122!



Sarah Palocko
Journalist

Intertwined with the historical roots of Easter, lies the fun, competitive, and infamous egg roll. Today, egg rolls and hunts live on in all of their glory, influencing even the most impressive members of society. While the President of the United States may be faced with foreign policy resolutions and appointing a new Supreme Court justice, the seemingly most pressing issue of his March involved selecting the ideal egg for the nationally televised White House Egg Roll. Whether you spent your Easter as a devoted holy (egg) roller, wanted to keep ontop of pressing presidential matters, or let out your average suburban kid by scouring your cousin's front yard this past Easter, the egg hunt is on for us all.

The egg hunt had its start many moons ago, in accordance with the beginning of Easter celebrations. In pre-Christian celebrations, the egg represented the rebirth of Earth in early

spring. However, Christians then believed the egg had come to represent the symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. Resurreggtion! In fact, some churches dye their eggs for Easter egg hunts red, in honor of the blood of Christ.

Now, if you are no egg hunt aficionado, perhaps you have a bigger connection with the South German folk traditions come Easter time. In these folk traditions, the custom of an Easter egg hunt began because children believed that the "Easter Hare" laid eggs in the grass. It was also customary to add extra obstacles to the game by placing them into hard-to-reach places among nettles or thorns. So, you can blame the Germans for your childhood anxiety and posttraumatic responses to overly competitive outdoor games.

Perhaps you did not take up after your German ancestors and did not really feel that passionate about scouring the yard for eggs the Easter. Many people took this holiday as an opportunity to catch up with America's First Family on their nationally televised Easter Egg Roll. Thousands of people braved the not so spectacular weather just

to have their chance at rolling a collector's edition egg on the White House South Lawn. After that attendees were treated to a special reading of *Where the Wild Things Are* by the President and First lady themselves. If you missed any of the festivities, you can relive the event via whitehouse.gov or follow @wheastereggroll on Twitter.

From the tomb of Christ and the insides of a hare, the Easter egg has rolled its way into the hearts of millions. From "Blue Collars" to Bill Clinton, everyone has been either an observer or a participant in a classic Easter hunt and/or roll. The role-of-the-roll in American society is impressive to say the least.

Whether you experienced the egg roll through religion, your family's backyard Easter celebration, or through your television with a little help from POTUS and FLOTUS, the feeling of true American tradition flourished in all of our hearts. Hopefully this Easter you found the perfect way to celebrate and were able to just roll with it.

Sunny Side Up

Sports



Strongsville Varsity Baseball Ousting the Standing Leaders



Brandon Kagan
Sports Writer

Now that the season of winter sports has officially come to a close, the spring season of athletics must begin. One eager program, Strongsville baseball, has experienced success in the past, boasting a state championship in addition to other titles. Looking to expand upon the success of the winter sports teams such as basketball, which finished the season with just over fifty percent of their games won, this year's baseball players are out to make a statement.

Coached by Strongsville High School Social Studies teacher Doug Cicerchi, the Mustangs officially began their regular season during the final weekend of March, opening with two

victories, one being over the defending OHSAA state champion in Moeller High School by a score of 11-5. Caleb Homan gave up two runs after starting on the mound. Both Nico Ramicone and Sami Mehmed recorded three RBI doubles.

Strongsville just recently achieved their second win against top Kentucky team in Highlands High School by a score of 2-1. Ian Hennessey, Senior pitcher, recorded the first no-hitter of his career in this outing. Coming off of a successful set of preseason scrimmages, this sets the Mustangs off to an even better start.

"I think we're definitely gonna get past Districts this year," says junior Parker Shannon, catcher and outfielder for the Mustangs. "After that it all depends on how bad our team wants it, because we have the potential to make a good run with the guys we have this year."

The feeling seems to be mutual throughout the program, as Junior pitcher/outfielder Alex Gray agrees with Junior pitcher

Jaret Beechy saying, "I definitely think we'll go far. We've got the guys to do it."

However, third year head coach Cicerchi has said, "...we really do try to take things one game at a time. Of course we'd like to make a run into the post-season but that's a month and a half away...We need to maintain our positive energy and continue to play with passion as the year moves forward."

When asked about leadership roles on the team, he said, "We have a lot of people who are willing to lead - some are vocal while others are quiet. It's a team that really seems to like each other and genuinely feel good for their teammates when they succeed."

Cicerchi mentioned Jon Campo, Caleb Homan, and Sami Mehmed as Captains.

It would be nice to see a Strongsville sports team do something great in the post-season for a little boost in pride and spirit for the "Green and White."



their pitching staff which is one of the best starting rotation in all of Major League Baseball.

Leading the staff is Corey Kluber the 2014 AL Cy Young award winner, who struggled at some times last year. Second in the rotation is Carlos Carrasco a well-rounded pitcher who showed great improvement in 2015, and will be essential if the Indians are to make a run for the division title.

Danny Salazar will also be important to the starting rotation, but he must command the fastball early in games if he is to have success. Tomlin, Bauer and Anderson will be the pitchers to watch and will likely dictate how the Indians fare since they have been inconsistent in the past.

The Indians are also looking good with their newest shortstop, Francisco Lindor, who in only playing 99 games last year was runner up to Rookie of the Year. Lindor will be fun to watch to see if he can keep up the phenomenal play from his 2015 season.

Jason Kipnis and Carlos Santana both will be looking to bounce back this year, Kipnis who struggled with injuries in the 2015 season will also be looking to stay healthy. The Indians made an exciting addition in the offseason with the addition of first basemen Mike Napoli who

Cleveland Indians Baseball Season Looking Bright



Jacob Taylor
Sports Writer

The city of Cleveland has given up hope for the Indians to win the AL Central. It has been 9 years since the Cleveland Indians have made it to the playoffs, unless you count their wildcard appearance in 2013. Is there hope for them in the 2016 season? Over the last 3 years the Cleveland Indians have won above .500, so why should this year be different?

On February 27th, the Indians lost starting centerfielder, Abraham Almonte, to a PED (Performance Enhancing Drug) suspension. The Indians will be missing Almonte but will replace him with some young talent. In past years the Indians started off slow but heated up towards the mid season.

However, at this point in the season it is too late to make a comeback. It is key for them this year to start off winning and to keep up the momentum.

The Indians' key to success is



Mustang's Hockey The Icing on the Season



Katie Waite
Sports Writer

The 2015-2016 Strongsville High School Ice Hockey Team proved to be serious athletes who have a passion for the ice. The team had a successful 14 wins this season thanks to some intense rebuilding by Coach Troy Grahl.

Despite a rough start, the Mustangs were able to develop their potential and firepower throughout the year. After battling for 3rd place out of 15 teams in the Cleveland Heights Hockey Tournament as well as in the Walter Ehrnfelt Tournament, the Mustangs truly earned their multiple victories. As well as these accomplishments, the team also won against the undefeated Solon Comets and the league rival, the Mentor Cardinals.

Helping the team to victory were seniors Ben Andreski and Matthew Rajecski, both leaders in points for scoring and assists. The duo worked flawlessly on the ice and set up plays like the skilled veterans they are. The two will be leaving the team next year but will leave a legacy of greatness behind them. The surprising freshman addition of Logan Schramm has helped the team with scoring on multiple occasions. Sophomores, Chase

Golubski and Josh Grady are versatile players who provide set up for juniors Bryce Born, Adam Sartschev, and Jake Bell who are powerhouses on skates in regards to defense and offence.

In regards to goaltending, starter and junior Zach Maxwell faces anywhere from 30-50 shots a game and had a very impressive save percentage of 90 percent and a Goals Against Average of 2.44. Freshman Goalie, Luke Bell had a more than a little experience under his belt with over four varsity games and boasts a save percentage of 85 percent. Both goalies pose serious competition in the Red South Division. Big saves and impeccable skill are gifts the goalies possess and this will hopefully carry on through the rest of their careers.

As for new additions to the team, freshmen Jared Normant, Chris Wade, and Caeli Melland, sophomore Alex Moran, and juniors Adam Cook and Jon Hockaday were able to prove themselves as part of the team by participating in varsity games. On top of that, they were able to beat the junior varsity team from Thomas Worthington. Some new additions from last year, Ross and Randy Pavlick and Clay Cornett, honed their skills this year. Clay proves himself as a built defenseman and both Ross and Randy have developed skills quickly throughout the season.

As a whole, Strongsville Hockey has come a long way since last year and the group hopes to continue its success into next year's season.



Mustang Hockey before a game Photo Credit: Katie Waite

Arts and Entertainment

Prom Word Search



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Photo Editor

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Take a "snap" at guessing what year these pictures are from!



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Keep Calm and Think After Prom!



Hannah Moskowitz
Journalist

Strongsville High School PTA will be holding their annual after prom celebration at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Complex. This year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas" providing casino games, prizes, and decorations. Inflatables, basketball, air hockey, and volleyball encourage some friendly competition, while airbrush tattoos, a photo booth, and a caricature artist will help graduating seniors and all students remember the festivities. SHS Junior, Shannon Paison, attended After Prom the past two years and admitted she expected it to not be fun. However, after attending Paison recommends anyone who can go, should. Paison assures "Everyone

in general is having a good time, and the food was better than the food at prom."

Prom and After Prom are just the beginning of the excitement that "Prom Weekend" has to offer. One of the many options is to go to Kalahari Waterpark in Sandusky, Ohio. Kalahari features a lazy river, wave pool, a plethora of water slides, and even a complete spa for you to relax after all that dancing.

If water slides and surfing are not really your thing, you can elect to go to Cedar Point in Sandusky. The weekend of prom is also the opening weekend of Cedar Point, so make sure to get there early to avoid a crowd. Cedar Point opens at 10 AM and closes

at 10 PM that Saturday, the 7th.

If you are looking for more of a quick activity rather than an all day or weekend excursion, try bowling at Southland Lanes in Middleburg Hts., mini golf at Mr. Divot's Miniature Golf in North Royalton, or a drive in movie at Aut-O-Rama Twin Drive-In Theatre in North Ridgeville.

The most important thing is that you can make memories you will always remember. This may be one of the last times you and all of your friends will be together in one place before graduation, so live it up, have fun, and, most importantly, be safe this prom weekend.

Congrats Class of 2016!



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