

# The **ROUNDTABLE**

**EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.**

## Community Partnership **ALERT!**



Strawberry Mansion High School's Culinary Arts pathway has partnered with Bebashi to receive the materials needed to produce food for their Community Meals Program. This program supports Bebashi's hunger relief initiative here in Philadelphia. Scholars from Introduction to Culinary Arts learned how to prepare the components of the meals in quantity, then portion and pack for donation. So far, Mansion scholars have learned to make chicken noodle soup, chicken Alfredo, braised beef, garden salads with vinaigrette, devil's food cake and peanut butter cookies.



Mansion Media Arts scholars even had the opportunity to provide the logos and the labels for the donated meals. Nice collaboration scholars!



**APRIL 1**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

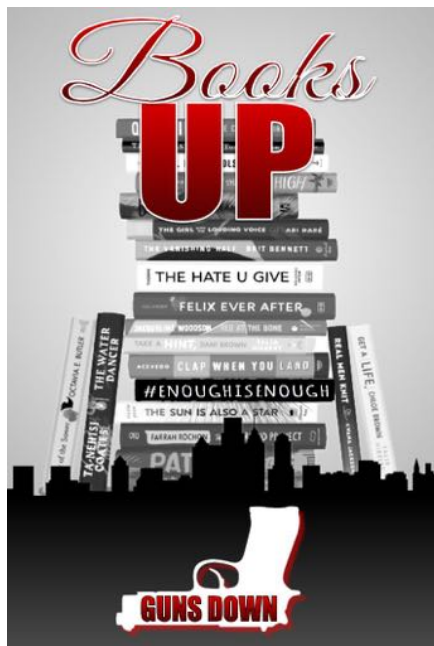


**APRIL 8**  
Mansion Career Day 2022



**APRIL 11-15**  
NO SCHOOL!  
Spring Break

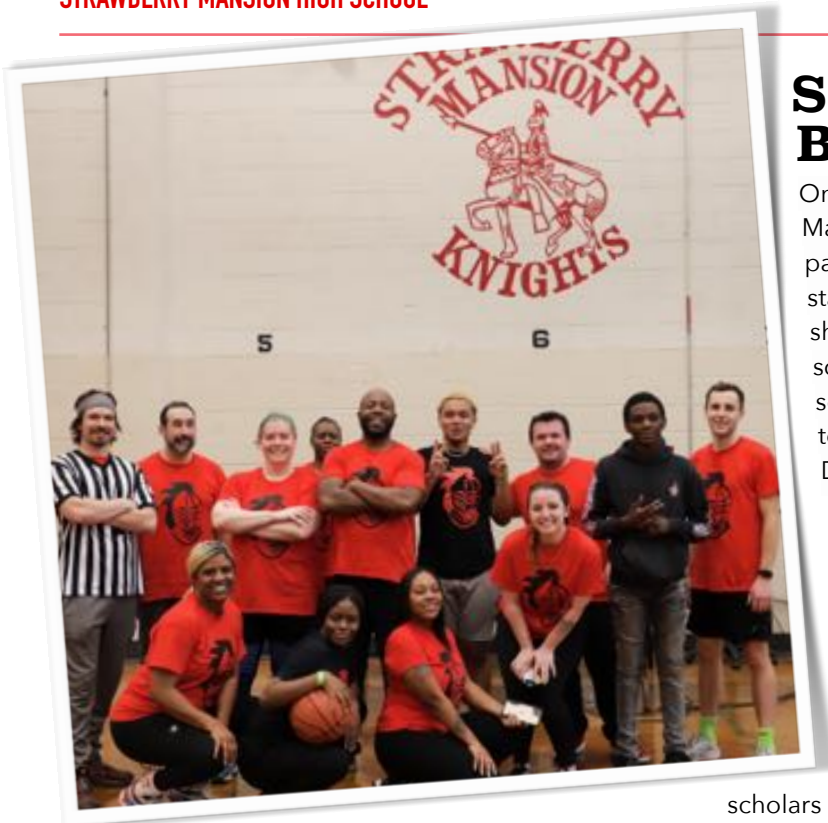
## Gun Violence Awareness Day



The Strawberry Mansion High School 11th grade scholars have witnessed enough senseless violence in their young lives. As a result, these scholars met online with other School District of Philadelphia students to address the relentless gun violence epidemic as well as a racial and police reckoning that has gripped America since the killing of George Floyd. The daily gun violence in our city affects so many young people and it does not get the attention or action it merits. Mansion scholars are doing something about it... completing surveys, making posters, and giving presentations. On April 22nd, Mansion scholars will have the opportunity to connect and exchange with the community about gun violence through scholar led discussions focused on healing, advocacy, and action. Hope to see you there! **#enoughisEnough**



**APRIL 22**  
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## Scholar vs. Staff Basketball Game

On March 25th, 2021 as part of the Mansion March Madness Attendance Challenge selected scholars took part in a friendly basketball game versus the Mansion staff. After the intense competition and impressive showing off of baller skills from both teams, the Mansion scholars secured the victory. Participants were treated to soft pretzels and bottled water, and everyone received a team jersey created by the Mansion Media Arts Department.

## College, Career & Trade Expo SUCCESS

On March 26th and April 1st, 2022 Strawberry Mansion High School hosted its annual College Career & Trade Expo as part of parent/teacher conferences. Colleges, universities, trade schools and all branches of the military had the opportunity to present to Mansion

scholars and their parents all they had to offer for post secondary education and training. Scholars had the option to play Mansion Bingo to win prizes like an iPad, Mansion swag, and even a passing grade on ab assignment! Hot dogs, soft pretzels and water ice were enjoyed by all who visited this awesome event. Special thanks to Ms. Lakeisha James, guidance counselor, for putting this all together!

## WE ARE HIRING...

WELCOME TO THE MANSION HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

# Strawberry Mansion High School

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### Changing OUR Narrative...

Strawberry Mansion High School is a transformative school that is driven to provide an exceptional education and equitable opportunities for all scholars. Through career pathways, like Music, Media, and Management, each scholar will extend their learning and develop the competencies necessary to compete in the 21st century. Scholars will graduate with two viable options: a high-quality diploma, and an industry certification—**that is The Mansion Promise.**

**"Capable of GREATNESS"**  
As Strawberry Mansion works to reinvent itself, its scholars show they're strong enough to beat the odds and leave behind a "Legacy of Greatness." Find out more here...

**#FOREVERMANSION**  
Under the leadership of proud Principal McCracken, a plethora of support and services, and a focus on college and career readiness, **WE ARE RISING...** Scan the QR code to the left to read the full article!

**Can't Hide OUR PRIDE!**

- 1. MUSIC:** In 2019, during the Lennon Bus Experience, Mansion Music scholars wrote an original song and performed in the music video along side of Grammy Award winning artists and rapper Kevin Gates.
- 2. MEDIA:** In 2020, Mansion Media Arts scholars won first place scoring \$50,000 for the art program in the Vans Custom Culture sneaker design competition. Check out the "Hometown Pride" design on the left!
- 3. MANAGEMENT:** In 2021, Mansion Culinary Arts pathway welcomed professional chef and Philly native Elijah Milligan to cook for the entire school during the annual Field Day festivities.

#### CORE VALUES

-  HARD WORK
-  TEAMWORK
-  PRIDE
-  EXCITEMENT
-  RESULTS
-  TRANSPARENCY

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SMHS is a transformative school that is driven to provide an exceptional education and equitable opportunities for all scholars. Through rigorous academics and career pathways, each scholar will extend their learning to develop the competencies necessary to compete in the 21st century. Scholars will graduate with two viable options: a high-quality diploma, and an industry certification. Currently, we are in the process of "site selection." Site selection "is the SDP's process whereby eligible teacher and counselor candidates apply to open positions in their content area(s), interview and receive offers. A huge thank you to all of the scholars and parents that have participated in the interviews and demonstration lessons thus far. We look forward to welcoming a few new faces to our community in September!



The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** is a peer elected, collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and parent and community engagement in the educational process. Being on Mansion's School Advisory Council is a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with parents and participate in school planning. The next SAC meeting is April 27th via Google Meet. For additional information, please email Mrs. Vargas at [svargas@philasd.org](mailto:svargas@philasd.org).