

THE SPENCERVILLE



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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023

VFW LOCAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The following teachers were honored at the Bowersock Brothers Post 6772 VFW:

(Left to Right) Kevin Sensabaugh (Middle School), Ann Kuhn (Elementary), Amy Gratz (High School,) Post Commander Jessica Wegesin

Congratulations!!



1000 POINTS

Congratulations to Senior Josh Henline, son of Jason and Lorie Henline on his achievement of **1,000 career points** on Dec 3, 2022 when the Bearcats defeated Fort Jennings.



2023 Yearbook Order Form
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ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Mrs. Susan Wagner, Principal



Welcome 2023!! It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. I feel the first half of the year has been filled with lots of learning and fun for our students.

Spencerville Elementary is excited to present our first annual family Game Train event, scheduled for March 9 from 5:45-6:45. Lots of fun activities are being planned for students and parents!! More details to follow but mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

Once a quarter, our elementary staff hosts **Bearcats Breakout** sessions for students. We share our love of various skills or hobbies with our students. It is a wonderful time for staff to share their passions with students in a fun and engaging way!!

The pick-up in the west lot needs to be structured to enhance security for our students. Students will be asked to walk down the walkway and then can go to their designated pick-up person once they reach the sidewalk. When students run to meet their pick-up person, it is difficult for staff to see where they are going and who they are going with. We appreciate your patience and cooperation to keep our students safe.

The elementary will once again partner with Friends for school supplies for the 22-23 school year. The boxes will contain all the supplies necessary for each grade level and will be delivered directly to school. Information will be sent home when it is time to order.

Students will maintain a higher level of academic achievement if they are here. Good attendance at an early age creates a mindset that values its importance. Students can miss 65 hours of instruction in one academic year. Please review the handbook on pages 9 and 10 that outlines this policy. The handbook can be found on our website on the elementary page.

There are resources that support student learning on the parent link of the elementary school website. Feel free to use those and do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for support on how to use them if needed. We are all here as a team to ensure each child is successful.

Important dates to remember:

ELA (English Language Arts) state test for grades 3 and 4 are April 12 and 13.

Math state test for grades 3 and 4 are April 25 and 26.

Kindergarten registration will open February 15.

Kindergarten orientation is April 13 from 6-7.

Kindergarten Screening is May 16-17. Information about scheduling will be sent out later.

Bearcat Breakouts



HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr. Scott Gephart, Principal



It is hard to believe the school year is half over already. It seems like yesterday we just started the school year. As we start the second semester, I cannot stress enough to parents to stay on top of your son/daughters grades. Parents can log into Progress-Book and see how their child is performing in all their classes. Parents can also set up alerts to be notified if your son/daughter is missing assignments. Please take advantage of this great resource.

During the next few months, Mr. Baumgartner will be meeting with students for next year's classes/schedules. Mr. Baumgartner does a fantastic job of explaining all the requirements for each grade level. If your son/daughter is a sophomore or junior and is interested in Apollo, it is important they speak with Mr. Baumgartner and register online as well. Several programs at Apollo fill up quickly. If you have any questions regarding scheduling for next year, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Baumgartner or myself.

I know spring seems a long way off with the cold temperatures we had over break, but it will be here before we know it. During the spring, we will have the ACT and state testing. On some of the days, we will be running on an adjusted schedule. The testing dates will be as follows:

- ACT for juniors will be February 28th, with a make-up date of March 14th
- 3rd – 4th grade ELA will be April 12th and 13th
- 5th – 8th grade ELA and High School English II will be April 18th and 19th
- 3rd – 4th grade Math will be April 25th and 26th
- 5th – 8th grade Math and High School Algebra I and Geometry will be April 27th and 28th
- 5th & 8th grade Science and High School Biology, American History, and Government will be May 3rd and 4th

We recognize that our students work very hard and do not want these tests to cause anxiety. We would like you to discuss the importance of the tests with your child, as they are important to our district. They allow us to analyze the effectiveness of our academic programs and make needed changes to ensure our students are getting the best education possible. For the high school classes, this is a requirement for graduation. You can help alleviate any stress your child may feel by making sure he or she gets adequate sleep the night before and proper nutrition the morning of his or her test.

I know the seniors are counting down the days until graduation. While it seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Graduation will be held Sunday, May 28th at 2pm in the competition gym. Just a reminder, school, athletic, and Apollo fees will need to be taken care of by May 1st.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your son/daughter please feel free to contact their teachers or me at 419-647-4111 or gepharts@svbearcats.org. Thank you for allowing our staff to share in your student's success!

Women in STEM

Mrs. Rachel Munshower

In October, twenty 8th grade girls attended Women in STEM Day on the campus of BGSU.

Students spent the day exploring and performing experiments in physics, engineering, mathematics and technology as they learned about the STEM fields and what STEM has to offer in high school and beyond. Presenters from a wide range of STEM professions offered breakout sessions and hands-on workshops throughout the day.

The keynote presentation was by Lydia Denton, a 14-year-old inventor from North Carolina. She is a teen inventor whose personal challenges inspire her creations. She's on a mission to get girls interested in STEM. She spoke on how she finds a problem in life and uses them as fuel for her inventions. Her biggest invention at this time is "Beat the Heat Car Seat" that can tell when a child has been left in a car and initiates a call to emergency services for rescue if the temperature in the vehicle becomes dangerously hot.



The girls then attended three break-out sessions during the day that provided hands-on, fun-filled, critical thinking/learning activities. They spent time studying life sciences with women from Bowling Green where they had to determine if specimens under the microscope were made of cells or not. They also worked with ladies from Perrysburg on creating ramps to make a car move the fastest and farthest. Their final stop for the day was working with Imagination Station from Toledo to build the slowest moving marble run. They ended their day with a short tour of BGSU campus.

The goal of the Women in STEM Program is to provide a rewarding experience for these girls that connects STEM education to the real world and sparks an interest in pursuing STEM majors in college and ultimately STEM careers.

Women in STEM provides young women with a positive experience at BGSU and offers them a variety of engaging hands-on activities that allows them the opportunity to learn and interact with successful STEM role models. The ultimate goal of this program is to help young women recognize the wide array of options available in STEM fields that inspire them to take classes in the STEM fields throughout their educational careers.



NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. John Edinger, Principal



Happy New Year! I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful break with your families and are ready for a fantastic 2023! This time of year always provides me with a chance to reflect, and recharge. Thanks to our dedicated staff, giving community, and talented students, great things have been happening at Spencerville Middle School! Here are a few highlights of our school year:

September

- The initial Middle School Hall of Fame Kicked Off. Fame stands for Family, Accountable, Mindful, and Energy. Each student was assigned a “school parent”.
- Captain Scott Frank spoke to our students regarding proper use of the Internet, he also spoke to the parents at night.

October

- 7th/8th grade quiz bowl @UNOH
- 5th Graders started a 10 week DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- Middle School Music Concert
- 8th grade students read the story “War Horse” and followed up with a class trip to Marmon Valley where they experienced horse riding, care for a horse, and campfire readings.

November

- 7 Middle School Teachers and Principal attended the OMLA (Ohio Middle Level Association)
- Middle School hosted the Veteran’s Day Program
- Women in STEM @ BGSU was a success – Mrs. Munshower and Mrs. Hemker took a group of 20+ students
- VFW honored Kevin Sensabaugh as Teacher of the Year for Middle School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Quiz Bowl for 7th/8th Graders ended in a successful competition – taking 3rd place in the county!
- Musical “Cinderella” with many middle school students involved

December

- Patriot Pen Winner’s 1st Place-Landon McCormick, 2nd Place-Sasha Kill, 3rd Place-Kendyl Meyer
- Spelling Bee was held – Alexzander Ricker (6th) Champion, Ella Hackworth (8th) Runner-up
- 5th grade DARE program wrapped up in-house followed up with Juvenile Detention Center trip and bowling party
- 6th/7th/8th grade successful Band/Choir Concert
- Christmas Activity Day
- “Operation Christmas” with Roselawn

January

- 5th/6th grade Quiz Bowl teams begin competitions

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NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL—Continued

The State Testing will be here soon. In April, all middle school students will take the Math and ELA tests and in addition, 5th/8th grade students will take the Science test. Teachers/Students have been preparing for these tests since day one of this new school year in hopes that everyone will find comfort on the day of these tests. I would also like to remind you that it is important for the home to make attendance a priority and to see that all the homework is complete. Assignments are a great tool for the teacher to find a focus on the next lesson.

A couple friendly reminders:

- When your child will be absent, please call Billie at 419-647-4112 with the reason.
- If your child has an appointment that requires them to leave early, please have all communication go through Billie. Call or send a note in so we have an exit slip ready for the teacher.
- If you must communicate with your child during the school day, please do not text or directly call them. We will be more than happy to deliver a message. Cell phones are not to be used by students during the school day.

Beyond the Bell (BTB):

A reminder to parents – SMS is offering a place to study, get extra help, make-up work after school on Monday's and Wednesday's from 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. This is open to all and free of charge. 2-3 staff members will always be available with a snack/drink are provided.

Have a great second half of the 2022-23 school year!

"Perseverance is a positive, active characteristic. It is not idly, passively waiting and hoping for some good thing to happen." - Joseph B. Wirhlin



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

ATTN: Spencerville Community Members



Please remember to contact Greg Ekis by email at ekisg@svbearcats.org or by phone at (419) 647-4111 x3241 to sign up for the high school's day of service that will be held on **May 10th** (weather permitting). There is no job too small for the high school students to undertake and all students will be supervised by an adult during the activity.

Supervised students will provide free labor to complete any jobs that have been requested by local individuals and/or groups. Anyone interested in having students assist with lawn care, landscaping, indoor or outdoor spring clean-up, spring maintenance, painting/staining, etc. should contact Mr. Ekis to be added to the job list. Perhaps you may not be in need of assistance, but know someone that could benefit from the day's activity such as a neighbor, friend, family member, parishioner, etc. Consider providing that individual's name, address and work to be done in order to add him/her to the list of jobs. ***No job is too small to be considered!***

As a community member, please consider contacting Mr. Ekis with any issues you feel could be managed by the students during the scheduled work day. As a staff, we feel it is our responsibility to provide a foundation upon which students can **build a sense of service and responsibility to their community** that will continue throughout their lifetime.

A collage image showing Coach Greg Ekis in a red shirt talking to a group of girls' varsity basketball players on a gymnasium floor. The image is overlaid with large red diagonal stripes.

**CONGRATULATIONS
COACH GREG EKIS
VARSITY GIRLS
BASKETBALL
FOR YOUR 100TH CAREER
BEARCAT WIN ON NOVEMBER 22
VS DELPHOS ST JOHNS**

The Spencerville Bearcat mascot logo, featuring a stylized bear head with red and black colors.

Thank you



Spencerville Local Schools recognized our 2023 Board Members during the January meeting in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Each board member received a small token of our appreciation and were thanked for the countless hours spent working and planning for our staff, students, school, and community.

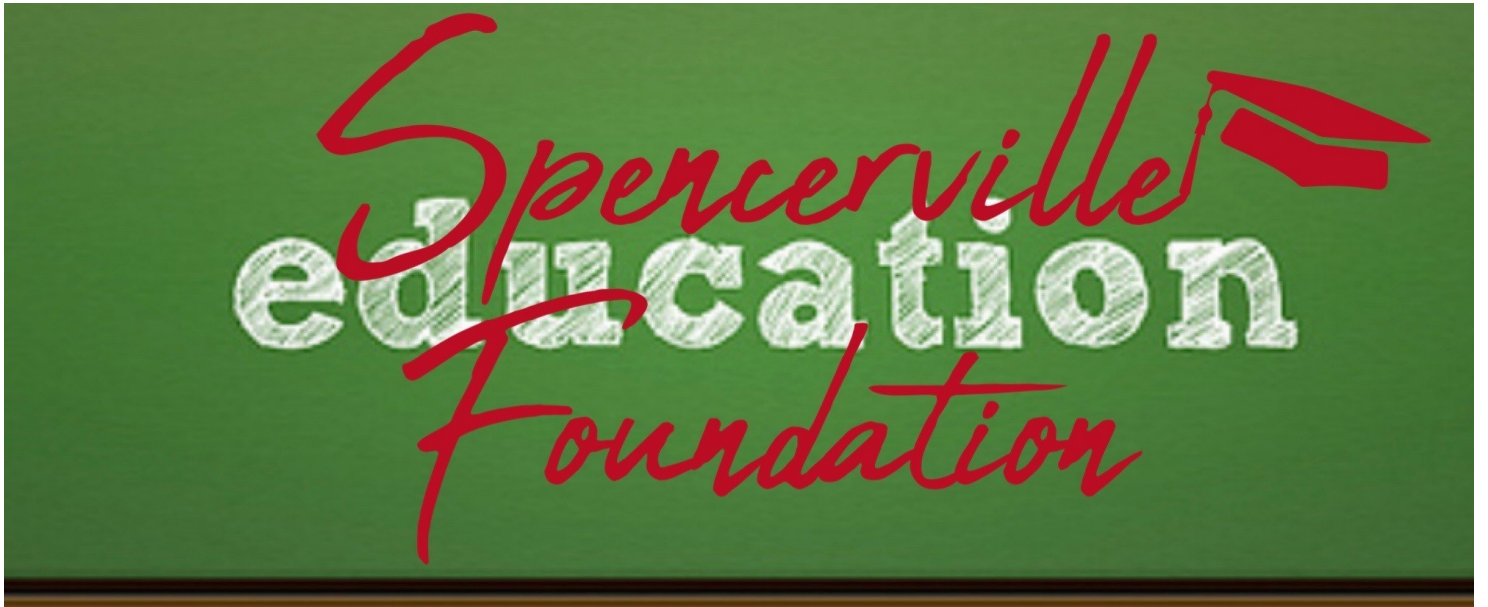
Left to Right: Liz Klaus, Lori Ringwald, Clarke Prichard, Spencer Clum, Nate Pohlman



 **School Board** 
Recognition Month
JANUARY 2023



**OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS
ASSOCIATION**



Spencerville Education Foundation

The Spencerville Education Foundation is pleased to announce its annual fundraiser campaign to generate grant and scholarship money for K-12 classroom activities and graduates of Spencerville High School.

The SEF awarded 20 classroom mini-grants and scholarships for Spencerville High School seniors in 2021.

Please consider a donation to the general fund to help us continue this legacy of giving. Donation may be mailed to the Spencerville Education Foundation at 600 School Street, Spencerville, Ohio 45887, dropped off at either the school office or administrative office, or online at www.spencervillebearcats.com under the "District" tab. We also welcome and encourage families, individuals, and businesses to create a scholarship fund or contribute to an existing scholarship fund. The SEF manages six separate and distinct scholarship funds with donor-specific criteria. If you or your business would like to create a scholarship or contribute to an existing scholarship, please contact Leland Hays, Treasurer at 419-647-4111, ext. 3204.

The Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) invited students from across the state to create a design for a water bottle sticker that represented this year's #STEMsecuresOhio OSLN Statewide Design Challenge. **Addison Roof** placed in the top 5 out of 80 participants in the 6-8 grade with her design about security. This year's theme was to incorporate some aspect of cybersecurity, environmental/conservation security, energy security, health security, and/or shelter/disaster security. Addison took it upon herself to incorporate all five types of security into her design. Congratulations to Addison.



Superintendent's Update

Cindy Endsley



It is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. I am very proud of the progress we have made thus far and very excited to share some of the district-level highlights. First, I'd like to introduce our recently hired employees: Tera Thompson (Treasurer's Assistant), Alyssa Finley and Casey Johnson (custodians), Tamara Louth (cook), Sarah Burden (bus driver). We added a new position called TESOL (Teacher of English as a Secondary or Other Language). We welcome Mr. Dave Lenhart to this position. Mr. Lenhart is also one of our newly licensed substitute bus drivers. We now have several sub bus drivers, including myself. However, we are still looking to fill our preschool van driver position. One of our art teachers, Mrs. Amy Gratz, was recently recognized as being named the Ohio Department of Education VFW Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year. We are very proud of Mrs. Gratz!

We were recently awarded several grants that include: \$45,000 School Bus Purchase, over \$180,000 in ESC mini grants (state funds), and a \$150,000 School Safety grant. Plans are underway for purchasing a new 84 passenger transit bus, much like the other route buses we are currently running. Numerous teachers have been working diligently to utilize the grant items or training they received from the mini grants. We are working on plans to upgrade our security system, including doors, cameras, alert/panic buttons, as well as handheld and transportation radios. A fence around the playground will be installed later this spring. Thank you to our community stakeholders for sharing input on these measures. I especially enjoyed the open conversations at our recent Senior Citizens Days. The next one is set for May 16th from 9:00-10:00 in the cafeteria.

Additional improvements we are working on around the district include upgrading our sound system in the cafetorium for musical performances, replacing the carpet in the wings with vinyl plank flooring, replacing tables in the cafetorium as well as furniture in several classrooms and staff workrooms, upgrading lighting at the football stadium, purchasing drumline instruments, and purchasing all new staff laptops. Of course, there are always unexpected projects like the fire damage in the administrative building gymnasium. We are expecting to reopen the gym very soon and are pleased with the work being done to replace the light, floor, and wrestling mats.

Our staff continue to pursue professional development to grow and expand opportunities for our students. Mr. Edinger recently took several MS teachers to a state level conference. Our Threat Assessment Team of 16 staff all have or will be attending a full day of safety training. On January 26th, all staff will learn strategies on how to work with students with English language challenges. Staff, like students, are continuously learning for personal and professional growth.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to support the Education Foundation. We have been making a strong effort to increase funds for student scholarships. Thank you to those who have chosen to create a scholarship in honor of a loved one. All scholarships are awarded to senior students who plan to continue their education after graduation.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and especially for our students. We have excellent staff, programs, and facilities. Let's continue to work together to put "students first" in all that we do!



TEACHER
of
the
Year



Congratulations

To our art teacher, Mrs. Amy Gratz for being recognized as the State of Ohio VFW High School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Gratz was honored at a banquet and luncheon hosted by the VFW in Columbus on Saturday, January 14th.

Middle School Student Council

Middle School Student Council and Positive Peers worked together to sponsor a hygiene drive throughout the entire school for Roselawn in December.

Students collected enough hygiene items to give each resident their own gift bag and several boxes of extra hygiene items for Roselawn to use as they need. Students also delivered sugar cookies and Christmas cards to residents. The K-12 staff raised money to buy snacks for the staff of Roselawn to use as needed.



STEM CLUB: SCIENCE TO EMPOWER TO THE MAX

Mrs. Rachel Munshower

The Middle School STEM Club is back for a third year and running all school year. The club invites 7th and 8th graders with an interest in science, but they need no prior experience. STEM club offers its members a great place to take initiative and discover engineering through the engagement of hands-on projects. Our focus is hands-on projects which go above and beyond the curriculum. We will be running different 4-5 week sessions throughout the school year. Students are able to join us when they are interested in a topic and are not required to attend all topics. Our goal is to introduce our students to a variety of STEM fields and inspire them to look into different careers.

We kicked off the year with a bottle rocket competition. Brad Core from Core Consulting came and spoke to our group about the engineering field and we finished off with a basa wood tower competition. Students are creating Chess pieces based on a given theme with the 3D printer. As the year continues our club looks to study videography/photography, drones, and robots with coding.

As an advisor and science teacher, I like that all my students have the opportunity to explore and produce activities that help make them interested in science and focus on STEM



Looking Ahead....

Friday, February 17th - No School

Monday, February 20th - No School (President's Day)

Thursday, March 9th - Elementary Game Train (5:45p)

Friday, March 24th - End of the 3rd Quarter

Thursday, March 30th - 2-Hour Delay

Saturday, April 1 - K-12 Art Show (10a-4p)

Wednesday, April 5 - 1-Hour Early Dismissal

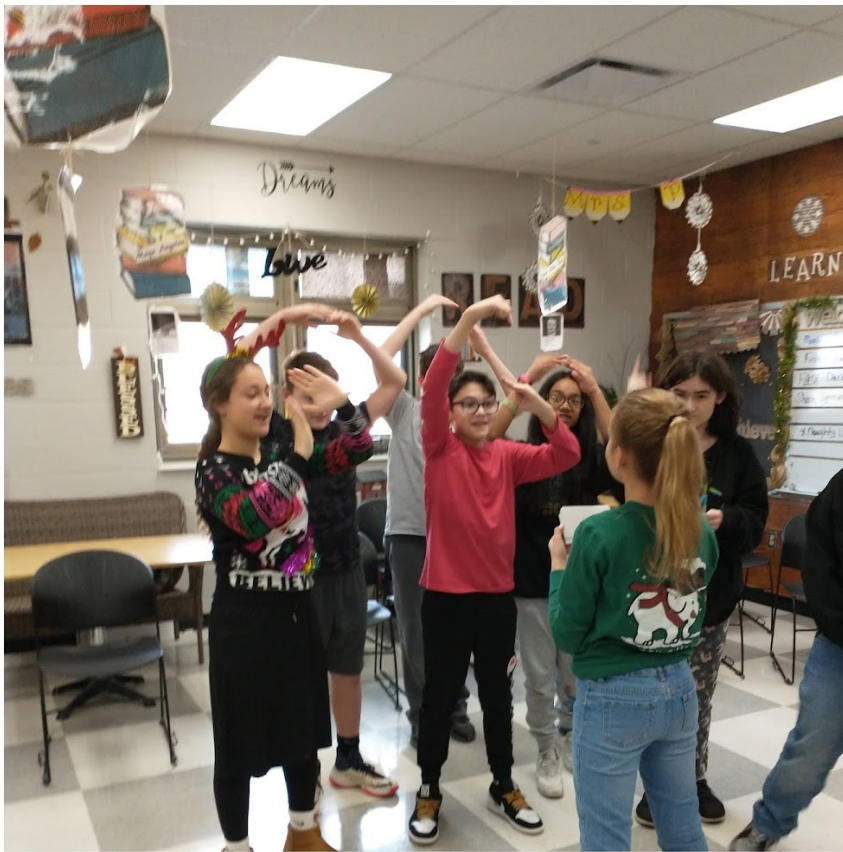
Thursday, April 6 - No School

Friday, April 7 - No School

Monday, April 10 - No School

We are Family—Mrs. Rachel Munshower

The Middle School Families held a Battle of the Families competition the day before Thanksgiving Break. Families competed against other families in several activities such as dodgeball, name that tune, Headbanz, and other activities. The winning families celebrated with a donut party the day before Christmas. Congratulations to the Endlsey Family and the Koenig Family. Middle school families also celebrated Christmas the last day of break by partaking in several Christmas activities. Students decorated cookies and made Christmas Cards for Roselawn Residents, made Christmas ornaments, had an ugly sweater drawing contest, and played games centering around Christmas. This was an opportunity for the students and teachers to get to know their families a little better. Lots of fun was had by all.



Spencerville Middle School's *Power of the Pen Team* Places 2nd at Northwest District Tourney

Spencerville Middle School's *Power of the Pen Team* placed second in the Northwest Region Power of the Pen competition. There were fourteen teams competing in the Northwest District, and Ohio State Lima hosted the writing competition. Each participating school competing could send two teams of up to six 7th grades and six 8th graders. They were given three surprise prompts to write about with a 40-minute time limit for each. Their work was scored by judges on site and at the end of the day an award ceremony was held, and the top performers were awarded plaques and medals.

Not only did Spencerville Middle School place 2nd overall, but Ella Hackworth came in 4th place overall out of 66 writers.

Team Members Include: Aubreigh Eutsler, Ella Hackworth, Alexandria Reynolds, Jovie Holtzapple, Kaitlyn Clement, and Analeigh Hood.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

The following team members made Regionals-
March 11th at Lourdes University:

Aubreigh Eutsler, Ella Hackworth, Jovie Holtzapple,
Analeigh Hood, Kaitlyn Clement



Congratulations to Mrs. Beining, Ms. Brenneman and the cast and crew of Oliver for putting on a fantastic 2023 Musical Performance!







Happy New Year! The Spencerville PTO group has been busy planning and providing several activities for this school year already.

Field Trips: We were glad to be able to fund the fall elementary field trips once again this year.

Kindergarten: Lincoln Ridge Pumpkin Patch

1st grade: Allen County Museum

2nd grade: LaComedia Dinner Theater

3rd grade: Farm Park

4th grade: Johnston Farm

The students will also get a spring field trip coming up in the next few months.

Teacher Conference Meals: Meals and snacks were provided to the elementary teachers during parent/teacher conferences in November. Thank you to 7th Street Deli for providing the meals and thanks to all those who donated snacks.

Fall Book Fair: The Scholastic Fall Book Fair was held in November and this fair was the most successful book fair in the history of fairs at the school. THANK YOU to everyone who came and purchased books or purchased online. We appreciate your support. We earned almost 4000 Scholastic Dollars which will be used to purchase books for the elementary teachers and library. Thanks again! And a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the book fair this year.

National Reading Month: The theme this year is Everyday Super Heroes. Some exciting things are being planned for the month of March for the students. More information on this to come.

Spring Book Fair: The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held along with the K-12 Art Show which is currently scheduled for April 1.

Teacher Appreciation is in May. We are working on some ways to show our teachers how much they mean to us.

Laps for Learning: This is our one and only fundraiser each year and is held in May. More info will be sent out as we get it planned and organized again this year.

End-of-Year Pizza Parties: We are excited to be able to fund these parties once again. Students who meet certain reading requirements by their teacher will get to partake in this fun event at the end of the school year.

Spencerville-Jennings PTO is a non-profit organization and we rely on the support of donations from parents, teachers, and community members.

Box Tops for Education and Kroger Community Rewards are both easy ways to help support the PTO all year long. For Box Tops, just download the app, add Spencerville Jennings as your school and scan your receipts. For Kroger Rewards, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, sign into your account, and link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc, Org#: XB857). Such simple ways to give back! Thanks shoppers!

Please consider becoming an active member in the PTO! Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4pm at the school (room 304); however, these times and locations are subject to change due to schedules and timing of activities (reminders will be posted on the PTO Facebook page). Come meet other parents, get more involved with your child's school, and help plan activities.

We thank everyone for their continued support! If you would like to be a part of the PTO or have suggestions, please reach out to us.

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO



2023 High School Student Council

Mental Health Activity Day and Fun Run

May 9, 2023

The Spencerville High School Student Council will be hosting their annual Mental Health activity day again this year. This is a full-day event for high school students where they are scheduled for between 10 and 12 20-minute sessions relating to positive activities for physical and mental health during the regular school day. We end our day out at Memorial Field with a staff and student one-mile fun run (and fast-mile run for those interested!)

We are actively looking for individuals or organizations to present topics or activities that relate to physical and mental health. Some sessions we have offered in the past are:

Yoga

Pound

Weightlifting

Nutrition

Boxing

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Positive Mental Health Strategies

If you have an activity or topic you would like to share with our high school students on this day or have a connection with an organization you feel would be beneficial for our students, please call Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201 or email ekisk@svbearcats.org.



We also open our school on this day to local businesses and colleges during our lunch time for a school and job fair. Any business who would like to set-up a table with information for employment opportunities for high school students and recent graduates please contact Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201 or email ekisk@svbearcats.org.

2023 YEARBOOKS

If you missed the yearbook updates in the fall, we have made some changes to the yearbooks this year in an effort to better represent our students, and make this keepsake more affordable for families!

- The hardbound K-12 yearbook is now **High School only and costs \$50**
- The paperback yearbook that used to be for the Elementary students only now covers all students in **Kindergarten - 8th Grade and costs \$25** (Elementary and Middle School).



The deadline to turn in paper order forms has passed, but **yearbooks can still be ordered online**. Scan the QR codes below, or go to jostensyearbooks.com and search [Spencerville High School](#) or [Spencerville Elementary](#) (K-8). Note: the K-8 Yearbook is listed as "Spencerville Elementary" online, but will include all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

- Online ordering for the K-8 Yearbook will be open until March 3rd.
- The High School Yearbook can be ordered online through the end of the school year.

2021-2022 Yearbooks are still available! Contact Mrs. Gratz by email or stop by room 104 to get your copy! Elementary Yearbooks are \$20 and K-12 are \$55.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, by email gratza@svbearcats.org

2023 High School Yearbooks >>



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2023 Spencerville Local Schools Board of Education Information

The Spencerville Local School District Board of Education met for an organizational meeting on January 10, 2023.

The following appointments were approved for 2023:

Board President – Spencer Clum

Vice President – Nate Pohlman

Apollo Board Representative – Spencer Clum (through December 2023)

Athletic Council Representatives - Clarke Prichard and Nate Pohlman

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Lori Ringwald and Clarke Prichard

Curriculum/CIP Committee – Liz Klaus and Nate Pohlman

Finance/Audit Committee – Liz Klaus and Spencer Clum

Legislative Liaison – Spencer Clum

Education Foundation Trustees – Liz Klaus and Lori Ringwald (2-year term for CY 2023 and 2024)

Student Achievement Liaison – Lori Ringwald

Technology Committee – Nate Pohlman and Lori Ringwald

Personnel Committee – Clarke Prichard and Spencer Clum

The board also established the third Tuesday of each month in the board office at 600 School Street, Spencerville, Ohio with a start time of 7:00 p.m. for all regular board meetings in 2023. There are *exceptions to that rule as listed below. (Meeting dates and times are subject to change.)

February 21, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

May 16, 2023

*June 27, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

July 18, 2023

*August 15, 2023 (starts at 6:00 p.m. beginning with a tour of facilities)

September 19, 2023

October 17, 2023

November 21, 2023

December 19, 2023

Board members may be contacted via email as follows:

Spencer Clum – clums@svbearcats.org

Liz Klaus – klausl@svbearcats.org

Nate Pohlman – pohlmann@svbearcats.org

Clarke Prichard – prichardc@svbearcats.org

Lori Ringwald – ringwaldl@svbearcats.org

Official Newspaper: The Journal News, Spencerville, OH (weekly)

Records Retention Designee: Leland Hays, Treasurer

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2023/2024 School Year will begin Tuesday, February 14th and run through Friday, April 7.

**Check in at the Main Office: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
on any scheduled school day, no appointment necessary.**

Your student does not need to be present for registration.

Screening appointments for May 16th and 17th will be made at this time.

Required for registration:

Parent Completion of Final Forms

FINAL FORMS Link on www.SpencervilleBearcats.com,

State-Issued Birth Certificate

Social Security Card

Immunization Information

Custody papers (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian's Valid Drivers License or State ID

2 proofs of residence (deed, lease, utility bill, etc.)

**Your student must turn 5 on or before August 1st,
2023 to be eligible for kindergarten.**

Kindergarten Orientation will be held April 13th at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Tracy Clark – K-4 Secretary (419) 647-4113 ext. 3100

clarkt@svbearcats.org