

HOMETOWN HEROES

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Every morning at Strongsville High School, buses and cars flood into the main driveway to drop off students in the beginning of the school day. There are about 2,000 Strongsville students plus staff coming to Strongsville to every day. Having so many people arriving at the same destination through the same driveway would be chaotic in theory, right? Not so much here at SHS. Thanks to Michael Bickelmeyer, the people of SHS undergo the morning drop off and parking process with ease.

Bickelmeyer has been working as a Strongsville High School Security Officer for about 10 years as well as a hotel bus driver and an expert driver at a local pizzeria. He even ran for President in the 2016 election as a Republican candidate and has begun his campaign for his 2020 run. When asked about his campaign, he elaborated on his ideas and plans for “addressing national security, job creation, and environmental issues.” With a very Presidential like charm, Bickelmeyer humored, “If I could have had the media attention, I believe, in 2016, Hillary and Donald would have never stood a chance next to me!”

Not many people give much thought to the few minutes it takes to pull up to school and walk into the building, and we can thank Bickelmeyer for making sure everyone’s mornings are easy and simple. Every weekday morning, Bickelmeyer goes out to direct traffic even in the most horrific weather conditions. When asked about some of the worst weather he has to work in, Bickelmeyer responded with a chuckle and said, “About 4 or 5 years ago, I noticed on the board here outside the main entrance door the temperature was -14 Fahrenheit.”

The SHS community is grateful for Bickelmeyer’s work to make sure every student and staff member’s morning advent is smooth and simple, and we credit Bickelmeyer as the hero to our timely arrival to first period.

“HAVE A GREAT MUSTANG DAY!”



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