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First Year Reflections

Mr. Brian Woods, Superintendent

It's hard to believe that we are so rapidly approaching the end of the school year. It has been a fantastic year and one that has flown by. This school year, my 30th in education, has been the most fulfilling one yet. Returning to Spencerville has been an absolute honor and privilege, exceeding all my expectations.

My favorite part of the day is greeting our students as they arrive each morning. I particularly enjoy hearing the final exchanges between parents and their children as the kids unload and make their way into school. Those words of encouragement and the many "I Love You's" warm my heart. I find extra joy in seeing many of my former students, now as parents, dropping off the next generation of Bearcats. I am proud to have been chosen to lead this district and our wonderful Bearcat families.

I have also been extremely impressed with our Spencerville Bearcat staff. I couldn't be any prouder of this dedicated, caring, and hard-working group. From our teachers, to principals, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria staff, secretaries, and our tech department, our team works tirelessly to provide the best educational experiences and opportunities for our students. The work of this Bearcat team makes my job a joy!



This school year has been a year of learning, assessing, and preparing. I have worked throughout the year to get a grasp on all operations and have worked with our leadership team to plan for our future. This includes developing and maintaining our school facilities. While we still think of it as "the new school," the K-12 building is now 18 years old and in need of some TLC. We have worked this year to address immediate needs while strategizing for future repairs and upkeep.

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Projects that have occurred this year, or are in the works, along with academic priorities include the following;

1. The K-12 will be undergoing a series of brick repairs, with a building wash and water seal.
2. A rubber membrane will be added to the Auxiliary and High Gym roofs to fix ongoing leaks.
3. The walking/bike path that extends around the campus is to be resurfaced.
4. New tile replaced carpet in the K-12 hallway wings this past summer. New flooring will be installed in the K-12 office area and library this summer.
5. A new JH baseball diamond was created last fall on the school campus, just north of the stadium.
6. New lights were installed at the stadium in August.
7. Vape sensors have been installed throughout the K-12 building.
8. GPS systems have been purchased for our buses. They are being trialed now and will be ready for the 2024-25 school year.
9. A school technology committee is currently evaluating the technological needs of both students and staff.
10. We have a major project going on this summer with the resurfacing of the track surface. Starting June 3rd, the track surface will be stripped with new asphalt being laid under the track and all around the stadium. New fencing and gates will also be installed around the track/field.
11. We are also adding a new section of bleachers with handicap accessible seating. The new section of bleachers will be about the same size as the student section to the north of the main bleachers. The new handicap accessible section will also feature paved handicap accessible parking in the west parking lot and a concrete path behind the bleachers to access the restrooms and concession stand.
12. We are pursuing a grant to possibly add an Animal Science Barn and Greenhouse for the FFA program.
13. Our staff has been busy being trained on the Science of Reading while also reviewing new High Quality Instructional Materials that align to the Science of Reading.
14. Our staff has had multiple training sessions on using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help make instruction more efficient and effective.

I would like to close by recognizing outgoing Middle School Principal, John Edinger. Mr. Edinger is leaving us to begin a new chapter in his outstanding educational career. Mr. Edinger first came to Spencerville as a high school math teacher in 1990. He finished his first stint as a Bearcat in 2005. During his first 15 years, he taught math, coached football and wrestling, and was the school's Athletic Director. Mr. Edinger left in 2005 to become the High School Principal at Delphos Jefferson. He returned to Spencerville again in 2016 as the first director of the Spencerville Digital Academy before serving as Middle School Principal for the past six years. Mr. Edinger touched many lives during his two tenures as a Bearcat and will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. #TeachWithPassion

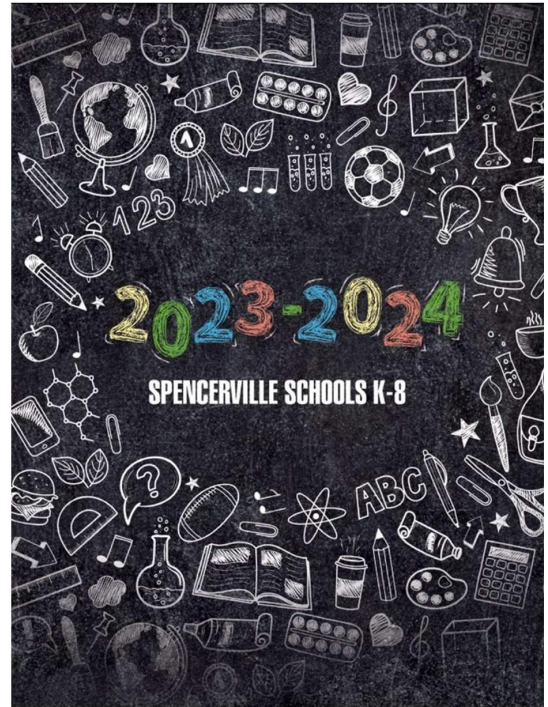
Thank you for a great first year!
Mr. Brian Woods, Superintendent



2024 K-8 YEARBOOKS

The 2024 K-8 Yearbooks are set to be delivered to the school in May. Students who pre-ordered will receive their yearbooks before the last day of school.

We will have a **limited number of extra copies available for purchase at that time**. If you forgot to pre-order and would like to be added to the wait list for a copy, or have questions about the K-8 Yearbook, please email Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor at gratza@svbearcats.org



Spencerville Schools

2024 K-12

ART SHOW

Saturday, May 11th

10am - 2pm

Cafetorium

From the desk of the
High School Principal

Mr. Scott Gephart



As we approach the end of another wonderful school year at Spencerville Schools, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff, dedicated students, supportive parents, and amazing community members. Your hard work and unwavering support have truly made this school year a success. In the words of the proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child", and we are truly blessed to have such a caring village here in Spencerville!

Here are some important announcements and upcoming events:

- State Testing: A big thank you to Mrs. Zerbe, Mr. Baumgartner, our staff, and students for their hard work during state testing.
- Upcoming May Events:
 - May 4-11: Softball Sectional
 - May 7: Seniors attending Ohio Means Job Fair
 - May 7: Teacher Appreciation Day
 - May 8: Make a Difference Day
 - May 10: Mental Health Day/Fun Run
 - May 11: NWC Track
 - May 11: Art Show
 - May 11-18: Baseball Sectional
 - May 13-18: District Track
 - May 14: Formal Choir Concert
 - May 15 & 17: Girls District Track
 - May 16 & 18: Boys District Track
 - May 17: Seniors' Last Day
 - May 20: Formal Band Concert
 - May 22: Apollo Seniors Night at Elida Fieldhouse
 - May 22-24: Underclassmen Exams (Periods 1,2,3 on May 22; Periods 4,5,6 on May 23; Periods 7,8 on May 24)
 - May 24: Last Day of School
 - May 24: Graduation Practice

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As we head into the summer break, I hope each of you will have the chance to relax and enjoy quality time with your family. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we thank you for being a part of the Spencerville Schools community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's look forward to returning in the fall rejuvenated and ready for another amazing school year ahead.

Take care,

Mr. Scott Gephart



Thank you!

Happy Administrative Professionals Day!
Thank you Tracy, Billie and Brittany for
always going **above and beyond** to make a
difference at our school and in the lives of
our students and families.

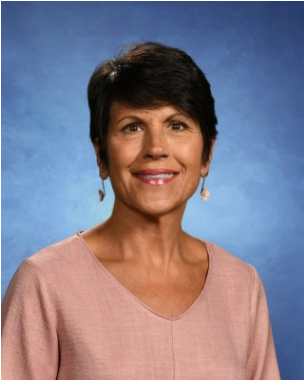
Today, and every day - we thank you!!



SPENCERVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

April 24, 2024





From the desk of the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Susan Wagner

As we close the school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support. Your involvement in your child's education has truly made a difference, and I am grateful for your partnership.

The elementary school received the prestigious Overall 5-Star Award for our school's results on the 2022-23 Traditional Report Card! This accomplishment is a result of all of the hard work and dedication from our staff. They go above and beyond for our students, ensuring they create an environment that not only fosters academic success, but emotional and social success as well. The positive, nurturing environment is truly what makes our school a special place to learn and grow.

It's not too late to register for kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. Screening will take place May 14th and 15th. Contact Tracy Clark at 419-647-4113 for more information.

I want to emphasize the importance of regular attendance in school. Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success as it allows them to fully engage in learning, participate in classroom activities, and build positive relationships with peers and teachers. According to HB 166, even students with a legitimate excuse are only allowed to miss 65 hours of school. Once 65 hours has been attained, students are considered excessive and a doctor's note will be required to excuse further absences. Please be sure to communicate with me if your child is having repeated health issues so we can develop a plan and work together to maintain good attendance.

Thank you for helping make pick-up more secure. We will continue to use the green pick-up cards next year so we know who each child.

A shout out to our PTO for all they do for us. It sounds like the donations for Laps for Learning is huge success!! Thank you, families, for all of your support. Our students appreciate the opportunity to take their learning outside of the traditional classroom setting and gain memorable experiences!!

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Here are some upcoming events for the rest of the school year:

4-25/26- Kindergarten Safety City

5-2 - Grade 4 SESA

5-3- Grade 3 Wapak YMCA (test incentive)

5-7- Elementary AG day

5-8- Grade 4 Wapak TMCA (tes incentive)

5-9 Bearcat Breakouts

5-10- Grade 4 Wax Museum

5-14/5-15- Kindergarten Screening

5-14- Grade 4 Ohio Caverns

5-15- Grade 2 Zoo trip

5-16- Grade 1 to Boonshoft Museum

5-17- Grade 3 to Sauder's Village

5-17- 2nd grade Pet Show

5-20- K-4 Field Day

5-21 Grade 4 Talent Show

5-22 Laps for Learning

5-24 Last day of school

Best wishes for a restful and relaxing summer, and time spent with family and friends.

Mrs. Susie Wagner



2024 Back to School Fair

Spencerville Local Schools

2500 Wisher Drive

Monday, August 26, 2024

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Spencerville High School Yearbook Requests for the Class of 2024

Dear Seniors and Parents: Please read the following information. Deadlines are in bold, and summarized to the right. **Contact Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, by email at gratza@svbearcats.org with questions.**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

May 9: *Online* Recognition Ads

May 10: Yearbook Order Forms

May 17: Senior Survey

**May 24: Recognition Ad Order
Forms**

May 31: *Online* Yearbook Orders

Senior Survey 2024



Senior Survey 2024

Scan the QR code to the left to answer a few quick questions about your plans following graduation. There is also a link to the survey on the Senior Team. This information will be used in the yearbook and by Mr. Baumgartner. Please fill this out by **May 17th** at the latest.

Pre-Order your 2024 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your Yearbook! Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com or scan the QR code here to **order yours online by May 31st**. A paper order form is also attached (more copies are available in the office or the bulletin board outside the art room) and must be turned in by **May 10th**.

2024 Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the fall. You will be notified when it is available for pickup.



Senior Recognition Ads

Please share the attached info with your parents about Recognitions Ads! Recognition ads can be created online, which is the preferred method as you can create the ad *exactly* as you'd like it to appear, until **May 9th**. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, and want the yearbook staff to create your ad, you can fill out and return the attached order form to Mrs. Gratz by **May 24th**.

Ordering information for Senior Recognition Ads on pages 18 & 19.

Questions? See Mrs. Gratz or a Yearbook Staff member: Quincey Baumgartner, Katelynn Braun, Eli Brinkman, Kaitlynn Brooks, Miracle Hamilton, Livia Hodge-Miller, Brandon Jenkins, Olivia Oldham, Kendyl Roberts, Brooke Russell and Gracie Stapleton.



WE WELCOME THE BEARCAT
COMMUNITY TO OUR

SENIOR CITIZEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, May 10, 2024

9:00am-10:30am ~ Cafetorium

Please RSVP to Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201
or ekisk@svbearcats.org by 5/7/24.

Please join us
immediately following
for the 4th Grade
Wax Museum!



The MS Students had the opportunity to hear Mary Wineberg speak on Perserverance. Mary is an Olympic Gold Medalist in the 4x400 during the 2008 Olympics. Thanks for sharing your message, Mary!

From the desk of the Middle School Principal

Mr. John Edinger



As another academic year ends, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your support throughout this journey. It has been a year filled with challenges and triumphs, and your partnership has been instrumental in our success. Together, we have navigated uncharted waters, adapted to new modes of learning, and overcome obstacles with resilience and determination.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our students, I am filled with great pride and gratitude. Despite the uncertainties that surrounded us, our students have demonstrated remarkable growth, both academically and personally. Their perseverance, curiosity, and dedication have been truly inspiring, and I am confident that they are well-prepared to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.

Here are a few highlights of the second half of the school year:

February

NWC Wrestling Champion - Keaton Jacobs (2X Champ in MS)

5th/6th grade Quiz Bowl teams competed in the Allen County Invitational. 5th grade placed 5th out of 9 Teams and 6th grade placed 6th out of 12 teams.

Musical - what an awesome performance with several MS students participating!

March

5th-8th Band and Choir Concerts were well attended, and the kids did wonderful 8th graders, Kate Hemker and Marie Jackson qualified for the National Civics Bee. Both students were in the top 20 of all 5th-8th grade students in Allen County. Marie's essay made the Top 20 and Kate's was in the Top 10!

Thanks to the County Extended Learning Grant - Fran Kick (Kick it in!) spoke to our 6th - 8th Graders.

6th Graders in music attended the Lima Orchestra

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April

Solo and Ensemble:

The band was well-represented with 12 solos and 5 ensembles with 29 students participating. Our kids were wonderful music ambassadors as they continue to learn to present themselves with pride and class. The band earned 13 Superior ratings, 2 Excellent ratings, and 2 Good ratings.

44, 7th & 8th grade Choir Members participated in the Solo and Ensemble.

Superior Ratings I (highest rating you can receive): Soloists: 4, Ensembles: 1.

Excellent Ratings II (second highest rating): Soloists: 4, Ensembles: 1, Duets: 1.

State testing began

May (Upcoming Events)

May 6th - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7^h - MS Music Concert

May 9th - 5th/6th Grade to AXIS Center for Test Incentive

May 10th - 7th/8th Grade to AXIS Center for Test Incentive

May 11th - Art Show

May 16th - MS Spring Dance

May 17th - MS Carnival (PM)

May 21st - Free Sports physicals. All athletes in grades 7-12 next year will need a physical to participate.

May 22nd - 5th Grade to Fort Amanda Park

May 24th - Last Day of School

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats

This quote reminds us that education is not just about imparting knowledge but igniting a passion for learning within our children. It speaks to the idea that true learning goes beyond memorization and tests; it's about fostering curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love for exploration. Parents play a crucial role in nurturing this flame within our children, guiding them as they discover their interests and pursue their dreams.

Thank you,

Mr. John Edinger



This year, Spencerville High School participated in the Ohio Alliance of YMCA's Youth and Government Program. This is a national government and politics program that promotes civic literacy. Each state runs its own program according to their state constitution. The Ohio YMCA Youth and Government program provides high school students with a unique opportunity to roll play through a simulation of the positions of legislators, governors, lobbyists, justices, and committee chairs. Students are challenged with many issues our real legislators must face in their elected office.

Thirteen students traveled to the Statehouse in Columbus to engage in this simulation of the bill making process with students from all over the state of Ohio. On Feb 29, 2024, to March 2, 2024, the students argued bills that they worked months on writing. The students submitted seven bills this year and faced the challenges of defending their bills as well as debating the bills of their peers. The bill topics ranged from allowing people 16 years of age and above to ride in the bed of a truck to lowering the age for handguns from 21 to 18. We even had one bill which presented the idea of owning a bear as a pet. Of our seven bills submitted, we had two that never made it out of committee. And then, we had three pass on the house floor. One of those was vetoed by the student governor, and one was signed. The third bill never was addressed by the student government because we ran out of time. Our bill that was signed gave more funding to teachers for supplies in their classroom.

Also this year, Alex Ross was selected to attend the CONA conference in North Carolina which is a national conference where students participate in government simulations at the national level. Carson Van Gorder was nominated as an alternate. Alex also received an award for being Outstanding Stateman for the conference.

When asked about their experience at Youth and Government, the students shared some of their favorite experiences why they would encourage others to support and participate in Youth and Government. "My absolute favorite part of the conference was being able to meet new people at the conference. One of the main reasons I participated in Youth and Government was to be able to expose myself to people outside of neighboring towns because I find it interesting to learn the backgrounds and lifestyles of people my age outside of my area. Not just that, but to also catch up with those who I met previously at the conference. Even though I had only just met them a couple of days a year ago, we were able to talk as if we had known each other for years," said Brandon Jenkins, a senior. Kaitlynn Brooks, also a senior, said, "You get a very awesome opportunity that not everyone gets to participate in. You also get a better understanding of the different parts of the government."

My favorite quote was again from Brandon Jenkins, "The Youth and Government program offers many important qualities and valuable takeaways that come with participating in their mock governmental debates. Students, of course, learn the process of how our government operates, but where the program takes off is the connections and personal growth along the way. The people that you can meet along the way is one of the most prominent parts of the Youth and Government program, for differing political and personal points of view broadens your horizon and helps thoroughly understanding and respecting one another. It as well builds strong bonds with those who are there with you, no matter if you are from the same school or just meeting during the program. Aside from the benefits of building connections with people at the conference, individuals who participate stand to gain many personal improvements as well. The program teaches you how to properly compose yourself and publicly speak about something that you are passionate about. It takes confidence to be able to stand in the middle of a crowded room with the spotlight on you and be able to defend your values and attempt to convince others of your ideas."

The students and advisors wish to thank everyone who donated to the students or who participated in our Sara's Sweets fundraiser. We also want to thank those that showed up to our night at Buffalo Wild Wings in St. Mary's. These activities helped the students raise funds towards the trip. The Spencerville Ed Foundation was a huge help in this, and we appreciate the community support. If you would like to become a Youth and Government sponsor or donate to the conference for next year, please contact Harmony Brenneman at brennemanh@svbearcats.org.



The full Spencerville High School Group for 2024: Back row - Kaitlynn Brooks, Ava Lyons, Isabella Owens, and Jeweliette Stemen. Front row - Beau Kyler, Max Wiss, Trenton Howell, Tyler Kaverman, Alex Ross, Ayden Briggs, Brandon Jenkins, Ashton Peters, and Carson Van Gorder.

More pictures on page 14.



Jeweliette Stemen and Ava Lyons presenting their bill on the House Floor.



Our Seniors who participated this year: Ashton Peters, Kaitlynn Brooks, Tyler Kaverman, Brandon Jenkins, and Trenton Howell.



Ayden Briggs standing to debate a bill with Brandon Jenkins in the background.



Kaitlynn Brooks and Isabella Owens with the Youth Governor after the signing of their bill.

SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 2024 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

ORDER BY:
05/10/2024

To purchase online, go to
jostensyearbooks.com.

It's your last chance to Pre-Order your 2024 Spencerville High School Yearbook!
Turn in this form with payment (make checks payable to Spencerville High School) to Mrs. Gratz in room 104 or the office by May 10th.
Order online through May 31st at jostensyearbooks.com, click "ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK" and enter "Spencerville High School."



scan here to order online

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

- YEARBOOK \$50.00
- SIGNATURE PACKAGE \$75.00

Includes Yearbook, 1 Line of Personalization, Color Autograph Section and 5 Multicolor Signing Markers

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Autograph Section	\$5.00		
Clear Protective Cover	\$5.00		
Photo Pockets	\$5.00		
Donate a Yearbook	\$50.00		
Subtotal			
TOTAL			

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Beining, Woods VFW District Teachers of the Year

Amanda Beining and Julie Woods were recently honored as the VFW District 2 High School and Middle School Teachers of the Year, respectively, at a banquet at the Ada VFW Post 9381. The VFW District 2 is comprised of twenty VFW posts in eight counties in Northwest Ohio - Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Putnam, Shelby, and Van Wert. Winners from each of the 20 local Posts move on to be judged at the district level.

Mrs. Beining was nominated for the local VFW teacher of the year award by High School Principal Scott Gephart. Mr. Gephart stated that, "I nominated Amanda Beining because she gives back to our community by sharing the wonderful talents of our students."

Middle School Principal, John Edinger nominated Mrs. Woods. "Julie's ability to listen to our students, staff, and community has contributed to the well-deserved respect she receives from all. Lessons of citizenship, creating memories, bringing passion, and making sound decisions are reasons why I nominated Mrs. Woods for this award."

"The Teacher of the Year program is one of our most emphasized programs in the VFW. This program allows for VFWs to recognize teachers in their local communities who behind the scenes are making significant differences in the lives of our youth, and in essence, our future. Perhaps the only downside to the program is that a Post can only nominate one teacher per grade level, when essentially all teachers are worthy of recognition." Drew Munshower, District 2 Commander.

Congratulations to Mrs. Beining and Mrs. Woods and thanks to the VFW for honoring our teachers!

Pictured from left to right: VFW District 2 Post Commander Drew Munshower, Julie Woods, Amanda Beining, Superintendent, Brian Woods



Voice of Democracy

Bowersock Brothers Post 6772 would like to congratulate these students for their superb Voice of Democracy essays. This year's theme was "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" Each of these students will be honored at a banquet in May for their accomplishments.



In the photo, the students are Olivia Gallimore, Keegan Klosterman, and Alexandra Greer (left to right).



DEADLINE: 05/11/2023

Spencerville High School

Dear Parent or Student,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens offers this service to make it easier for you to upload your photos, create your ad and pay with a credit card. If you need help creating your ad, please contact Yearbook Advisor, Mrs. Gratz, by email at gratza@svbearcats.org. If you have photos that need scanned, or would like the Yearbook staff to create the ad for you, please fill out and return the attached form.
Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 05/11/2023.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



ORDER BY 05/11/2023

COLOR AD

Full Page	\$100.00
1/2 Page	\$50.00
1/4 Page	\$25.00
1/8 Page	\$15.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at www.jostensadservice.com/student

- 1. Choose your ad size and layout.**
- 2. Enter your text and upload your photos.**

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

Contact Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, with questions by email at gratza@svbearcats.org

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.
www.jostensadservice.com/student



The Jostens logo is located in the bottom right corner of the page. It features the word "Jostens" in a stylized, cursive font with a registered trademark symbol.

SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION AD ORDER FORM 2023

Use this form only if you do not wish to create the recognition ad yourself online (see reverse side for online instructions) Return form to Mrs. Gratz in room 104 or the high school office.

DEADLINE: 5/31/23

Student Name _____
Purchaser Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

I would also like to order a yearbook for an additional \$50! Please keep this a secret from my student.

Circle Ad Size: 1/8 = \$15 1/4 = \$25 1/2 = \$50 Full Page = \$100

Photo(s) Enclosed Will Email Digital Photo(s) [Preferred]

Message: _____

Signature _____

Enclosed: Yearbook \$ _____ Ad \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Email any digital photos to gratza@svbearcats.org with the subject heading "Senior Recognition Ad." Please include both *your name* and the *student's name* in the body of the email. The design and layout of the ad will be created by the yearbook staff using your photo(s) and your message above. I will email you a proof of your ad once it is complete.

If you send printed photos to be scanned, please include a self-addressed envelope for the return of your photo(s) if you'd like it to stay secret, or indicate that the photos may be returned to your student. Photos should be provided as soon as possible so we may meet our deadlines. Recognition ad order forms will be accepted through May 31st, 2023. THANK YOU! –Mrs. Amy Gratz, Yearbook Advisor

STAFF USE ONLY: Paid _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Page # _____ Proof

Complete

SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The K-12 Office will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday through Thursday and closed on Fridays, except for the following weeks.

Closed the weeks of:

June 17 – June 21

June 24 – June 28

July 1 – July 5

August 1, 2024 – Office Opens for the 2024-2025 School Year

Administration Building Summer Office Hours

The administration building will be open from 7:00am – 4:00pm on Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact Kim Ekis at 419.647.4111 ext. 3201 if you need assistance.

New Student Registration

FinalForms on-line registration is open and available throughout the summer by going to www.spencervillebearcats.com and clicking on the FinalForms link under Quick Links. When registering a new student to our district, please have the following information ready as you begin:

1. Valid Custodial Parent Email Address
2. Medical Insurance Company & Policy Number
3. Hospital Preference
4. Physician Contact Information
 - a. Family Doctor
 - b. Dentist/Orthodontist
 - c. Specialist (if applicable)

2024 – 2025 School Year

Monday, August 26, 2024 – Back to School Fair/School Picture Day (more information to come)

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - 1st Day of School for the 2024 – 2025 school year (grades 1 – 12).

Thursday, August 29, 2024 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Girls Only)

Friday, August 30, 2024 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Boys Only)

Tuesday, September 2, 2024 – 1st Day (ALL Kindergartners)

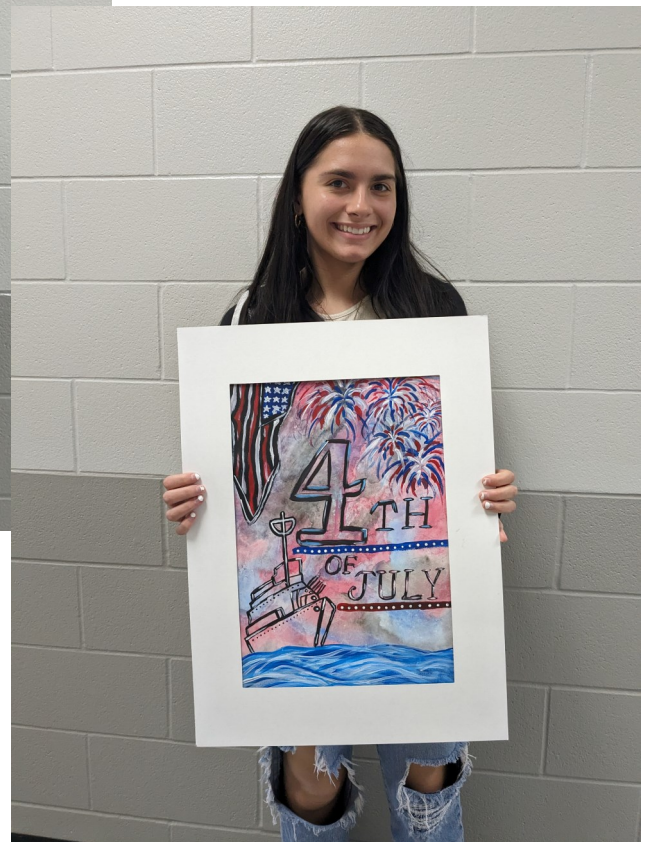
Reminder to all Spencerville Students/Parents - FinalForms must be reviewed and signed by the custodial parent/legal guardian prior to the Back to School Fair on August 26, 2024.

As always, we are here to provide your student with the highest quality of education.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is for students in grades 9-12. Entries are judged on the originality of the concept, presentation and patriotism expressed, content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas; design technique; total impact of work.

Bowersock Brothers Post 6772 will honor these winners at a banquet in May and thank the teachers that support all of the contests sponsored by the VFW.



The winners were: **Andrea Shaw** (1st place), **Emmet Roberts** (2nd place), and **Kiarah Dodds** (3rd place)

Free Sports Physical Information for Current 6th -11th Grade Students

Parents/Guardians must complete all forms in FinalForms no later than **Tuesday, May 14th by 8:00am**, to be able to participate in the school-sponsored free physicals.

Physicals will take place on Tuesday, May 21st 2024.

Location - Spencerville Schools Athletic Hallways & Gyms

Current 6th- 8th Grade Students:

3:00-3:30pm, Last name A-L

3:30-4:00pm, Last name M- Z

Current 9th-11th Grade Students:

4:00-4:30 pm, Last name A-L

4:30-5:00pm, Last name M- Z

All students are eligible for the free physical regardless of the expiration date of their current physical. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the free physical for any sports season.

Physicals are good for one calendar year from the date of the examination.

Parent/Guardian - Please log into your students **FinalForms** account, **SWITCH TO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.**

- Click on Athletic Mode/Add Sport; indicate what sport (s) your athlete plans to play for 2024-2025 school year. If you are unsure your child is playing a sport in each season, it is better to click a sport the student athlete might possibly play than no sport at all. This will avoid the need to complete forms each season. Sport (s) of choice can be updated at a later date.
- Click on Forms to update **ALL** forms that appear in Red.
- You **DO NOT** need to print your physical packet. Once your forms are completed, a school staff member will print the physical packet and have it ready for the athlete the day of the physical.
- Upon completion of the physical examination, the physician will return the form to the Spencerville Athletic Department to be kept on file at Spencerville Local Schools.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the physicians, nurses, and other staff members who are volunteering their time to make this possible.

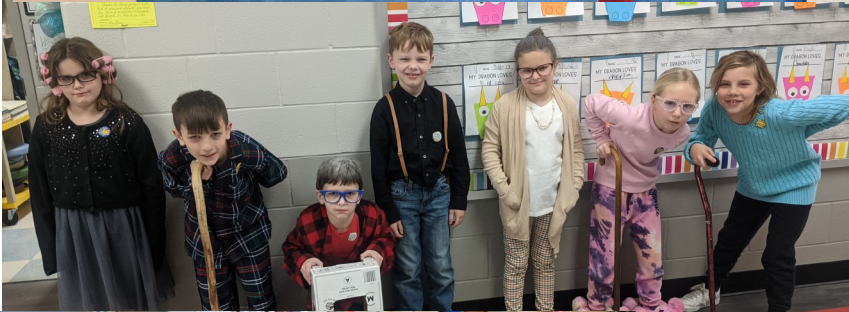
As always, your child does not have to participate in the free physical through the school. You can get the physical done on your own through your family doctor. If you have the physical done on your own, please make sure the school receives a copy of the 2024-2025 completed physical.



Mrs. Brown's 2nd graders celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 12th with all kinds of fun reading and math learning activities. It was an extra great day! We



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

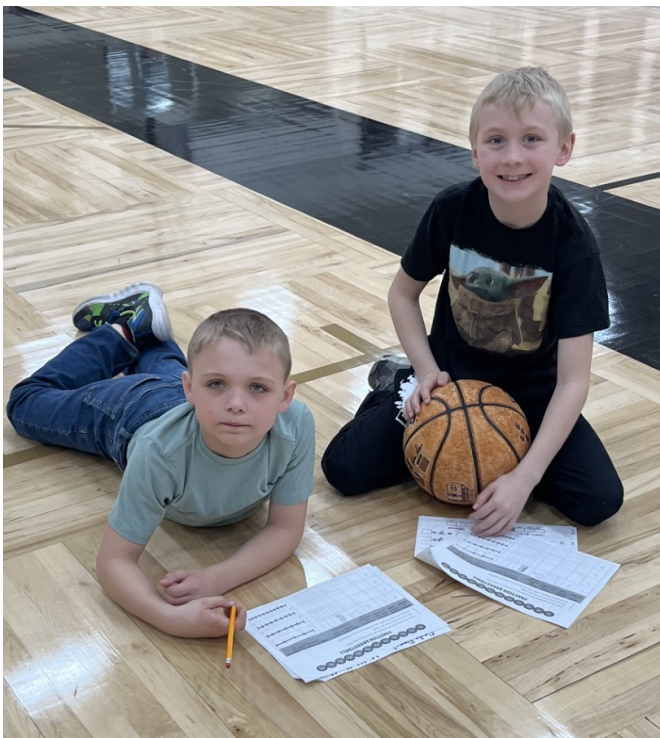


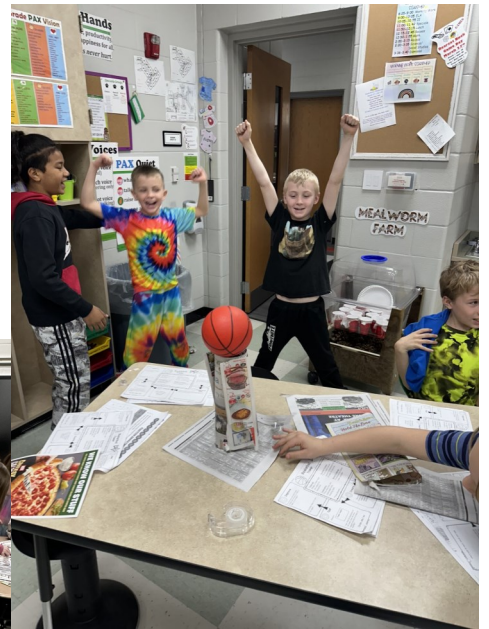
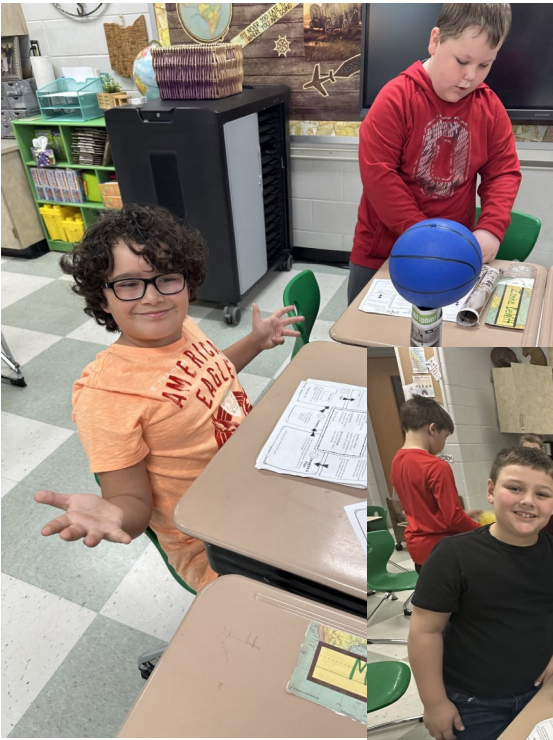
The Third Grade has been learning about fractions in real life. We have talked about how fractions are used in various aspects of real life, from cooking and baking recipes that require

measurements like $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar, to grades, measuring, medicine, and money. Even in sports, fractions are used to calculate scores, statistics, and rankings. Understanding fractions is essential for everyday tasks and decision-making, making them a practical and important mathematical concept in the real world.

To explore fractions using a real-life example, the Third Grade participated in a March Madness day before Easter break. They explored some real-life examples of fractions as they shot baskets and then calculated the fraction of shots they made. High school basketball players came to help them rebound and the students wore their favorite jersey or basketball shirt.

3RD GRADE





SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS 2024-2025 School Calendar

July 2024

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February 2025

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March 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa

June 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa

January
1-3 No School - Christmas Break
6 First Day of 2025
17 End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)
20 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February
17 No School - Presidents' Day

March
28 End of 3rd Quarter (48 days)

April
16 1 Hr. Early Release
17-21 No School - Easter Break

May
25 Graduation
26 No School - Memorial Day
30 Student Last Day - 1 Hr. Early Release
30 End of 4th Quarter (41 days)

June
2 Staff Workday
175 Student Days
8 Staff Workdays
183 Contracted Days

Spencerville High School Business Classes: Empowering Students through Practical Learning

In today's fast-paced and dynamic business world, the ability to think critically, innovate, and manage resources effectively are essential skills for success. At Spencerville High School, Mr. Paul Sadler's business classes are taking education beyond traditional lectures and textbooks, engaging students through hands-on projects that simulate real-world scenarios. From pitching business ideas in a "Shark Tank" setting to managing finances in a virtual environment, these projects are preparing students for the challenges they'll face in their future.

One of the projects in Mr. Sadler's General Business class is the "Shark Tank" project. Inspired by the popular television show, students are tasked with developing and presenting new business ideas to a panel of "sharks," who are played by Mr. Sadler, Mr. Gephart, Ms. Carless, Mr. Baumgartner, and Mr. Heiby. Students could work in a group or independently. They came up with their own, unique business idea and wrote a business plan before pitching their idea to the sharks. This project not only hones students' presentation skills but also encourages creativity, strategic thinking, and the ability to communicate effectively—a crucial skill in any business endeavor.

In Accounting class, students were able to practice and apply the principles of financial management through an unconventional method: playing the classic board game Monopoly. Each turn becomes an opportunity for students to record and journalize transactions, applying accounting concepts in a practical and engaging way. At the end of the simulated month, students compiled their records to prepare end-of-fiscal period financial statements, gaining a deeper understanding of financial reporting and analysis.

Meanwhile, in Personal Finance class, students are using the Budget Challenge website to supplement their learning. This online platform immerses students in the real-world experience of managing finances by simulating the life of an independent working young adult for ten weeks in real-time. From paying bills to making investment decisions, students learn valuable money management skills that are directly applicable to their personal lives.

Even in Computer Programming class, students delve into the world of coding with the programming language Python with a creative twist. Using the innovative platform EarSketch, students have a unit where they explore the intersection of music and technology by writing Python scripts to compose original music tracks. This hands-on approach not only teaches students the fundamentals of programming but also fosters creativity and problem-solving skills as they experiment with algorithms, loops, and functions to produce unique musical compositions.

As educators continue to adapt to the evolving needs of the world, Spencerville's business and computer classes approach exemplifies the school's commitment to empowering students through practical learning experiences. Learning is not just confined to the classroom—it's an immersive and dynamic journey that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. By fostering creativity, critical thinking, and financial literacy, Spencerville High School is preparing its students to become the leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators of tomorrow.

Mr. Paul Sadler



Freshman Jovie Holtzapple makes her pitch for her customizable clothing business to the Sharks in the General Business's Shark Tank project.



Students (from left to right) Tye Adams, Aubrey Bruns, Tyler Kohorst, Gavin Schwartz and Mat Miller use the board game Monopoly to sharpen their Accounting skills.



On March 12th and 13th, 4th grade students visited the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's Maple Fest field trip experience. Students learned about the history and science behind making real maple syrup. Students participated in hands-on activities in the McElroy Education Center and on the trails of Teddy Bear Park. Activities included learning how and when to tap a tree, various methods of collecting and moving sap, how to cook down the sap and they even got to sample real maple syrup and maple sugar. We are so fortunate that we have such a wonderful park district that provides these educational opportunities to our

students, free of cost.

4th grade teachers:

Rachel Abel

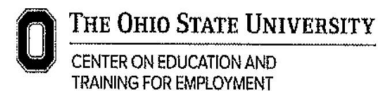
Anne Bertke

Tressa Mulholland

Anna Thompson

Priscilla Willrath





Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student's education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services. The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%. Please click on this [link](#) or use the QR (Quick Response) code (see below) to find out more about the survey and if you are eligible.



Sincerely,

David Julian, Ph.D.
Special Education Family Survey Director
(Collecting surveys on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education)

2ND GRADE

MRS. JAMES

Spencerville Elementary
2nd grade teacher

jan.jest@vbearcats.org



We had so much fun celebrating with Easter activities! We had an egg hunt, class party, STEM challenge and so much more!





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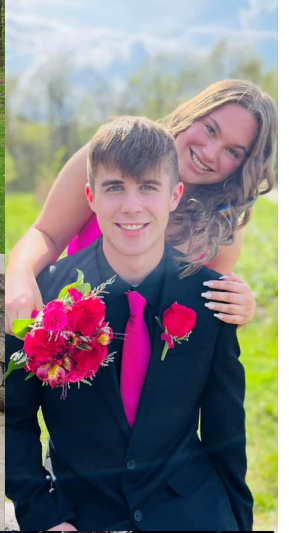


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Spencerville Local Schools
Welcomes you to our 3rd Annual



TO BACK
SCHOOL
 **FAIR**

Monday, August 26, 2024

12:00pm to 2:00pm

4:00pm to 6:30pm

- ◆ Visit Your Student's Classroom
- ◆ Meet the Teachers and Administration
- ◆ School Pictures
- ◆ Schedule Pick-up
- ◆ View Homeroom Lists (K-5)
- ◆ Fee Payment
- ◆ Meet with Guidance Counselors
- ◆ ProgressBook InfoSessions
- ◆ Special Education, ELL and Title One Informational Meetings
- ◆ Technology (device request)
- ◆ Complete Your FinalForms
- ◆ Donated School Supplies (while supplies last)
- ◆ Find Your Locker
- ◆ Tour the K-12 Building
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Food Service (lunch money, applications)
- ◆ Student Organization Information
- ◆ Clinic (Bring medications, meet the nurse)
- ◆ Lifewise Academy
- ◆ Local Vendors / Businesses
- ◆ Refreshments and Prizes
- ◆ Boy / Girl Scouts
- ◆ SYAA
- ◆ SAFY
- ◆ Health Partners (Dental / Vision)

You won't want to miss this opportunity to get connected with our school and community!

