

# The **ROUNDTABLE**

**EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.**

## Graduation At Historic Mansion...



**JUNE 3**

Athletics Banquet



**JUNE 4**

Mansion Field Day



**JUNE 7**

Senior BBQ 2pm



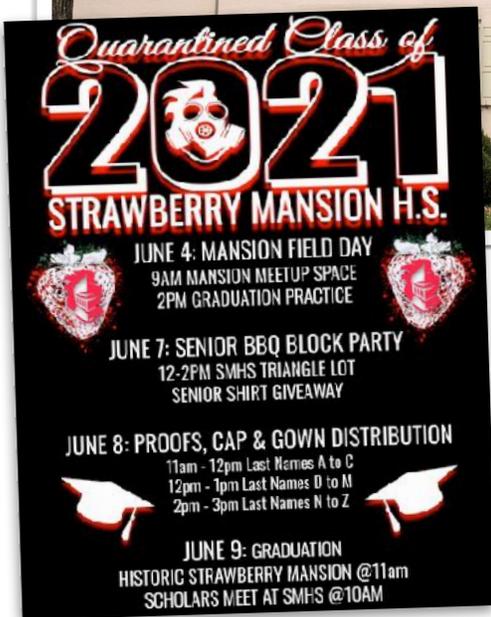
**JUNE 8**

Cap & Gown  
Distribution



**JUNE 9**

Graduation 11am



**Strawberry Mansion** is the largest of the historic Fairmount Park houses in Philadelphia. It was built as a summer retreat in 1789 by Judge William Lewis, who is credited with drafting the first law to abolish slavery in the U.S., and served as an advisor to both George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. From 1846 to 1867, the farmers that rented the mansion served strawberries and cream to the public, and as a

result, Strawberry Mansion received its current name which was then later extended to the adjacent neighborhood. The house was restored between 1927 and 1931 by a nonprofit organization for use as a museum and a place of hospitality. Since its opening, Historic Strawberry Mansion has welcomed over 250,000 visitors through individual visits, park house tours, lectures, events, and community artist exhibitions. On June 9th, 2021, the outside grounds of the Mansion will serve as the backdrop for Strawberry Mansion High School's Class of 2021 commencement ceremony. After a very long quarantine and virtual school year, we are excited and proud to be hosting this momentous occasion at such a historical site in our community. *Congratulations Strawberry Mansion High School Class of 2021!*

## The BIG CLEAN UP PHILADELPHIA

Creating the world we want to love requires action... The Big Clean Up is a collective of creatives, artists and local humanitarians who come together every month to enhance underserved neighborhoods of Philadelphia. They thrive in putting forth efforts in cleaning, revitalizing, and healing underprivileged and disenfranchised communities as a united front. On May 23rd, 2021, members of the Strawberry Mansion community as well as our very own Mansion staffers Ms. Sullivan, Ms. James and Mr. Byrne, participated in this community wide clean up effort. Through this effort, it is hoped that beautification is a spark that lights many fires of proactive problem solving in our Black communities.



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## Field Day & Color Wars...

On June 4th, 2021, the scholars and staff at Strawberry Mansion High School will have an opportunity to show their PRIDE and compete for a chance to prove which Mansion team is BEST. All participants will be assigned to the red, white, grey, or black team, and will also have their name entered into a drawing to win the privilege of shoving a pie into Principal McCracken's in the face. Field Day festivities will take place on the battlefield at 33rd & Diamond in Fairmount Park. Scheduled events include egg & spoon relay, obstacle course, 100 yard dash, basketball skills, tug-of-war, and water balloon toss. After the War is over and the winner announced, scholars and staff will be treated to a catered lunch provided by Philadelphia native Chef Elijah Milligan and thanks to the Culinary Arts career pathway. Hope to see you there!

## DISTRICT FINALS

SMHS would like to congratulate two Mansion scholar athletes for their outstanding performances during the District 12 AA Championship Meet on May 21st, 2021. Freshman **Ta'Niyah King**, who not only has the highest GPA in her class, qualified for the 100 M Finals, and placed 11th overall in the competition. Senior **Kierra Vaughn**, placed 5th in shot put at the competition with her best throw at 24 feet! These scholar athletes will be competing in the Philadelphia Public League Championship on June 2nd, 2021. Best of luck Lady Knights!

