



THE SPENCERVILLE **BEARCAT**



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Fall Newsletter 2020

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome back to a new school year! It is time we reopen our school facilities and maximize the amount of in-person instruction, keeping all parties as safe as possible. While school and extra-curriculars will look and feel very different this year, we are excited to have the opportunity to reconnect with one another. This year, our staff, students, and parents will be using a “common” platform (Progress Book) to communicate assignments for all in-person AND remote learners. As the staff worked feverishly over the spring and summer to restructure plans to allow us to come back to school, we discovered a desire to reopen with a new Mission, Vision and set of Values that best describes Spencerville Local Schools and Community. You will see the Vision on our NEW webpage and various locations throughout the school. It reads: Learning and

Growing Together as One School, One Community, One Purpose.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, school districts, along with the Ohio Department of Health, CDC, Ohio Department of Education and the Governor’s office, have had to adjust to funding changes, health and safety guidelines, operational and educational considerations, employee training requirements, etc. in order to reopen this fall. Spencerville Local Schools is doing its part to abide by local and state regulations, as well as making conscious financial decisions for future planning. We ask our families to also take part in supporting this guidance by making sure your children have had daily symptom checks and are practicing the safety protocols provided in our District Return to School Plans. These efforts will make a big difference in the education of our students: in keeping us in school and participating in sports, band, cheer, etc.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone in person very soon! Whether it is around the community or at a school function, I am hopeful to have many opportunities to connect with our youth and their families. I am a teacher first, which means I have a passion to be a part of the learning and growing experiences of children. Our new way of attending school and communicating with each other in a more mindfully safe environment is going to work well because we are BEARCATS: Belonging, Engaging, Attitude, Respectful, Compassionate, Authentic, Talented, Supportive!



Let’s all have a great year!

Cindy Endsley, Superintendent

WELCOME BACK FROM PRINCIPAL WAGNER



The Spencerville Elementary staff is excited to welcome your children back to school! We will do everything we can to keep your child safe and healthy. Our goal is to create a warm and positive atmosphere for which your child can learn and grow. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these unprecedented waters together.

Please see the district plan for details regarding school policies and guidelines.

Recess:

Masks are not required for any students while playing at recess, yet they are to maintain social-distancing. This will be a difficult task to enforce, so I ask you to talk about this with your child. Students will need to keep their hands to themselves and will spread out in the recess area. Equipment will be cleaned frequently and hand sanitizer will be available.

Dismissal:

K-4 students who do not ride the bus will be picked up in the west parking lot off Kolter Rd as usual. However, we are expecting an increase in the number of students who will be picked up. For this reason, I am asking that parents/guardians pull into a parking spot and walk up to the grade level line to pick up your child. Please DO NOT park along the sidewalk for pick up as this will create a “bottleneck” into the drive that leads into the parking lot. Students will maintain social distancing in their grade level line while they wait for a parent or guardian to walk up to get them.

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students will be screened August 19th and 20th. This screener will allow us to determine their teacher’s assignment. Our goal is to ensure that students of all readiness levels are evenly distributed so they can grow and learn from one another. Please call Mrs. Ekis at (419) 647-4113 to set up an appointment. Once testing is completed, you will receive a letter indicating who your child’s teacher is. An Open house for kindergarten students only will be August 27 from 1-4. Times for attending open house are as follow by students’ last names: 1:00-2:00 A-G, 2:00-3:00 H-P, and 3:00-4:00 R-Z.

Kindergarten students will receive the KRA assessments Tuesday Sept. 1st and Wednesday Sept. 2nd. This assessment is required by the Ohio Department of Education. Parents will receive a report of the assessment results in early winter. Please schedule this assessment appointment with Mrs. Ekis. Kindergarten girls only will attend school Thursday Sept. 3rd and boys only will attend school Friday Sept. 4th. All kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday Sept. 8.

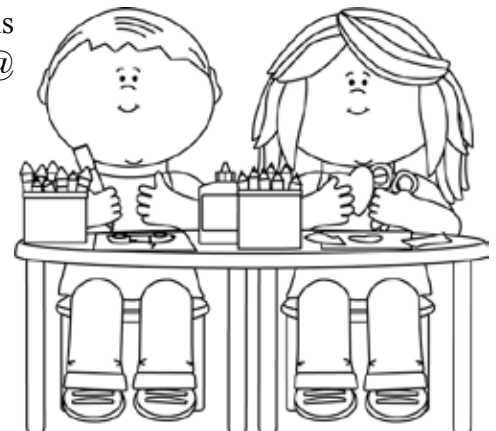
Breakfast/Lunch:

Breakfast and lunch will still be offered. Breakfast will be “grab and go” for students to eat in their classroom. K-4 students will receive hot lunches in their classrooms.

Please keep the lines of communication open. Returning to school in person will be no easy task, but we are eager to get started. Do not hesitate to contact me regarding any concerns you have at (419) 647-4113 ext. 3101, or feel free to email me at wagners@svbearcats.org.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your children.

Susie Wagner
Principal K-4



2020-2021 SPENCERVILLE SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

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middle SCHOOL



As the principal of Spencerville Middle School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year. First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we responded to the unexpected pandemic in March. Our students, parents, staff, and community handled the demands very well in a sudden change moment. Finishing up year 35 in education, I can easily say this past year has been one to remember. I want everyone to know how blessed I am to have a great school family. Teachers, Secretaries, Support Staff, Fellow Administrators, Counselors, Nurse, Custodians, Café Staff, Bus Drivers, Parents/Guardians. I speak for the entire family – no one wants to run school the way we finished this past year. We chose to be in this profession to work closely with people. To gage success/frustration by witnessing facial expressions and/or body language, to adjust teaching by witnessing the aforementioned, to create relationships to know if the child is struggling from other factors that may need addressed – these are the reasons myself and my colleagues chose to be in this profession. I can tell you how tough it has been on me with remote learning. I am a high fiver, fist bumper, and a hugger! I am a nosey cheerleader, wanting to celebrate successes. I am a pusher, getting kids to do what is expected. All these things listed have been tough to emulate from behind a computer. If this has been tough on me, I guarantee you it has been tougher on the ones in the trenches (the teachers). Talking with many of the parents through this crisis, I know it has been tough on the homes. From uncertainty of strong internet (if any at all), to having enough devices with multiple kids, to competing for overlapping Zoom times, to balancing your personal work schedule and helping with assignments – I thank you! C.S. Lewis said, “Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destination”. How true – we have all grown together in this journey. I believe we have all grown to appreciate each other’s commitment to children. I pray that we continue to grow together, find some peace, and that this isn’t the “new normal”.

We all learned a lot about ourselves and have looked for ways to improve when/if we are challenged with possibly more unexpected moments. As you know, there continues to be concerns related to how schools plan to reopen in September. Be assured, we have been working hard to meet the guidelines driven by the state, the local health department, and the Ohio Department of Education to ensure safety for our students and staff.

Here are some bullet points from our re-opening guidelines:

- Face Coverings – currently required for students in grades 3-12
- Lockers – used only for coat and lunch storage - locks will not be provided
- Backpacks – encouraged for grades 6-8 due to locker use listed above
- Arrival to school – directly to locker (if needed) and report to homeroom
- Breakfast – if participating in breakfast, pick-up breakfast and take to homeroom
- Lunch – grades 5-12 will eat in the cafetorium with assigned seats, microwaves will not be provided
- 5th grade recess – Masks are not required, physical distancing will be monitored
- Water Bottles – encouraged as fountains will only be used as a refill station
- Schedule Pick-Up – Schedules will be mailed home and also viewed on-line through Progressbook – please set up Progressbook if you have not already. If you need help, contact the school and ask for our Tech Coordinator, Amy Shoppell x3114.
- Fees – an on-line system will be set-up

We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
2. Becomes familiar with the school's policies, rules, and procedures.
3. Get's involved with school outside the classroom setting
4. Has a place to study

The number one factor in your son or daughter's education is YOU! Teachers can prepare all they want for a great lesson but if they have no support for enrichment outside the classroom, the chance for success lowers. I ask that you:

1. Make time for daily chats about school
2. Don't accept "Nothing" when you ask your child "What did you learn today?"
3. Check that homework is complete
4. Support the school

Bottom line be involved! I have always said, the most difficult yet rewarding job of all is being a parent. Don't assume that once they are in middle school, they don't need your involvement. They do! The entire faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming your children back.

I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children. Our faculty and staff have some wonderful activities and units planned for your children. There will be times when the teachers may need some support and/or resources from our parents and community. We thank you, in advance, for your help with everything. As you know, it takes a strong connection with the community and vital to the strength of the connection is communication and understanding the system. I ask that if you ever have a concern/question, please contact the school directly for information. Social media can be a great tool for information yet many use it as a venting ground without specifics. This may lead to unexpected confusion. Please know that your child is important to us. Good luck to you this upcoming school year!

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Follow Spencerville Middle School on Twitter!

John Edinger

Spencerville Middle School Principal

Go Bearcats!

PRINCIPAL GEPHART

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The spring was a very trying time for everyone in our community, but we made it through it together as one. Even though we did not get to have an in person graduation, I feel we had the best virtual graduation in the area. I would like to thank the 2020 seniors, parents, staff, Mr. Devon Cook (Precision Advertising), and Mr. Stan Long (VideoBranch) for helping put together an amazing video everyone will get to cherish for the years to come. Just a reminder for the 2020 graduates, please stop by the office to pick up your t-shirt.



As we move toward the 2020-2021 school year, it is going to be a very trying time for everyone involved. We are doing everything we can to make the reopening of school as safe as possible for all stakeholders. We will continue to get through all the uncertainties and questions that everyone has on their mind. Communication is going to be key as we move through this difficult time. I have no doubt we will get through this because we have an amazing community that makes up our students, parents, and staff! We all want what is best for our Bearcat students. Together we will get through this. Together we will prepare our Bearcats for their future endeavors. Together we will continue the excellence of Spencerville Schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. As I mentioned above, communication is key and we can solve any issues or problems by talking. You can reach me at gepharts@svbearcats.org or 419.647.4111 ext. 3203. Take care and stay healthy! We will get through this!

Scott Gephart, Principal 9-12

SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 2020 FALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday	8/28	Perry (Legacy Night)	Home	7:00pm
Friday	9/4	Parkway	Away	7:00pm
Friday	9/11	LCC (Senior Parent Night)	Home	7:00pm
Friday	9/18	Paulding	Away	7:00pm
Friday	9/25	Allen East (Homecoming)	Home	7:00pm
Friday	10/2	Ada	Away	7:00pm
Friday	10/9	Crestview (Youth FB Night)	Home	7:00pm
Friday	10/16	Columbus Grove (Senior Night)	Home	7:00pm
Friday	10/23	Bluffton	Away	7:00pm
Friday	10/30	Delphos Jefferson	Away	7:00pm

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Saturday	8/29	TBD	Home	10:00am
Saturday	9/5	New Bremen	Away	10:00am
Saturday	9/12	LCC	Away	10:00am
Saturday	9/19	Paulding	Home	10:00am
Saturday	9/26	Allen East	Away	10:00am
Saturday	10/3	Ada	Home	10:00am
Saturday	10/10	Crestview	Away	10:00am
Saturday	10/17	Columbus Grove	Away	10:00am
Saturday	10/24	Bluffton	Home	10:00am

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday	8/25	Ft. Jennings	Away	5:00pm
Monday	8/31	Bluffton	Away	7:00pm
Thursday	9/3	Jackson Center	Home	7:00pm
Tuesday	9/8	Lincolnview	Home	7:00pm
Thursday	9/10	New Knoxville	Home	7:00pm
Monday	9/14	Paulding	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	9/17	LCC	Away	7:00pm
Tuesday	9/22	Miller City	Away	5:00pm
Tuesday	9/29	Fairlawn	Home	7:00pm
Thursday	10/1	Lehman Catholic	Away	5:00pm
Monday	10/5	Ada	Home	7:00pm
Thursday	10/8	Temple Christian	Away	5:00pm
Monday	10/12	Allen East	Home	7:00pm
Tuesday	10/13	Cory Rawson	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	10/15	Botkins	Home	7:00pm

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday	8/27	Miller City	Away	5:00pm
Monday	8/31	Bluffton	Home	7:00pm
Saturday	9/5	Coldwater	Away	1:00pm
Tuesday	9/8	Columbus Grove	Home	5:00pm
Thursday	9/10	Anna	Away	5:00pm
Monday	9/14	Paulding	Home	7:00pm
Thursday	9/17	LCC	Home	7:00pm
Saturday	9/17	Evergreen	Away	12:00pm
Tuesday	9/21	Crestview	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	9/24	Cory-Rawson	Home	7:00pm
Monday	9/28	Delphos Jefferson	Home	7:00pm
Tuesday	10/1	Lehman Catholic	Home	7:00pm
Monday	10/5	Ada	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	10/8	Delphos St. John's	Home	7:00pm
Tuesday	10/13	Botkins	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	10/15	Allen East	Away	5:00pm

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday	8/29	St. Johns Invitational	Away	9:00am
Saturday	9/5	Grove Invitational	Away	9:00am
Tuesday	9/8	Shawnee, Perry	Home	4:30pm
Saturday	9/12	Bearcat Invitational	Home	9:00am
Saturday	9/19	O-G Blue/Gold Invitational	Away	9:00am
Saturday	9/26	Van Wert Hospital Invite	Away	9:00am
Tuesday	9/29	Bath Invitational	Away	5:00pm
Saturday	10/3	Botkins Best in the West	Away	10:00am
Tuesday	10/6	Allen County Invitational	Away	5:00pm
Saturday	1/10	Anna Invitational	Away	10:00am
Saturday	10/12	NWC @Grove	Away	9:00am

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Saturday	8/22	Tri-Match @ Ridgemont	Away	10:00am
Monday	8/24	Lima Senior	Away	5:30pm
Tuesday	8/25	Cory-Rawson	Away	5:30pm
Tuesday	9/1	Delphos St. John's	Home	5:30pm
Thursday	9/3	Wayne Trace	Away	5:30pm
Tuesday	9/8	Waynesfield-Goshen	Home	5:30pm
Tuesday	9/15	Crestview	Away	5:30pm
Thursday	9/17	Paulding	Home	5:30pm
Tuesday	9/22	Lincolnview	Away	5:30pm
Thursday	9/24	LCC	Away	5:30pm
Monday	9/28	Perry	Home	5:30pm
Tuesday	9/29	Columbus Grove	Home	5:30pm
Thursday	10/1	Bluffton	Away	5:30pm
Monday	10/5	Temple Christian	Away	5:30pm
Tuesday	10/6	Allen East	Home	5:30pm
Thursday	10/8	Ada	Home	5:30pm
Monday	10/12	St. Marys	Home	5:30pm
Tuesday	10/13	Delphos Jefferson	Away	5:30pm
Thursday	10/15	Wapakoneta	Away	5:30pm



Information from the School Nurse:



Welcome back!

HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR 2020-2021:

The following health screenings will be completed throughout the school year, thus meeting the Ohio Department of Health requirements:

Vision- K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

Hearing- K, 1, 3, 5, 9, 11

Height/Weight, B/P- K

Vision, hearing, B/P- New students to the school district in any grade

If you do not want your child to participate in a screening, please notify me.

COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS):

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cont.

Welcome back!

HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR 2020-2021:

The following health screenings will be completed throughout the school year, thus meeting the Ohio Department of Health requirements:

Vision- K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

Hearing- K, 1, 3, 5, 9, 11

Height/Weight, B/P- K

Vision, hearing, B/P- New students to the school district in any grade

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August 2020 - July 2021

Spencerville School District Calendar

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August

- 25** Teacher Professional Development Day
- 26** Teacher Professional Development Day
- 27** Teacher Work Day

Sep 2020						
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September

- 1** First Day of School
- 7** Labor Day: No Classes

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October

- 7** Teacher Inservice: 2 HR Delay
- 30** End of 1st Quarter (43 Days)

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November

- 19** Parent/Teacher Conferences: Early Dismissal
- 23** Parent/Teacher Conferences: Early Dismissal
- 24** Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elem Only no students Thanksgiving Break: Early Dismissal
- 25** Staff Work Day: No Classes
- 26** Thanksgiving Break: No Classes
- 27** Thanksgiving Break: No Classes

Dec 2020						
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December

- 22** Last Day of Classes for 2020: Early Dismissal

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January

- 4** First Day of Classes: 2021
- 18** Martin Luther King Day: No Classes
- 22** End of 2nd Quarter (48 days)

February

- 3** Teacher Inservice: 2 HR Delay
- 12** No Classes
- 15** President's Day: No Classes 1st Make Up Day

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March

- 3** Teacher Inservice Day: 2 HR Delay
- 31** Easter Break: Early Dismissal End of 3rd Quarter (46 Days)

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April

- 1** Easter Break: No Classes
- 2** Easter Break: No Classes
- 5** Easter Break: No Classes

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May

- 30** Graduation
- 31** Memorial Day: No Classes

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June

- 2** End of 4th Quarter (41 Days) Early Dismissal
- 3** 2nd Make Up Day: No Students Teacher Work Day
- 4** 3rd Make Up Day: No Students
- 7** 4th Make Up Day: No Students
- 8** 5th Make Up Day: No Students

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YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

The Spencerville Youth and Government had an unusual year this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio conference held in April was canceled because of the government restrictions so the students did not get to experience the thrill of getting to argue their bills in the Statehouse over an extended weekend. However, Charlie Myers, the head of the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs Youth and Government program, did not want the students to put all that work into researching and writing bills for no reason. The Youth and Government conference (both March and April) were held virtually on Zoom. Students had the opportunity to present and debate their bills via Zoom video conferencing with students all over the state. Students spent three days during different time sessions presenting their bills in committee (usually 10-15 students) and then on the floor (bigger groups usually about double the size). If the bill authors could not attend the virtual meetings, their bills were still presented and argued by other members.

As first year participants, it was very intimidating for our Spencerville students to present and participate in the Zoom sessions. Also, not all the students had the technology to participate in the Zoom conferencing. We had no time to prepare since we could not meet and they had never done anything like this before. The high school is proud of those few students who did step out of their comfort zones and did present their bills virtually. They represented the school well and now have a better understanding of the process for next year. We hope that next year we will be able to go to Columbus as originally planned and present with those students who will participate next year.

That said, of the nine bills that we submitted to the April Youth and Government Conference, we had five bills pass in committee and make it to the YAG House or Senate floor. Of those presented on the floor, we had three pass and move to the YAG governor's desk. Two of those three were signed and one was vetoed. This legislative simulation allows students to experience what it is like to work through the government process of how a bill becomes a law.

We are so proud of all of our students. They tackled many issues in their bills including mental health, graduated fines and fees, environmental protection issues, and education issues such as grading scales, curriculum development, and the valuable practice of teaching life skills. We hope to continue to see this group grow and represent the Spencerville community in future conferences.

I hope that works. Please let me know if you need anything else from me. Also, feel free to correct any grammatical errors. :) Hope you are well!

Harmony Brenneman
Social Studies Teacher

