



Oct. 28, 2022

Dear Spencerport Families,

Last week I shared with you our commitment to focus and improve upon our student experience in Spencerport Central Schools. Our district takes pride in its tradition of academic excellence and preparing students for their future. This focus has never been more critical, which is why the board of education and leadership team has initiated a strategic planning process and capital improvement project.

Our students who have entered Kindergarten this year will be young adults in 2035. Our schools need to prepare them for jobs that have not yet been created, for technologies that have not yet been invented, and to solve problems that have not yet been anticipated. Some of you have asked, “What does it mean for my child to become “future-ready?” There is no question that students will need both broad and specialized knowledge to navigate their complex world. Disciplinary knowledge will continue to be important, but the capacity to think across the boundaries of disciplines and “connect the dots” will be critical when students are challenged to apply their knowledge in unknown and evolving circumstances.

I will continue to share with you all the ways our district is strategically working to broaden our students’ future-ready skills, including developing cognitive skills (e.g. critical thinking, creative thinking, learning to learn and self-regulation); social and emotional skills (e.g. empathy, self-efficacy and collaboration); and practical and physical skills (e.g. using new information and communication technology devices).

Helping our students become globally competent is a journey, not an endpoint. It is an evolving, ongoing process that helps students see that world events and global issues are interdependent and that their own culture and history is key to understanding relationships to others. I encourage



you to visit our website for more information on our strategic planning process as updates will be posted throughout the year.



Updates

Volunteers needed for Budget Focus Group

Please consider joining the 2023-24 Spencerport Budget Focus Group. The invaluable feedback from community members, staff, students, families, civic leaders, and administrators serves to inform budget development at key checkpoints throughout the process. The BFG meets six times and discusses such areas as revenues, expenses, state aid, tax levy, and tax rate.



All of the meetings will begin at 6 p.m. on the following Tuesdays in the District Office building:

- Jan. 24
- Feb. 14
- Feb. 28
- Mar. 14
- Mar. 28
- Apr. 11 (as part of the BOE meeting)

If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Marcy Clapper, at mclapper@spencerportschools.org.

Increase in RSV cases

With few to no restrictions in place and travel and socializing back in full swing, we are seeing an increase in colds and flu like symptoms. Nationwide, there is also an increase in children infected with RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus).

Our Spencerport health office staff will continue to monitor the number of reported school absences related to RSV and other common illnesses. Symptoms of RSV may include cough, low-grade fever, cough, nasal congestion, runny nose, increased irritability, loss of appetite, and wheezing. Please remember to keep students home when they are sick to help prevent the spread of illness and to seek medical attention for breathing difficulty or high fever.



Recognitions

Winner of the 2022 Ruth E.
Wasley NYS Teacher of the Year

Melanie Thomas



**NYSAFLT Annual
Conference Awards 2022**

Spencerport teacher wins top honors

Congratulations are in order for Melanie Thomas. We were proud to learn that The New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT) has named Mrs. Thomas as The Ruth E. Wasley NYS World Language Teacher of the Year!

This award honors an educator who demonstrates excellence in the classroom and contributes to the foreign language profession. Thank you, Mrs. Thomas, for your leadership, creativity, innovation and making learning exciting and relevant for our students. Students and staff agree

that Mrs. Thomas is an outstanding educator and role model. I hope you will join me in congratulating her on this prestigious and well-deserved honor!

Spencerport wins communication awards

Spencerport was recognized as an award winner in the 43rd NYS School Public Relations Association (NYSPPRA) Communication Contest. Over 400 entries from around the country were judged and Lanette Cypher, director of communications, and BOCES 2 designers, Lisa Constantine and Allison Mason, won two awards:



- Award of Honor for the 2021-22 Calendar focused on mental health and social emotional wellbeing; and
- Award of Honor for our 2021-22 Cornerstone newsletter.

Thank you to Ms. Cypher for all of her dedicated leadership and service to our community. You should be proud that your work was honored, and we look forward to the years ahead as our communications in Spencerport continue to grow. I would also like to thank Erin Hassall, Family Support Center; Liz Roth, Cosgrove digital citizenship teacher; and our high school counselors for their respective expertise on the calendar.



A fantastic season for our fall athletes!

This week's bright spot is on our fall student athletes. The fall sports season may be winding down, but the Rangers are gearing up for an exciting post season of sectionals!

Girls tennis and girls golf wrapped up their season in early October. Eighth grader Emily Zigrossi finished in 8th place at the girls golf sectionals and will be representing Spencerport and Section V at the state tournament in June.

Our girls swim team hosted another great Pink in the Pool Relay on Saturday, Oct. 15, and on Sunday, Oct. 16, participated in the Rochester Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.

On Wednesday night, Kyle Milburn (junior) became the all-time leading point scorer in Rangers' Boys Soccer history in the team's sectional quarter final victory against Greece Arcadia.

The rest of the Rangers are into their respective sectional contests, and brackets may be viewed on the Section V website www.sectionv.org

- Girls volleyball in the sectional quarterfinals: Oct. 28, 5 p.m. vs. Churchville at Churchville Chili
- Boys soccer in the sectional semifinals: Oct. 28, 5 p.m. vs. Webster Thomas at Gates-Chili
- Football in the sectional quarterfinals: Oct. 28, 7 p.m. vs. Churchville Chili at Spencerport
- Girls soccer in the sectional finals: Oct. 29, 2 p.m. vs. Churchville Chili at Canandaigua
- Cheer: Oct. 29, 5:50 pm. at Gates Chili
- Girls diving: Oct. 29, 4 p.m. at Churchville Chili
- Boys volleyball in the sectional quarterfinals: Nov. 1, 5 p.m. vs. Gates Chili at Spencerport
- Girls swimming preliminaries: Nov. 2, 4 p.m. and Nov. 5, 10 a.m. at Webster Aquatic Center
- Boys and girls cross country: Nov. 5 at Letchworth State Park

Our Unified Bowling season is up and running, and the team had their first match on Thursday.

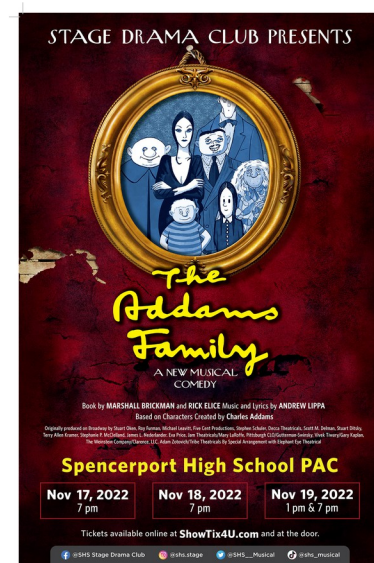
Be sure to check out the October Ranger Roundup ([CLICK HERE](#)) for sectional ticketing information, winter sports registration information, updates, and all things Rangers!

Addams Family debuts Nov. 17

Don't forget that tickets for the HS STAGE Drama's performance of the Addams Family go on sale Tuesday, Nov. 1. Performances will be:

- Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 19, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door and online at ShowTix4U (live on Nov. 1).



Reminder: Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1: Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 3: PreK-only Half Day Release**
- Nov. 3: Cosgrove Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Nov. 4: PreK-12 Half Day Release**
- Nov. 10: Munn Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day: No School

I hope you have a fan-filled weekend, cheering on our Rangers and the Buffalo Bills!

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District