



**Aug. 25, 2022**

Dear Spencerport Community,

With less than two weeks until the start of school, I hope your students are excited as I am for the 2022-23 year.

Our principals, administrators and staff have been hard at work, preparing our buildings, communicating with families, and addressing all of those last-minute details prior to opening day. We want to make sure our new students have a successful introduction to school and our returning students have a smooth transition back to routines, schedules and learning.



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## Bright Spots

### **Cosgrove students donate buddy benches**

Please join us in recognizing Cosgrove Middle School eighth graders, Ella Newell, Annabelle Karas, and Ariana Burns.

These young leaders in Girls Scouts Troop 6014 built and donated three buddy benches to their home elementary schools of Taylor, Munn and Canal View, as part of their work to earn the Girl Scouts Silver Award. This is the highest award a cadet can earn, and the project must be sustainable in their neighborhood or school and make an impact for the better. In addition they supplied each school with a book.

Ella said, "Our vision for a Buddy Bench is to give students who are feeling alone a place to go and sit, ideally this bench would be placed outside in an area where kids



are playing or at recess. This will alert teachers, students, and staff that a student needs someone to talk to or play with.”

Thank you, Ella, Annabelle and Ariana!



## First Day Photos

Talking about back to school provides a great opportunity to again ask families to send us your first day of school photos. We would love to celebrate this special time of year by posting your photos on our website and social media accounts. Simply email [info@spencerportschools.org](mailto:info@spencerportschools.org) with your photos. Last week we shared a Day One photo of our elementary principals, and this week we have our Cosgrove team ready!

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## Updates

### School Reopening and COVID-19 Guidance

This week, New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department released its joint COVID-19 guidance for schools, and as expected, it aligns with the recent Center for Disease Control recommendations. The new guidance removes many of the previous requirements around quarantine, screen testing and cohorting students and staff. Masking also remains optional and is not required.

For your convenience, please find the attached, one-page flier briefly summarizing the latest recommendations and if you would like more details, please visit our website, [https://www.spencerportschools.org/district/2022-23\\_c\\_o\\_v\\_i\\_d\\_updates](https://www.spencerportschools.org/district/2022-23_c_o_v_i_d_updates)

## Updated COVID guidance Aug 2022.pdf

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### Update: SHS Equitable Grading Practices

On Monday, the high school held a parent forum on the building wide grading practices that they will begin to implement this year. The high school will continue to offer these sessions to answer questions and get parent feedback during Open House, as well as during our parent/teacher conferences in November.

Our high school team has been working hard with faculty, counselors, parents and administrators to implement these guidelines over the past six years, and many teachers have been implementing them already! Their success and the positive impact that it has had on their classroom environments for both the teacher and the student has resulted in us instituting a building wide philosophy and guidelines. These updated grading practices are centered around providing students and parents with as much accurate information as possible about the student as a learner, including their academic achievement, as well as their cognitive, behavioral, and emotional engagement.

A series of videos outlining equitable grading, homework and assessments may be found at this link, <https://shs.spencerportschools.org/grading>

### Reminder: Laptop Agreement and Insurance Plan

A link to the 2022-23 laptop agreement and insurance plan for students in grades 6-12 may be found below. Please be aware that the user agreement is mandatory with the option of purchasing insurance. We ask that you fill out the user agreement if you have not already done so:

<https://spencerport.revtrak.net/Laptop-User-Agreement-Protection-Plan/>



I hope you enjoy the final week of summer, and look forward to seeing you on Sept. 7!

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann  
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District

