

## Oct. 14, 2022

Dear Spencerport Families,

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 17 - 21 as School Board Recognition Week this year. While we could recognize all that our board does for the community year-round, next week we honor our school board members for their commitment to Spencerport and our children. The fundamental work of any school board is to create a shared vision for the education of a community. Our Board of Education sets the direction of the school district, develops a budget that reflects the district's values and goals and supports a healthy culture in which to work and to learn.

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Education members: President Gary Bracken, Vice President Michael Miceli, Leah Brown, Kate Czarnecki, David Gibbardo, Megan Sarkis and Lori Stone. You devote countless hours to making sure our schools help every child achieve at their highest level.



# Recognitions

### National School Bus Safety Week

Oct. 17-21 is also National School Bus Safety Week. Our Spencerport transportation department is second to none, from our mechanics to our drivers to our director. Thank you for all you do to keep our students safe on the roads.



### **Bright Spots**

#### Niche Releases Annual School Rankings

I don't need to tell you that some of the biggest decisions that parents make involve the education of their kids. With this in mind, the Niche organization has put out school rankings for families that include updated data for public school districts across the country.

What makes Niche unique is the fact that it combines student achievement data along with feedback from students, parents, and alumni. While we never like to get too invested in school rankings, we are never shy about accepting a compliment.

You may have seen that a few days ago, Niche ranked Spencerport as the <u>#9 Best District in the</u> <u>Rochester Area</u>. This ranking is based on an analysis of key statistics and reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and public school district ratings. This type of excellence is not an accident, and it's a real credit to the students, parents, and staff members who make our district so special. #Spencerportproud

#### A Ghostly Tour with Cast of Addams Family

The Ogden Historical Society's annual Ghost Walk is Oct. 14 and 15, and as a special treat, our high school performers in the upcoming production of the Addams Family will be the guides! Tickets cost \$5 each and are required for the walk:

https://bisesqui2017.yapsody.com/ and be sure to save the date for the HS STAGE Drama Club performance of the Addams Family, Nov. 17-19! Ticket information and show times will be posted on our website.



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#### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Every October, we join people all over the world to show our support for families affected by breast cancer. Many of those in our community are drawing attention to this important month by raising awareness and donations. Special thanks to our students, athletic teams, families and staff for hosting events like Pink the Pool, pink-themed days, or Friday denim days.

October is also a month for action. Please know your family history and schedule a mammogram.



#### **Reminder: Upcoming Events**

- Oct. 18: Board of Education Meeting (7 p.m. at District Office)
- Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27: Bernabi Open House
- Nov. 3: PreK-only Half Day Release
- Nov. 3: Cosgrove Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 4: PreK-12 Half Day Release

I hope you enjoy what promises to be a beautiful, fall weekend.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann Superintendent of Schools



