



Sep. 16, 2022

Dear Spencerport Community,

We might all be a little tired after our first full week of learning, but I can't tell you how grateful, honored, and excited we are to be back with students.

Our faculty and staff have done a great job creating a welcoming environment for our kids, and I'm always amazed how quickly our youngest students adapt to daily routines and practices. I've also been touched by the positivity and energy I've seen while visiting our schools and classrooms over the past few days. Taylor's first positive behavior assembly, pictured here, just shows that energy!

I believe that 2022-23 is going to be a terrific school year.



Updates



A Ranger Welcome

I hope you will join me in welcoming Chief Chris Mears, pictured on the right, in his new role as our district security director. He will officially start on Monday, Sep. 19.

I also hope you will join me in congratulating and welcoming our new Ogden Police Chief, Travis Gray, pictured on the left. We are all looking forward to continuing our great partnership with OPD and the town of Ogden.

Open Houses

Over the next few weeks, we will be inviting you to attend your student's Open House. Please join us as this is your opportunity to meet our teachers, learn about our curriculum and get a sense of our school environment in action.

We know that parent engagement in schools is closely linked to better student behavior, higher academic achievement, and overall improved well-being for our students. We value your partnership and support and want to make sure you have a clear sense of how we serve our students and meet their unique needs. For your convenience, we've listed the remaining open houses below:

- Sep. 22: SHS, 5:30 p.m.
- Sep. 22: Canal View, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Taylor, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Munn, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Bernabi, 6-7:30 p.m.

Seesaw App for Elementary Schools

Earlier this week, we received information that the SeeSaw platform we use for elementary instruction had been compromised, and more specifically, its messaging app.

While working in conjunction with BOCES, our Computer Services Department quickly mobilized to investigate and learned that families and teachers around the country received a link to an inappropriate image.

The impact in Spencerport was extremely isolated; however, we immediately disabled the site. It is important to reiterate that at no time was this image viewed by students. We will continue to limit access to the platform until the situation is fully resolved.

As always, we appreciate your help in alerting us to any concerning content and/or messages you may receive from our technology platforms. If you receive a concerning message, please contact our Chief Information Officer, Cory Allen, at callen@spencerportschools.org. Notifying us will help ensure we are keeping our students, staff and community safe.

Save the Date: Parent and Community Engagement Event

Social media is designed to be addictive and distracting while drastically impacting young people's lives. Max Stossel should know, he worked for global social media companies where he designed some of the same notification structures to distract people that he now raises awareness about. If you have ever been concerned with how social media may be impacting your student's life, this community event is for you!



Stossel has spoken with hundreds of thousands of students, parents, and educators around the world, and we are excited to bring him to Spencerport Central Schools. We encourage you to join us on the evening of October 3 for an important discussion on how social media is impacting students and what can be done to improve focus and diminish distraction in your homes and learning environments. The event will be held in our high school performing arts center, and the time will be communicated once confirmed. Until then, please save the date.

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

To strengthen a school culture in which all students feel seen, valued, and respected, we are trying to be more intentional about acknowledging many of the key holidays and events that happen throughout the year. To start, I wanted to wish everyone a Happy Hispanic Heritage Month. The observation started in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, and is focused on celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.





Catch our Ranger Athletes in Action!

Finally, our Spencerport teams are off to a great start this year! Our Ranger athletes are hoping you can catch them in action this fall. If you are looking for an easy-to-follow schedule for competitions, make sure to [check out this link with all the details](#) from our Athletic Department.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District