



Nov. 11, 2022

Dear Spencerport Families,

It is no secret that society has faced a series of challenges over the last few years. One could argue that no group has been impacted to the same degree as our students. We recognize that the disruption to their academic studies has left a void that we are working to address. With today marking the end of our first quarter, I thought it might be helpful to share how we are working to enhance our structures and systems at all three levels (PreK-5, 6-8, and 9-12) to improve the learning experiences for our students.



At the elementary level, Spencerport has transitioned to a new system called Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). This process addresses the literacy, numeracy, and behavioral needs of the students we serve. To help us with this work, we have tasked a master teacher in each elementary school to collaborate with teachers and administrators on enhancing our ELA and math programs. This involves refining our curriculum, supporting their colleagues' instructional delivery, using data from assessments to target student intervention, and creating systems to support behavioral needs.

At the secondary level, we have identified Content Focused Coaches at Cosgrove and the high school in ELA, Social Studies, Math, and Science. The work of these teachers is to support their colleagues as they build their instructional repertoire and work to personalize instruction and support to our students.

Finally, Spencerport has created a series of academic programs to further support student learning. These include our summer programs for incoming Kindergarten students through 12th grade, and our after-school workshops to help secondary students recover credit to ensure that they are on path to graduate. Research suggests that tutoring is an effective way to help secondary students make up lost academic ground and we have created after-school Academic Workshops to provide small group support to help students keep up with grade-level content in a particular subject. We

encourage our secondary students to discuss this option with their classroom teacher if they need more support.

Just a reminder that high school and middle school report cards will be available on Nov. 18 in Infinite Campus. If you experience any difficulty accessing your child's learning information, please do not hesitate to contact Tim O'Connor, director of student services, at toconnor@spencerportschools.org.



➤ *Need to complete a re-take?*

➤ NEED TO MAKE UP WORK AFTER AN ABSENCE?

➤ *Need some extra help with a class?*

Take advantage of
**ACADEMIC
WORKSHOP**

Available **Monday-Thursday**
From **2:50-3:50**
Room **135/136**

For more information, join the Schoology course:
TWW4-3XWQ-WXGFQ

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Transportation is available
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SEE YOUR TEACHER TO MAKE A PLAN



Updates

Proposed 2022 capital improvement project

The Spencerport Central School District conducts regular reviews of its buildings and grounds to identify areas in need of repair, renovation or replacement. Our goal is to be Future Ready, continuously working to create an educational environment that will keep our students safe and support instructional programs.



This year, the building condition surveys and inspections have served to inform decisions with our financial advisors, construction management teams, and our community Facilities Task Force. From this collaborative process, we have prioritized each school's needs and developed a proposal for our community to consider. The 2022 capital improvement project totals \$23.4 million and proposes:

- additional safety and security measures including new secured vestibule entrances in all six schools and district office; and
- extensive infrastructure repairs and replacements, including roofing, HVAC systems, boilers and paving

The project aligns with the district's commitment to fiscal accountability in its short and long-term planning and represents a minimal-to-no impact on taxpayers. In addition, the project would provide a blueprint for a phase 2 project in the future.

- **An informational meeting on the project will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m. in the high school performing arts center.**
- **Please mark your calendars for the community vote on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. in the District Office building.**

We will continue to communicate aspects of the project and Dec. 13 vote in the coming weeks. In the meantime, be sure to visit our website for more details or check out this brief video.



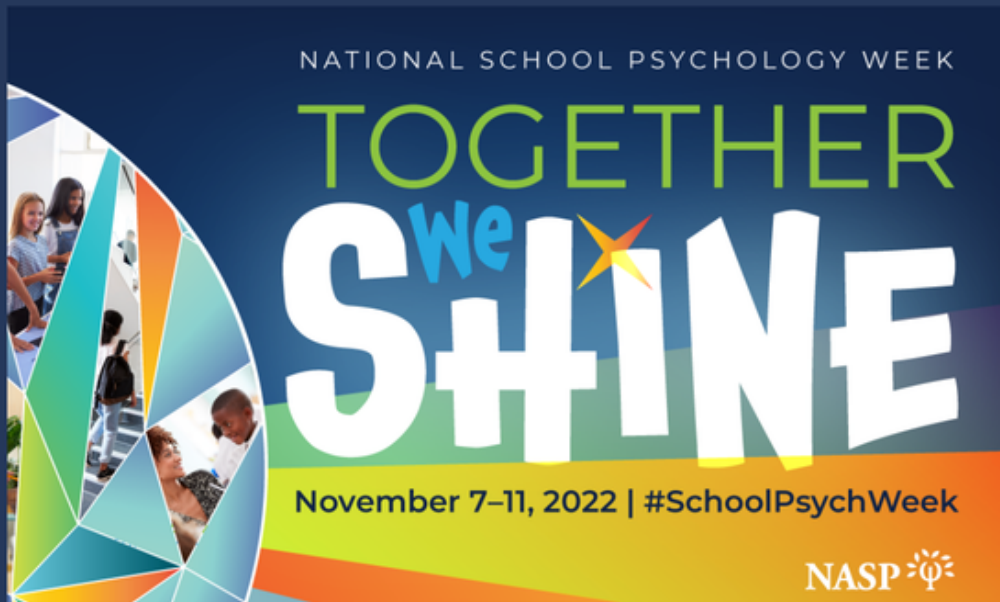
Recognitions

National School Psychology Week

This week, we are celebrating National School Psychology Week and the ways in which school psychologists help each and every student thrive.

Our school psychologists are an important part of our Spencerport learning community. They play a part in many aspects of education as special education evaluation team members, violence prevention specialists, building-based psychologists, crisis team members, suicide prevention trainers, multi-tiered intervention specialists, and inclusion advocates. This week, we appreciate our school psychologists and the many ways they support students in developing social-emotional skills, and promote school communities where all feel welcome, safe, valued, and prepared for the future.





THANK YOU TO OUR SPENCERPORT SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS:

BREANNA BAKER
CHRISTIE BALYS

TINA BRIEN
MARA KARPP
BRENNA MARINE

KIMBERLY PATTON
RICHARD PLATT

A month of gratitude: Veterans Day

This week as part of our month of gratitude we honor our United States Veterans.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday observed every year on November 11 to mark the anniversary of the World War I Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918. In honor of our veterans,



- high school students in the Military History and Leadership Club have been busy writing thank you notes to our local veterans, as well as our faculty and staff who have served. This club is led by Michael Marra, social studies teacher, club advisor and US Army reservist.
- Students in our Service Club, National Honor Society, Participation in Government and Student Leadership Internship Program also volunteered recently for a fall clean up at our American Legion. This volunteer group was led by teacher and advisor Christina Falbo.
- Master Sergeant Timothy Wheeler and Sergeant First Class Eugene Corbett are currently serving in the United States Army and visited Bernabi Elementary School on Wednesday. Wheeler spoke to fifth graders, including his daughter, Gracy, and both Wheeler and Corbett spoke to one second grade class that included Wheeler's son, Tyler, and Corbett's daughter, Camilla.

Thank you to our veterans, those currently in military service, and their families.



Bright Spots

Turkey Trot and Fall Festival

Our elementary schools are encouraging fitness and fun through activities like the Turkey Trot and Fall Festival.

Thank you to our physical education teachers and volunteers for coordinating these fantastic events. In addition, we want to recognize Taylor's Dominick and Aram, who made medals with the 3D printer for their school's turkey trot.



School history made

For the first time in Ranger history, our boys and girls soccer teams are headed to the state championships.

Both teams play on Saturday, Nov. 12 with the boys playing at 10 a.m. at Monroe-Woodbury HS, and the girls playing at 12:30 p.m. at Thompkins Cortland CC. Be sure to follow our @Ranger_Sports on Twitter for game updates and results.

Congratulations and good luck to both teams and coaches.



Congratulations to boys volleyball

Congratulations to our boys volleyball team for winning the Class B Sectional Championship for the third straight year. We are so proud of you. Go Rangers!



Special preview of Addams Family

The HS STAGE Drama Club performed a special sneak preview of "The Addams Family" this week. In case you have not purchased tickets yet, the shows will be:



- Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 and guests may easily choose and purchase seats online using this link, <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/68171> or at the door.



Upcoming events

- Nov. 14: Munn Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 15: Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m., D.O.
- Nov. 18: HS/MS Quarter 1 report cards in IC
- Nov. 22: Elem. report cards in IC
- Nov. 23: Supt. Conference Day, no school
- Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving Recess, no school
- Nov. 29: Capital Project Information meeting, 6 p.m., HS PAC

I hope you enjoy this three-day weekend, and find time to rest and relax.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District