

THE SPENCERVILLE



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to share some of the highlights of our progress. We have three staff members retiring soon: Ann Kuhn, Diane Binkley, and Verna Howell. We thank them greatly for their service and wish them well with their future plans! We recently hired a 4th-grade teacher, Anne Dirksen and a playground monitor, Andrea Tucker...WELCOME! All staff will be attending the 3rd annual Employee Banquet on June 2nd at the VFW to celebrate service and special awards, as well as our retiring staff.



Our graduating seniors will also be celebrating their special day on Sunday, May 28th at 2:00. All High School students will have the opportunity to participate in a "Mental Health Day" on May 11th, where they will learn many ways to relieve stress. This break from school work will demonstrate to our students the importance of balancing their studies, extra-curricular activities, and family/friend time, as well as their own personal health.

Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hoback and I will be running a session called "Mindful Movement", where students will learn breathing and stretching exercises to help them focus, feel relaxed and re-energize. Thank you to the HS Student Council for organizing this day! Also, a BIG thank you goes out to our coaches and advisors for continuing to provide quality programs for our students. The mission, vision and values that were created in the summer of 2020 are consistently exemplified in these programs!

The district set a number of goals for the school year. **More Parent Engagement:** we have had many opportunities for parents to get more involved in our school district and most importantly, their child's education. The Back to School Fair, Family Fun nights, PTO, evening and weekend programs, volunteering, etc. are just some of the ways we have connected. **Safety:** new security enhancements are on order for all facilities, which will be paid for with the \$150,000 state security grant. A new fence around the K-12 Building playground and the preschool playground will be installed this spring. We continue to practice our safety drills and work with the village police to maximize student, staff, and visitor safety. New radio communications are also coming soon.

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Transportation: our bus fleet will soon consist of all 84-passenger transit buses. Each bus and van will be fully equipped with maximum safety enhancements. Thank you to our Bus Mechanic and Transportation Management for keeping our transportation safe and efficient. **Financial Management:** I commend our Board of Education and administration for excellent management of federal, state, and local funds. With the surplus of grant monies, we have been able to fully upgrade our technology in the classrooms, including new staff devices, plan for new flooring in all 4 wings (coming summer '23), plan for new stadium lighting (coming summer '23), hire new staff for several new positions: TESOL teacher, aide, tutor, etc. **Mobile App:** you can download our updated mobile app (directions on our website and in this newsletter) for all the latest school news!

I hope to see all of our Senior Citizens on May 19th from 9:00-10:30 for our last Senior Citizen Day event. We will start with a delicious breakfast, compliments of our kitchen staff. I will give a district update before heading over to the gym for the 4th grade wax museum.

As we close out the school year, I would like to thank all our Bearcat families and community for supporting the school and sharing in the educational and social successes of our students. Like every school, we will always have a few challenges. I believe it is how we react to these challenges that make the biggest difference in the outcome. One of my favorite mottos that I like to share with my Middle School Family is: "Always do your best, do what is right, and always show people you care". Enjoy the rest of the school year!

Mrs. Cindy Endsley



BACK
TO SCHOOL
FAIR

2023 Back to School Fair

Spencerville Local Schools

2500 Wisher Drive

Monday, August 28, 2023

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm



SPENCERVILLE

BACK TO SCHOOL BOXES

To order your School Supply Kit online, follow the steps below.

Step 1

Visit www.classkit.com and click "Find Your Classkit".



Avoid the stores...Order online!

These boxes fulfill the requirements for school supplies put out by your school. Even though some items are listed as "boys" or "girls", there is no need to purchase anything else.

Questions?
Contact your school's administrator with additional questions or for pickup dates.

Step 2

Enter your school's city, state, and zip code and click "Search"

To find a school, please enter the School City, State, or Zip Code in form below and click the 'Search' button.

If you have an Access Code for your school, click [HERE](#).

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Step 3

Once you've selected your school, click on the grade your student will be entering.

School Name: Demonstration Elementary School

Term: DEMO1 - 2023-24 Full Year

Grade:

- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 5th Grade

Step 4

Once you select your grade, you can expand the list of items to see the contents of the box or add to your cart directly.

Standard Kits

DEMO - 2nd Grade - Standard

Step 5

If you click the button on the left, you will see a full listing of products for that box. From here, you can add to cart as well.

School Name: Demonstration Elementary School

Term: DEMO1 - 2023-24 Full Year

Grade: 2nd Grade

Kit: DEMO - 2nd Grade - Standard

Kit Type: Standard

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Step 6

After clicking "Add to Cart", enter your student's name and click "Submit/Checkout". Enter your credit card info to complete your order. You will receive an email notification if successful.

Kit Info:

School Name: Demonstration Elementary School

Term: DEMO1 - 2023-24 Full Year

Kit: DEMO - 2nd Grade - Standard

* Student First Name:

* Student Last Name:



From the desk of the
High School Principal

Mr. Scott Gephart



As we approach the end of another great school year at Spencerville Schools, I would like to extend a huge “Thank You” to our staff, students, parents, and community members. We could not have made it successfully through this school year without everyone doing his or her part. The proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child”, could not be truer. We are blessed in the Village of Spencerville!

The sun is shining and we are having some warmer weather. This has allowed our baseball, softball, and track teams to compete in several games and meets. In addition to the various games and meets, there are many other activities coming up as we finish out the school year. The seniors will be attending the Ohio Means Jobs – Job Fair on Tuesday, May 9th, at the UNOH Event Center. The high school choirs will hold their formal concert on Monday, May 15th, followed by the formal band concert on Monday, May 22nd. **Finally, we will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 28th, at 2pm in the competition gym. Please come and join us as we wish our 2023 graduates all the best as they pursue their next adventures in life!**

I hope everyone will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the summer with family and be ready to return in the fall refreshed. Please know, if you have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to call me at 419.647.4111 or email me at gepharts@svbearcats.org. It takes each of us working together to make Spencerville Schools the best it can be. Take care and have a great rest of the spring and summer!



2023 K-12 Art Show

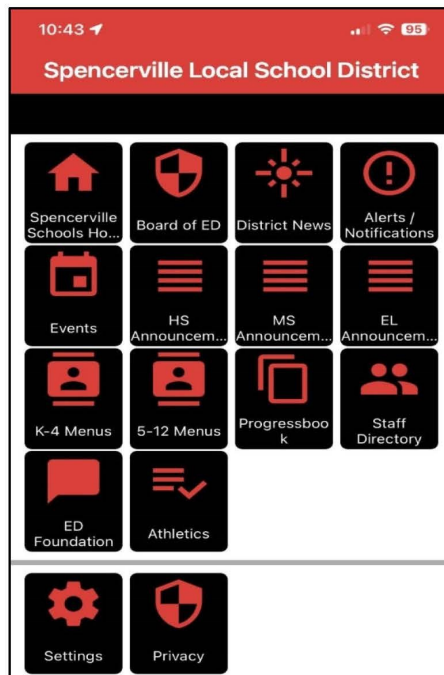
The K-12 Art Show took place on Saturday, April 1st. A wide range of student artwork was displayed throughout the cafeteria. The High School Art club offered face painting and set up a collaborative art project in which students and their families could color a flower to add to a *Starry Night* inspired mural, allowing everyone to "Spring into Art." Fourth grade music students performed a selection of songs on their recorders under the direction of Mrs. Parent. Seniors taking Art 5 were able to set up their own panels in the Senior Gallery, highlighting their work from the year. We are always so happy to share the work of our talented students and celebrate their success!



-Mrs. Gratz (HS Art) and Mrs. Fosnaugh (EL/MS Art)



Spencerville Local School District Mobile App



Please DO NOT unsubscribe from text alerts! Those notifications are not available through this mobile app. Thank you!

What is the Mobile App

Receiving information about Spencerville School District can be a lot easier with the Mobile App. You can now stay up-to-date with the most important news affecting the school district with just a swipe of your finger.

Mobile App features:

- District-wide and building specific notifications.
- School and Staff directories: Instantly find teachers and administrators' contact information.
- See Calendar of events: Search all of your district's upcoming events and add them to your calendar.
- Headline news and information: Find out what is happening in the district with the touch of a button.
- High School, Middle School and Elementary Announcements
- No advertisements

How to download the Mobile App

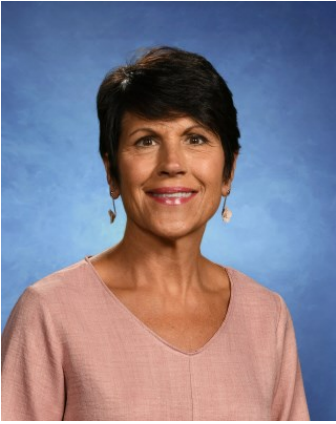
- 1) Go to the Apple App store or the Google Play store.



- 2) Search for either "SchoolPointe" or "Stay Connected" and look for the SchoolPointe's Stay Connected icon



- 3) Install the app
- 4) Once installed, open up the app and there will be a list of schools. Select Spencerville Local School District.
-- You will only have to do this once.



From the desk of the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Susan Wagner

How are we so close to the end of another year? Time sure does fly when you're having fun!! On behalf of the staff at Spencerville Elementary, I want to thank our parents for their continued support. Our students are kind, compassionate and come ready to learn each day. We couldn't have the continued success without your support. Students need to be at school to learn. 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.

It's not too late to register for kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. Screening will take place May 16th and 17th. Contact Tracy Clark at 419-647-4113 for more information.

We are partnering once again with Friends Office for school supplies. For kindergarten-fourth grade students, you can purchase a class kit with most of the necessary supplies your child needs for the school year. The kits will be delivered to school with your child's name on it. The kits can be delivered to their classroom, or you can pick it up to take it home. If you would like to order, please see the enclosed flyer for details.

The Elementary would like to wish three of our staff members all the best as they retire their career from Spencerville.

Mrs. Diane Binkley began her career in the fall of 1983 as a middle school math teacher. In 1987, she stayed home for 10 years with her young kids and came back to teaching in fall of 1997. She secured a position in the Title 1 program to help with math at Jennings. She eventually became a reading teacher which she still does today. Diane says, "I love Spencerville schools! The students are great and the staff is wonderful. This school has been a huge part of my life and I feel very grateful to have been able to work here. Go Bearcats!"

Mrs. Beth Ann Kuhn will also be retiring. She has taught her entire career at Spencerville and we wish her all the best!!

Ms. Verna Howell started in 1996 and retired in 2015. She was hired back in 2018 and is now officially leaving at the end of the year. Besides being the recess monitor, she has also subbed as a cook, janitor and van driver. She is certainly someone we rely on to fix our laminator, run copies, organize supplies; the list is endless! Verna says the best part of her job are the hugs and laughs she gets from the students. She enjoys seeing the students grow and change from kindergarten to seniors. She loves being a part of such a big extended family and appreciates how everyone is here for each other. We offer blessings for Verna!!

The elementary staff is working on a plan to make pick-up more secure. Information will be sent home in the August 2023 newsletter.

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!!

The middle school English Language Arts department encourages and celebrates reading with their students. The 8th-grade class is no exception. Each year, the students are given the challenge to read as many books as they can for fun. This year, the 8th-grade classes have read 765 books so far.

Peyton Schwartz, daughter of Michael and Karla Schwartz earned the top spot with 65 books read! Other top readers of the grade are Shannon Shaffer-34 Books, Jermaine Williams-42, Books, Chandler Bassitt-21 Books, Henry Wiss-22 Books, Aniah Settlemire-24 Books, Jovie Holtzapple-23 Books, and Lexie Reynolds-45 Books

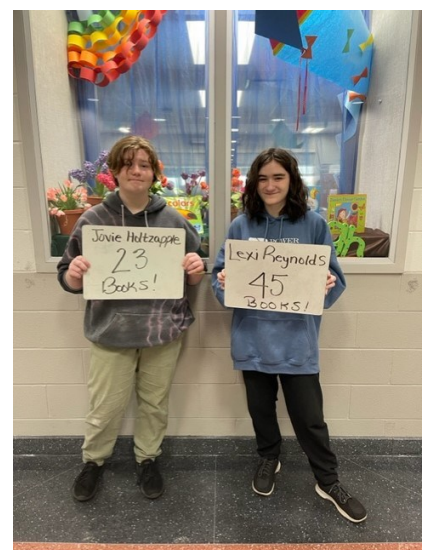
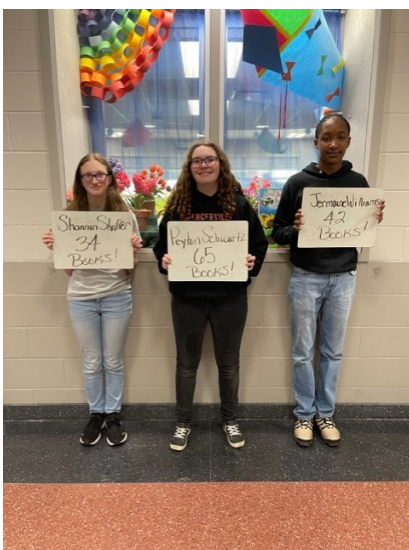
The ELA classes visit the media center every three weeks to check out books to read for pleasure. The students are to keep track of the number of books read to see if they met their goal set at the beginning of the year. As a class, the students read five books: *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *Mentor the Kid and the CEO* by Tom Pace, *Night* by Elie Wiesel, and *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. The students are encouraged to read outside of class for enjoyment as well.

Pleasure reading is basically the reading we do of our own free will, anticipating the satisfaction we will get from the act of reading. There are many added benefits for students to read such as increased basic knowledge, increased vocabulary, and higher IQ scores.

According to International Reading Association, "Adolescents entering the adult world in the 21st century will need to read and write more than at any other time in human history. **They will need advanced levels of literacy to perform their jobs, run their households, act as citizens, and conduct their personal lives.** In a complex, and sometimes dangerous world, the ability to read can be crucial."— International Reading Association, (Moore et al, 1999, p. 3 as cited by Clark & Rumbold, 2006).

Congratulations 8th graders! Keep reading this summer and enjoy the adventures inside a good book!

Mrs. Melissa Prichard



SO MANY
books
SO LITTLE
time.

2023 YEARBOOKS

If you missed the yearbook updates earlier this year, we have made some changes to the yearbooks 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).



HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

High School students should have received order forms for the *High School Yearbook* this spring. The deadline to turn in paper order forms is May 5th, but **High School Yearbooks can still be ordered online through the end of the school year**. Scan the QR code to the left, or go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search [Spencerville High School](#)

K-8 YEARBOOKS

Pre-Sale ordering for the K-8 Yearbooks closed in March. There will be a *limited number of extra copies available for purchase after pre-sale yearbooks have been distributed*. We hope to have these yearbooks delivered before the end of the school year, but in order to include Middle School spring sports photos, this delivery date may be pushed back. Students will be notified if they will not be receiving their pre-sale K-8 Yearbooks before the end of the year. If the delivery date is pushed back, K-8 Yearbooks will be distributed in the fall.

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

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

The Spencerville Educational Foundation recently received a donation from Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund.

Midwest Electric recently donated \$14, 700 to 17 west central Ohio charities and community projects through the cooperative's Community Connection Fund. Entities in Van Wert and Delphos were among the recipients.

Thanks to the 90 percent of members who round up their electric bill and donate to this fund. Midwest Electric has provided \$1,302,169 to 1,090 local charitable causes since 1998.

The latest recipients of grants include:

- Van Wert County Park District, \$1,000 for maintenance of the Van Wert County Trail and the Warrior Trail in Ohio City.
- Delphos Baseball and Softball Association, \$800 to purchase netting for a batting cage.
- Parkway FFA, \$2,000 to build a new greenhouse at the school for the students.
- Village of Chickasaw, \$1,000 to install a generator at the new village hall.
- Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, \$250 to purchase a new color printer.
- North Valley CYO, \$500 to purchase t-shirts and water bottles for the athletes at the state CYO basketball tournament.
- Erastus Church and Community Hall, \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new furnace and insulation.
- Foundations Behavioral Health Services, \$750 for the Mercer County Youth to Youth retreat.
- VentureLINX, \$300 to purchase a time clock and document destruction box locks.
- Auglaize County Sheriff Department, \$1,000 towards the purchase of a drone equipped with a thermal camera for the Special Population Operation Team.
- St. Marys Middle School, \$1,000 to purchase books for a school-wide reading project.
- JTD Hospital Foundation, \$700 to support activities associated with the Grand Lake Health Challenge.
- SAFY Lima Behavioral Health, \$1,000 to purchase sensory-based materials to use with their clients.
- Spencerville Educational Foundation, \$1,000 to promote, improve, enrich, and supplement programs and activities beyond what is possible with public funds.
- Allen County Sheriff's Posse, \$1,500 to purchase needed safety equipment for the horses and deputies.
- Crime Victim Services, \$750 to provide programs and support to victims of violence and crime in Allen and Putnam Counties.
- Blake Rodgers Memorial Fund, \$150 donation to a memorial fund for a Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative apprentice lineman who lost his life in an electrical contact accident while restoring power during a winter storm in December.

The Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund is a voluntary charitable program. Participating members' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next dollar, with the additional pennies deposited in the Fund. A Board of Trustees, composed of cooperative members and separate from the Midwest Electric Board of Trustees, oversees the application and allocation process.

Based in St. Marys, Midwest Electric is the not-for-profit, customer-owned electric cooperative serving 11,000 homes, farms, and businesses in Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Van Wert, Shelby, Putnam, and Darke counties.



CCF trustee Jim Link (on left) presenting check for \$1000 to the Spencerville Educational Foundation President, Lori Ringwald (February 2023).



Spencerville-Jennings PTO NEWS

National Reading Month (March): Everyday SuperHeroes! Fun things we did this year for National Reading month: - had real-life everyday Super Heroes (nurse, physicians assistant, veteran, firefighter, paramedics, dispatch, and police officer) come in and tell the students about what they do to help others and then read a story to the students - had a reading contest to help promote reading

Spring Scholastic Book Fair: We had a very successful Book Fair this spring. Our total sales were just over \$2500 which gave us approximately \$1000 in Scholastic Dollars. These Scholastic Dollars will be used to help purchase lots of books for all the K-4 teachers as well as the school library. Thank you to all those who purchased books, either in person or on-line. The support is greatly appreciated!

Field Trips: The K-4 students will be going on some spring field trip this year. Kindergarten: MVP Dairy Farm & Safety City 1st grade: Boonshoft Museum 2nd grade: Ft. Wayne Zoo 3rd grade: Sauder Village 4th grade: Ohio Caverns The kids always love going on field trips and PTO is so grateful we are able to provide this for them.

Teacher Appreciation (May 1-5): We have some special treats planned for the teachers this year to show how much they mean to us and how much we appreciate them! Thank you to everyone who donates items for this. Our elementary teachers are awesome!

Laps for Learning (May 12): This is our yearly (and only) fundraiser. This year's theme is Hawaiian Luau Beach Party!. To kick things off we had a t-shirt design contest and the winners were Addie Good & Kallie Roberts. Congrats girls! Thank you so much to all those who collected and/or donated money to our fundraiser this year – we really appreciate it! We are looking forward to a very fun Laps Day on Friday, May 12th.

COME JOIN US & BE A PART OF PTO!!!!

Spencerville-Jennings PTO is a great group of parents and teachers working together to provide extra activities and incentives to benefit the K-4 students and teachers. We are a non-profit organization and we rely on the support of donations from parents, teachers, and community members.

The PTO meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4pm at the school (room 304). Meeting dates are subject to change due to schedules and timing of activities. Meeting reminders will be posted on the PTO Facebook page each month.

Help support the PTO all year long with Box Tops & Kroger Community Rewards! - Box Tops: download the app, add Spencerville Jennings as your school, scan your receipts - Kroger Rewards: visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, sign into your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc, Org#: XB857)

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.

PTO Facebook page: Spencerville-Jennings PTO PTO Email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO

From the desk of the Middle School Principal

Mr. John Edinger



It is hard to believe we are heading into the end of the 4th quarter. We are excited to have used the spring break to rest and rejuvenate for the final lap. There is a renewed focus on quality instruction and excellence in academic/athletic achievement. The state test is here, and the staff/students have worked hard to prepare themselves for the task to show growth.

As the weather heats up, I am asking that all parents/guardians speak with their children about finishing strong this school year. Have good conversations about appropriate behavior at school and on the bus. Revisit the dress code conversations and take time to check ProgressBook regularly to ensure that your children are maintaining their grades. We look forward to a strong finish of academic fun for all!

I do believe the number one factor in your son or daughter's education is YOU! As the kids get older, you must "let go of the leash" and have them learn through experience, the difficult task is when do you lengthen or shorten the leash. Enjoy your responsibility of being a parent and celebrate success with them!

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

February

- Both the 8th grade girls'/boys' basketball teams were Runner-up in the NWC
- Champions at the NWC wrestling tournament were Keaton Jacobs, Braylen McNett, and Henry Wiss
- 5th/6th grade Quiz Bowl teams competed in the Allen County Invitational. 5th grade placed 7th and 6th grade placed 3rd out of 11 teams.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Prichard and the Power of the Pen team as they placed 2nd out of 15 teams in the District. The team consists of Aubreigh Eutsler, Kaitlyn Clement, Jovie Holtzappple, Analeigh Hood, Lexi Reynolds, and Ella Hackworth. Ella placed 4th writer overall out of 90+ writers.

March

- 5th-8th Band and Choir Concerts were well attended, and the kids did wonderful
- Power of the Pen Team took 4th place in their region

From the desk of the Middle School Principal - Continued

Mr. John Edinger

April

· 34, 7th & 8th grade Band Members participated in the Solo and Ensemble Event in Minster. There were 18 soloist and 8 ensembles. Our students not

only brought home several Superior and Excellent ratings, they also represented our school and our band program with pride and class.

· 58, 7th & 8th grade Choir Members participated in the Solo and Ensemble. Superior Ratings I (highest rating you can receive): Soloists: 12, Ensembles: 1, Duets: 4. Excellent Ratings II (second highest rating): Soloists: 1, Ensembles: 1 Group, Duets: 1. Good Ratings III: Ensembles: 2 Groups, Duets: 1.

· Art Show was another great success

· State testing began

May (Upcoming Events)

· May 8th – Teacher Appreciation Week

· May 16th – MS Music Concert

· May 17th – 7th Grade Field trip – Ft. Wayne Zoo

· May 18th – 7th/8th Grade Spring Dance

· May 19th – MS Music Contest

· May 20th – MS Choir/Band Cedar Point trip

· May 23rd – Free Sports physicals. All athletes in grades 7-12 next year will need a physical to participate.

· May 26th – 7th/8th STEM students Field Trip

“Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time.”– Chinese proverb

"PEEP" Mrs. Abel's

2nd Graders!

Students in Mrs. Abel's 2nd grade class participated in an Easter S.T.E.M. Project making a Peep Mobile. Students were given limited supplies and had to design and create a vehicle with the supplies that could move by puffs of air. Students then raced their mobiles and were allowed just three puffs of air to move their Peep Mobile. **The winning team of Adelaide Good, Gunner Weigel, Osiris Arthur and Oliver Davis designed a mobile that traveled 59 inches.**



Spencerville High School Yearbook Requests for the Class of 2023

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



Senior Survey 2023

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.

Kindergarten/ 1st Day of School Photos

Send us your favorite kindergarten or first day of school picture! To be included in a collage of kindergarten photos in the senior section of the yearbook, we have *extended the deadline to **May 12th***. Parents may turn it by emailing Mrs. Gratz at gratza@svbearcats.org. Please included the students name in the email. Students can also scan the QR code to the right, give it to any member of the yearbook staff, or send it to Mrs. Gratz through Teams chat.



Pre-Order your 2023 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your Yearbook! Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com or scan the QR code here to **order yours online by June 1st**. Paper order forms were sent home this spring and must be turned in by **May 5th**

2023 Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the fall. You will be notified when it is available for pickup.

Senior Recognition Ads

Please see the attached info about Recognitions Ads! Recognition ads can be created online until **May 11th**, or you can fill out and return the attached order form to Mrs. Gratz by **May 31st**.

Questions? See Mrs. Gratz (email: gratza@svbearcats.org) or a Yearbook Staff member: Jaelyn Boop, Dylan Cook, Gabi Croft, Pauli Fugate, Will Gallaspie, Cassidy Hartman, Kailey Lacy, Wylex Lloyd, Abbie McGaughy, Kylee Myers, Ella Pohlman, and Brenden Swackhamer

The VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme. This year's theme was "Why is the Veteran Important?" Earning top honors were: Landon McCormick (1st Place), Sasha Kill (2nd Place), and Kendyl Meyer (3rd Place).





Jenkins



Fugate



McMichael



The VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is for students in grades 9-12. A two-dimensional piece, done on canvas or paper with watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught, that expresses patriotism is submitted for judging by the local VFW auxiliary members. The winner's piece is sent on to District judging. This year's winners are pictured: Paulina Fugate (2nd Place), Ava McMichael (3rd Place), and Brandon Jenkins (1st Place).

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 written 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 office of Spencerville Schools will be open the following days/hours:

June 2 – June 9, 2023 ---- 7am – 3pm

June 12 – June 16, 2023 ---- 8am – 2pm

June 21, 28, July 12, 19 & 26, 2023 ---- 8am – 2pm

August 1, 2023 ---- Office Opens for the 2023-24 School Year

Administration Building Summer Office Hours

The administration building will be open from 7am – 3:30pm 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)

2023 – 2024 School Year

Monday, August 28, 2023 – Back to School Fair/School Picture Day (more information to come)
Wednesday, August 30, 2023 - 1st Day of School for the 2023 – 2024 school year (grades 1 – 12).
Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Girls Only)
Friday, September 1, 2023 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Boys Only)
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – 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 28, 2023.

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

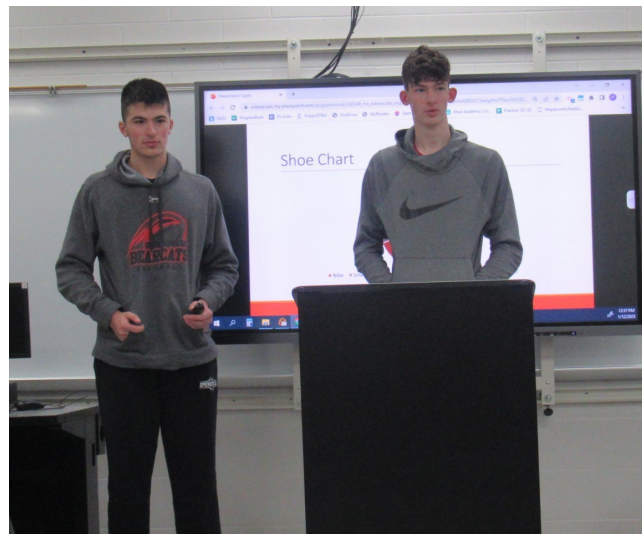
Students at Spencerville High School recently had the opportunity to show off their entrepreneurial skills in a General Business class project that mimicked the hit TV show "Shark Tank". In this project, students were tasked with creating their own businesses and presenting them to a panel of "Sharks". Mr. Sadler, Mr. Baumgartner, Ms. Carless, and Mr. Gephart were the "Sharks".

The project started with the students brainstorming several business ideas before settling on one to develop. They then created a business plan, complete with market research, financial projections, and a marketing strategy. Along with their business plan, students also had to create a visually appealing PowerPoint presentation to showcase their ideas.

On presentation day, the students confidently presented their businesses to the Sharks, who asked tough questions about their ideas, market potential, and financial projections. Despite the tough questioning, the students rose to the challenge and demonstrated their knowledge and passion for their business ideas.

Mr. Paul Sadler, the teacher who oversaw the project, was thrilled with the outcome. "The Shark Tank project was a fun way to teach students real-life business skills. They learned how to create a business plan, conduct market research, and develop marketing strategies, all while practicing their presentation and public speaking skills."

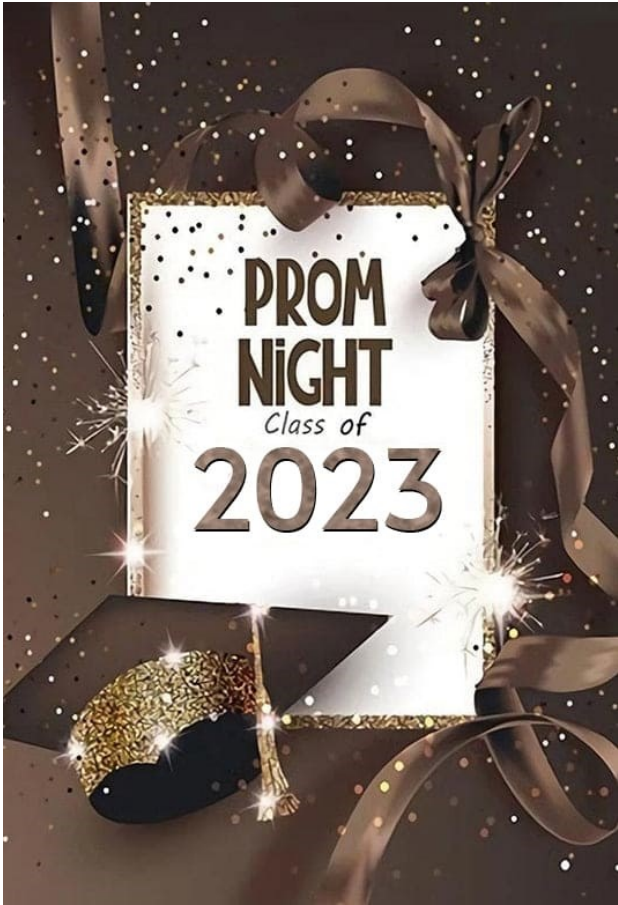
Overall, the Shark Tank project was a huge success and demonstrated how hands-on projects can be a fun and effective way to teach real-life skills to high school students. With projects like this, students can develop a passion for entrepreneurship and gain valuable skills that will benefit them in their future careers.



Blake and Brody Sommers pitch their business idea, B and B Shoe Design, to the Sharks.



Ms. Meghan Carless, Mr. Paul Sadler and Mr. Jim Baumgartner are the Sharks listening to the pitch.



2023 King Lanny Oakman & Queen Ashley Fetzer



2023 Prom Court—Photos Courtesy of Kajon Graphics







PROM



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

- *Physical Date – Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023*
- *Current 6th- 8th Grade Students 3:00-4:00pm*
- *Current 9th-11th Grade Students 4:00-5:00pm*
- *Location – Spencerville Schools Athletic Hallways & Gyms*



Parent/Guardian – Please log into your students FinalForms account, **SWITCH TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

- Click on Athletic Mode/Add Sport; indicate what sport (s) your athlete plans to play for 2023-2024 school year.
- Click on Forms to update **ALL** forms that appear in Red.

Complete FinalForms **no later than Tuesday, May 16th by 8:00am**, in order to participate in the free physicals. Once your forms are complete, a school staff member will print the physical packet and have it ready for the athlete the day of the physical.

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 2023-2024 completed physical.



BEARCAT SPRING SPORTS



Spencerville Local Schools
Welcomes you to our 2nd Annual



BACK
TO SCHOOL
FAIR



Monday, August 28, 2023

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
- ◆ Food Service (lunch money, applications)
- ◆ Technology (device request)
- ◆ Complete Your FinalForms
- ◆ Donated School Supplies (while supplies last)
- ◆ Bring Your School Supplies
- ◆ Find Your Locker
- ◆ Tour the K-12 Building
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Student Organization Information
- ◆ Clinic (Bring medications, meet the nurse)
- ◆ Pick up pre-ordered Class Kits
- ◆ Lifewise Academy
- ◆ Local Vendors / Businesses
- ◆ Refreshments and Prizes
- ◆ Boy / Girl Scouts
- ◆ SYAA
- ◆ SAFY
- ◆ *...and more!!!!*

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

