



**Jan. 20, 2023**

Dear Spencerport Families,

I hope this message finds you well after a long holiday weekend. As always, time seems to be moving very quickly.

We find ourselves approaching the end of our second quarter on February 3. In previous communications I've shared with you that the partnerships between home and school is more important than ever. If you are reviewing your child's progress and you have a question about a grade in a class, I encourage you to reach out to the teacher. If you have larger questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please reach out to a counselor or building administrator. We are eager to work closely with families to ensure student learning and well-being and we are here to help you with any questions or concerns you might have.



## **Updates**

### **Possible bus delays with bridge closure**

The New York State Department of Transportation notified our district that the Gillett Road bridge will be closed to all traffic, beginning Monday, Jan. 23. The project is expected to last for eight weeks to complete repair work, and detours will be posted.

Our SCSD transportation department anticipates delays for routes utilizing the bridge and estimates bus stop arrival times to be 10-to-15 minutes later than normally scheduled. Please prepare accordingly and after a few days, families should be able to note the new arrival times. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

## School and community partnerships

I had the opportunity this week to serve as an announcer for the Spencerport Rotary's Trivia Night. The Rotary continues to be a longtime partner with our district, donating time as well as much-needed items like school supplies and books.



Proceeds from the trivia night are slated for the Dream Factory of Rochester, and I am incredibly grateful to be part of the Rotary with its commitment to the community.

## Science teacher, Chris Crowell, is a NYS Master Teacher

Spencerport High School science teacher and teacher leader Chris Crowell has been selected as a New York State Master Teacher. He will join more than 1,400 K-12 Science Technology Engineering, Math (STEM) teachers throughout the state who are dedicated to pursuing professional growth and providing the most innovative and engaging learning environment for their students.



Master Teachers are selected after an extensive application and interview process, and Crowell will now be part of Spencerport's cohort of Master Teachers, as well as the Finger Lakes Regional. Previously named Master Teachers are Matt Fink, Matt Amoroso, Nancy Mancuso, Steve Schultz and Bryan Swanson. Congratulations!

Speaking of Master Teachers, Nancy Mancuso is currently in South Africa! Read below.

## Bright Spots



Ranger Robotics members travel to South Africa

Two of our high school students, Matt O'Neil and Sal Pino, are currently in Makhanda, South Africa with teacher/advisor, Nancy Mancuso. They are representing our Ranger Robotics Team 3015 for an opportunity to travel and work with a group from the University of Buffalo to teach a one-week STEM course to elementary students at the the Holy Cross School in Grahamstown. A few of our graduates who now attend UB are also on the trip. More information on the Holy Cross School may be found at this link, <https://www.lovemustact.org/holy-cross-school>



## National Junior Honor Society induction

Congratulations to 55 of our Cosgrove Middle School eighth graders for their induction into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday night. Selection is based on scholarship, service, leadership, good citizenship and character, and more specifically students must have a 93 overall grade point average for 7th grade, 30 volunteer hours and four teacher recommendations. This is certainly an impressive accomplishment for our eighth graders and a goal to aspire to for our younger students.

Greeters (from left to right): Aiden Valentino, Joey Estes, Sean Courtney all expressed a hope to be NJHS inductees in the future.

## Reminder: PreK-12 half day release

January 27 will be a PreK-12 half day. While our students will be released early for the day, our staff will continue to review curriculum, develop assessments, evaluate student data and participate in professional learning. The district is using this time with faculty and administrators to continue our work with Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Each grade level and department will be diligently engaged to enhance your child's learning experience. We appreciate your understanding on the time required to complete this important work.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24: Board of Education, 7 p.m., D.O.
- Jan. 27: PreK -12 Half Day Release
- Feb. 4: Evening of Jazz

Sincerely

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Superintendent of Schools

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**Spencerport Central School District**