



THE SPENCERVILLE **BEARCAT**



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Winter Newsletter 2022

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The New Year is off to a great start, and we are ready for the second half of the school year. As we welcome in a new year, let's also welcome our new faces at Spencerville Schools. Nate Pohlman and Liz Klaus have joined the Board of Education. January is School Board Appreciation Month, which is a time to acknowledge the work they do for the district on a continuous basis. Some of our National Honor Society students represented the student body in thanking the five board members for their dedication and compassion. Also new to the district is Lori Koch, who will be the interim Treasurer until a permanent Treasurer is hired. Lori is a retired school Treasurer from Fort Recovery Schools.

Our transportation department recently hired a part-time Transportation Coordinator to manage the day-to-day functions of all our busing needs. Tara Kaverman will fill this position as of January 17th, 2022. Tara also drives bus and will fill the rest of her day with her coordinator duties. We are excited about this position and the continuity it will bring to the district.

We continue to take pride in our facilities and the constant improvements we are making. We recently repaired bleachers in all three gymnasiums, as well as the basketball backstops. The Strength and Training Building was recently updated with repairs, paint, new bench covers, etc. The playground equipment also had some repairs done as a preventative measure. Our maintenance department continues to keep our buildings clean, safe, and secure. Custodian, Joe Lammers, retired in December 2021. Congratulations to Joe! His replacement is Derik German, who was on our staff previously and returned this past November.

Our first Senior Citizen's Day was a success! Approximately 25 Senior Citizen's attended the breakfast and were entertained by several student groups: such as the Varsity Singers, Jazz band, STEM Club, and 3rd/4th grade choir. Our guests enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship. We plan to host another Senior Citizen's Day on May 17th.

Thanks again for being a great partner with us in the education of your child. Please contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Go Bearcats!

Cindy Endsley, Superintendent

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5?

ARE THEY REGISTERED TO RECEIVE A FREE BOOK MONTHLY?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. Use the link to register your child(ren) today and start receiving one free book a month.

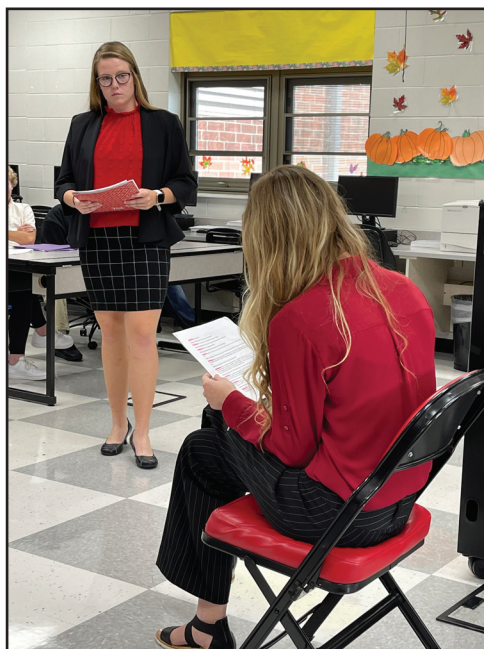
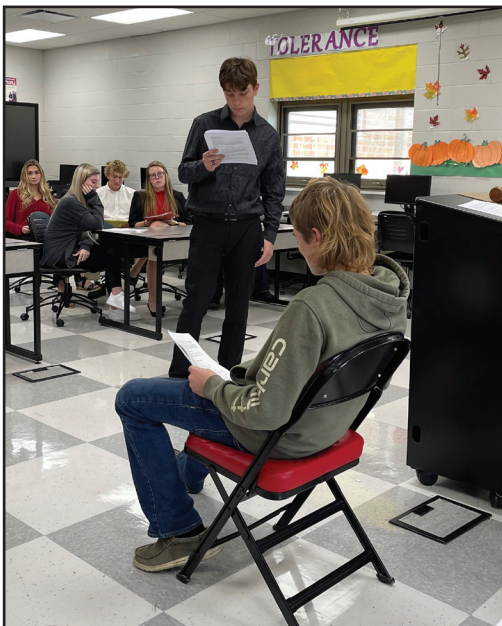
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Mock Trial in Business Law

In the fall, students in Mrs. Wagner's Business Law I class staged a mock trial based on a school theft scenario with Mr. Ekis's weightlifting class acting as the jury. The "attorney's" for both the plaintiff and defendant followed the procedures in a criminal case trial and presented their case with opening statements, questioned witnesses, presented evidence, and then summarized their side of the case in closing arguments.

The sitting judge, a student from study hall, then instructed the jury as to the rules of law to apply to the case and what issues of fact had to be decided. The jury deliberated for a short time and returned with a verdict of "not guilty by reasonable doubt". Although the jurors were convinced that the perpetrators of the theft were actually guilty, they did not feel that the plaintiff had provided enough evidence or witness testimony to meet the required 90% to support a guilty verdict.

And so the defendants were released from detainment and the judge and jury were rewarded with candy for their willingness to miss a day of class to perform their civic duty.



2022 Board of Education Committee Members

Athletic Council: Clarke Prichard and Nate Pohlman

Buildings and Grounds: Clarke Prichard and Lori Ringwald

Curriculum/CIP: Liz Klaus and Nate Pohlman

Finance/Audit: Liz Klaus and Spencer Clum

Legislative Liaison: Spencer Clum

Spencerville Ed. Foundation Trustee: Lori Ringwald (2-year term for CY 2022 and 2023) and Liz Klaus (2-year term for CY 2022 and 2023)

Student Achievement Liaison: Lori Ringwald

Technology: Nate Pohlman and Lori Ringwald

Personnel: Clarke Prichard and Spencer Clum

Records Retention - Board's Designee: Treasurer

Note: Spencer Clum is Apollo Board Rep Jan. 2022 through Dec. 2024

2022 Board Meeting Dates

(meeting dates and times are subject to change)

January 12, 2022 (Organizational and Regular Meetings)

February 24, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

March 17, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

April 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

May 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

June 28, 2022 (Tuesday) – 7:00 p.m.

July 21, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

August 16, 2022 (Tuesday) – 6:00 p.m. with district walk through concluding in the board office

September 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

October 20, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

December 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Board Members

Spencer Clum – President (clums@svbearcats.org)

Lori Ringwald – Vice-President (ringwaldl@svbearcats.org)

Clarke Prichard – (prichardc@svbearcats.org)

Elizabeth (Liz) Klaus – (klause@svbearcats.org)

Nate Pohlman – (pohlmann@svbearcats.org)



***Back row left to right: Spencer Clum,
Clarke Prichard, Nathan Pohlman
Front row left to right: Lori Ringwald, Liz Klaus***

PATRIOT'S PEN

With great pride, I am happy to recognize eighth grader Hannah Stirn for placing third in the state of Ohio for her Patriot's Pen essay entitled How Can I be a Good American?

Each year more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$50,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in March.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Hannah is pictured with VFW District 2 Commander Brian Seifker. Enjoy reading Hannah's award-winning essay below.



Melissa Prichard
8th Grade ELA Teacher

I hear people say, "I am proud to be an American." An American; that's what I am. That's what you are. But have we given time and attention on what makes us good Americans? To me, what makes a good American is one that shows respect for our country and takes the opportunities we have available in this land-our America.

As a young American, it is important to show respect for our country. It is important to do so because veterans have fought for our right to have this country. We have lost approximately three million men and women in action, not including the veterans that were wounded, taken as prisoner, or died from disease. This alone should ignite a wave of respect. The first way we can show respect is by standing for the flag; that all these soldiers risked their life and standing is a simple thing we can do but makes an enormous difference. Another form of respect happens when time we pledge our allegiance to the flag; we should stand to show our gratitude for those soldiers and show that we are forever thankful for everything that has given us. A good American leads with respect.

Opportunities-we have gotten so many because of our veterans, and we need to not look at them like an everyday certainty. Most people have grown up thinking that opportunities are handed to everyone. That's not the case. Many countries like China do not have the freedom and opportunities that we do in American. I have the chance to go to school, live life how I want, and dream my own dreams. So, we should acknowledge the fact that we do have opportunities and seize them for our own greater good as they were given to us generously by many who sacrificed it all.

Taking these opportunities and respecting our country is how I think I can be a good American. We need to make sure we take hold of those opportunities that have been brought to us and use them, as they were meant to be. Showing respect for our country is extremely important because of all the sacrifices our soldiers made to make our country what it is today. Now, as we stand up to pledge to the American Flag, I hear someone say to another, "I am proud to be an American."



REMINDER!

Make a Difference Day is BACK!

Remember to contact Ms. Angela Wagner by e-mail at wagnera@svbearcats.org or by phone at 419-647-4111 ext. 3131 to sign up for the high school's day of service that will be held either May 4th or May 11th depending upon the weather. There is no job too small for the high school students to undertake and all students will be supervised by an adult during the activity.

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

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

We look forward to seeing and serving you in the spring!



make a
difference
day



Middle School Student Council and Positive Peers worked together to sponsor a hygiene drive throughout the entire school for Roselawn in December. Students collected enough hygiene items to give each resident their own gift bag and several boxes of extra hygiene items for Roselawn to use as they need.

ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM TRAVELING TRUNK

Spencerville third grade students enhanced their understanding of Pioneer customs, traditions, and entertainment through the Allen County Museum traveling trunk presentation. Students saw Christmas decorations used during the 1800's such as pinecones, popcorn, paper chains, apples, berries, candles, and homemade ornaments. Students learned about the first Christmas cards that were an English custom beginning around 1843. They shared traditions of Santa with early customs from the Dutch, and read parts of the traditional story, Twas the Night Before Christmas. The museum brought several toys that the pioneers used for entertainment or could have received as a gift for Christmas. Many of the toys were made of wood or items found in nature. Students were able to play with the pioneer toys and enjoy the simplicity of pioneer entertainment. The third grade students would like to thank the Allen County Museum for coming to our school and volunteering their time and expertise to give our students a wonderful hands-on experience.

Rebekah Stemen
Third Grade Social Studies Teacher





YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

The Spencerville Youth and Government program is ready to begin another year. Students have been busy writing their bills to present at the mock legislature in Columbus at the end of the March. This year we have 39 students in the program. Most of the students are juniors with a handful of seniors. The bills this year cover an array of topics as in past years. We have a couple of bills introducing recycling programs to reduce the use of plastics. We have a bill to add changing tables and family restrooms to public places to ensure both mothers and fathers have safe places to assist their small children when necessary. There are other bills looking at expanding seat belt laws, drug testing for high school athletes, and other issues that the students felt needed addressed. We are currently doing practice debates to strengthen our bills looking for areas where we need clarification and to close loopholes. The students have been practicing the Legislative Procedure as we debate the bills. They will be more than ready to face their committees and assemblies when we head to Columbus.

We are very excited because, as of right now, the Ohio YMCA is planning on running the program like normal in Columbus. Students will spend three days in Columbus where they will get to hold their mock legislature in the actual Ohio Statehouse. The extended weekend starts with a luncheon on Thursday where they get to meet Representatives from the Ohio General Assembly and hear different speeches encouraging them to be active citizens. After lunch, one of the justices of the Ohio Supreme Court comes to the Statehouse to welcome them and officially swear them in for the YMCA Mock Legislature. Then, they will spend the rest of the day and all day Friday sitting in committees and in full sessions of student legislatures presenting their bills as well as debating the bills from students all over the state. For a student, nothing brings the government to life like actually sitting in the Senate or House of Representative chambers arguing their own bills using the Legislative Procedure. Saturday morning brunch is spent holding elections for the 2023 leaders of the Mock Legislature as well as hearing certain bills to practice the power of overriding a veto. It is a weekend full of unforgettable experiences.

The program is looking for people to sponsor our group financially. With the return of the full extended weekend, the price of participating can be a lot. Students will be selling Sara's Sweets to raise funds now through February 9th. If you are interested in supporting the fundraiser or the group in general, please contact Ms. Brenneman at the school. You can call the main office or you can email her at brennemanh@ms.svbearcats.org. We appreciate any support from the community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM CLUB WINS OHIO STEM CLASSROOM GRANT

Spencerville Middle School will be awarded \$5,000 in February to expand STEM learning projects through Ohio STEM Learning Network Classroom Grant Program, funded by Battelle. The grant will create sustainable, STEM learning projects to benefit students for years to come.

In total, 151 classrooms across 55 Ohio counties join Spencerville in winning the award.

“The schools and educators awarded today will create powerful new experiences to amaze and inspire students,” said Kelly Gaier Evans, Director of the Ohio STEM Learning Network. “We invest in these programs to foster the next generation of Ohio innovators.”

The grant program fosters the growth of OSLN as a public-private partnership between the non-profit research institute and the State of Ohio. Providing more access for all students to experience quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education is Battelle’s top philanthropic priority.

“Battelle is proud to expand its impact in STEM education to support more educators across Ohio,” said Wes Hall, Vice President of Philanthropy & Education. “This program creates connections to the statewide network and STEM opportunities for thousands of new students.”



STEM Club: Science To Empower to the MAX!

The Middle School STEM Club is back for a second year. The club invites 7th and 8th graders with an interest in science, but they need no prior experience. STEM club offers its members a great place to take initiative and discover engineering through the engagement of hands-on projects. Our focus is hands-on projects which go above and beyond the curriculum.

We will be running different 4-5 week sessions throughout the school year. Students are able to join us when they are interested in a topic and are not required to attend all topics. Our goal is to introduce our students to a variety of STEM fields and inspire them to look into different careers.

This year we kicked off our sessions by inviting Detective Jack Miller in to discuss crime scene investigation. Detective Miller spent just over an hour speaking with students about what he does in his field and how they go about collecting evidence when a crime happens. Students asked lots of great questions and are excited to begin their own investigations.

As an advisor and science teacher, I like that all my students have the opportunity to explore and produce activities that help make them interested in science and focus on STEM fields in their future career. If you are interested in helping with STEM Club please call the school for more information.



FROM PRINCIPAL WAGNER



Welcome to 2022!! I am so grateful that we have been able to maintain a “normal” year. Several students have had to quarantine, but I’m happy with the cooperation between parents and teachers to ensure students are staying up to date while remote learning.

State testing dates for grades 3 and 4 are as follows:

ELA is April 5th and 6th, and math is April 26th and 27th. It’s important for students to be here, so please try to avoid scheduling vacations and appointments on these dates.

Kindergarten registration will open February 14th. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

Kindergarten Orientation will be Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 pm.

Kindergarten screening will be held May 10 and 11. Kim Ekis will send out information regarding scheduling at a later date.

I would like to take this time to stress how vital good attendance is for students. I realize that in a pandemic we need to take extra precautions to ensure sick students are not at school. While I support this, I also want to stress that it’s important to only keep students home when they are truly sick. Students will maintain a high level of academic achievement if they are here. Good attendance at a young age creates a mindset that values its importance. Please check the handbook that shows the number of hours students are allowed to miss.

The elementary is once again going to partner with Friends Office supply to offer Back to School boxes for the 2022-23 school year. The boxes will contain all of the supplies necessary for each grade level and will be delivered directly to school. Kim Ekis will send information home when it’s time to order.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you and your children. As I state at the end of every newsletter, my door is always open. I appreciate any questions or concerns you have and welcome you to contact me any time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Wagner

Spencerville Education Foundation

The Spencerville Education Foundation has announced its annual fundraiser campaign to generate grant and scholarship money for classroom activities and graduates of Spencerville High School. The SEF awarded 23 classroom mini-grants and scholarships for Spencerville High School seniors in 2021. Please consider a donation to the general fund to help us continue this legacy of giving. Donation may be mailed to the Spencerville Education Foundation at 600 School Street, Spencerville, Ohio 45887, dropped off at either the school office or administrative office, or online at www.spencervillebearcats.com under the “District” tab. We also welcome and encourage families, individuals, and businesses to create a scholarship fund or contribute to an existing scholarship fund. The SEF manages six separate and distinct scholarship funds with donor-specific criteria. If you or your business would like to create a scholarship or contribute to an existing scholarship, please contact Cindy Endsley at 419-647-4111, ext. 3205

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2022/2023 School Year will begin Monday, February 14th and run through Friday, April 8.

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

Your student does not need to be present for registration.

Screening appointments for May 11th and 12th will be made at this time.

Required for registration:

Parent Completion of Final Forms

FINAL FORMS Link on www.SpencervilleBearcats.com,

State-Issued Birth Certificate

Social Security Card

Immunization Information

Custody papers (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian's Valid Drivers License or State ID

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

**Your student must turn 5 on or before August 1st,
2022 to be eligible for kindergarten.**

Kindergarten Orientation will be held April 7th at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Kim Ekis – K-4 Secretary (419) 647-4113 ext. 3100

ekisk@svbearcats.org

SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS 2022-2023

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K-12 Office Closed in July Except:

- 13 K-12 Office Hours 8-2
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- 27 K-12 Office Hours 8-2

August

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25 Teacher Work Day
30 1st Day of School

September

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5 Labor Day - No School
29 2-Hr. Delay Teacher Professional Development

October

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29 End of 1st Quarter (43 days)

November

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17 P/T Conference 1 Hour Early Dismissal
21 P/T Conference 1 Hour Early Dismissal
22 P/T Conference EL only no students
23 1 Hour Early Dismissal
24-25 Staff Workday No Classes
Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

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21 Last Day of Class 2022 1 Hour Early Dismissal
22-30 Christmas Break - No School

January 2023

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3 First Day of Classes 2023
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
20 End of 2nd Quarter (48 days)
26 2-Hr. Delay Teacher Professional Development

February 2023

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20 President's Day - No School

March 2023

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24 End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)
30 2-Hr. Delay Teacher Professional Development

April 2023

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5 1 Hour Early Dismissal
6 Easter Break
7 Easter Break
10 Easter Break

May 2023

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28 Graduation
29 Memorial Day - No School

June 2023

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1 End of 4th Quarter (45 days) 1 Hour Early Dismissal
2 Teacher Work Day

NEW: PART-TIME TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Spencerville Schools recently hired Tara Kaverman to be the district's Transportation Coordinator. She also drives a bus route and will work during the day handling various transportation needs. You can contact her via email at kavermant@svbearcats.org or call at 419-647-4111, ext. 3108.

JOIN US



PTO NEWS

Field Trips: The K-4 students were able to go on fall field trips this year.

Kindergarten: Lincoln Ridge Pumpkin Patch

1st grade: Allen County Museum

2nd grade: OSU play (Cinderella)

3rd grade: Sauder Village

4th grade: SunWatch Village

We are looking forward to being able to offer and fund the Spring Field Trips coming up as well.

Fall Scholastic Book Fair: We had a very successful Book Fair this fall. Our total sales were a little over \$6000 which gave us approximately \$3000 in Scholastic Dollars. We were able to purchase lots of books for all the K-4 teachers as well as some books for the school library. Thank you to all those who purchased books, either in person or on-line, we ended up selling over 760 books. Wow! The support is greatly appreciated!

Teacher Conference Meals: We were able to provide a meal (from 7th Street Deli) and snacks for the K-4 teachers during conferences this year.

National Reading Month (March 2022): We have some exciting things planned for National Reading Month this year. We are hoping to have a dress-up day in Honor of Dr. Suess's birthday, have a reading contest to help promote reading this month and all year long, and also have a school assembly for the K-4 students. Be on the look-out for additional information on all these in the near future.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair: We are hoping to have a Spring Book Fair with the Art Show again this year.

Laps for Learning (May 2022): This is our yearly (and only) fundraiser. We have started planning this event. To kick-off the planning, we will be having a T-shirt design contest for the K-4 students coming up next month.

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.

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

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

PRINCIPAL EDINGER

Thanks to our dedicated staff, giving community, and talented students, great things have been happening at Spencerville Middle School! Here are a few highlights of our school year:



September

- Guest Speaker Terrance Talley sent a message to let friends know “I see you”.
- 7th/8th grade quiz bowl @UNOH
- 5th Graders started a 10 week DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

October

- Jack Berckemeyer visited staff and students. Jack is a school consultant who delivered much knowledge to Spencerville. We are doing wonderful things!
- Middle School Music Concert
- 8th grade students read the story “War Horse” and followed up with a class trip to Marmon Valley where they experienced horse riding, care for a horse, and campfire readings.
- Quiz Bowl for 7th/8th Graders ended a successful competition

November

- 4 Middle School Teachers and Principal attended the OMLA (Ohio Middle Level Association)
- VFW honored Cindy Rammel as Teacher of the Year for Middle School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Musical “Cinderella” with many middle school students involved

December

- 8th grade students in our Career Class made a visit to the Career Center in Delphos
- Spelling Bee was held – Lauren Clement (5th) Champion, Ella Hackworth (8th) Runner-up
- 5th grade DARE program wrapped up in-house followed up with Juvenile Detention Center trip and skating party
- 6th/7th/8th grade successful Band/Choir Concert
- Christmas Activity Day and Holiday Music
- “Operation Christmas” with Roselawn

January

- 5th/6th grade Quiz Bowl teams begin competing on Mondays at Lima Shawnee
- JH Bearcat Wrestling Invitational was held – The Bearcats won the Invitational!

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

A couple friendly reminders:

- When your child will be absent, please call Billie at 419-647-4112 with the reason.
- If your child has an appointment that requires them to leave early, please have all communication go through Billie. Call or send a note in so we have an exit slip ready for the teacher.

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- If you must communicate with your child during the school day, please do not text or directly call them. We will be more than happy to deliver a message. Cell phones are not to be used by students during the school day.

Every day that I work with the faculty at SVMS, I admire them more. We have great things going on in the classrooms with increased demands on our profession. The teachers take on these demands with great pride. Middle School is a wonderful place for our students to learn, to grow, and to challenge themselves to become positive, open-minded, productive leaders in our community. With each year we embrace exciting successes, difficult challenges, and most importantly, students and staff working together to meet their educational goals and building key relationships along the way. The focus is to successfully support, advocate, and hold students, staff, and community members to lofty expectations for success.

Spelling BEE




*Left : Runner Up Ella Hackworth
Right : Winner Lauren Clement*

Participants (not pictured)

Nathaniel Bontrager, Alyssa Macklin, Rhoda Bontrager, Gavin Comer, Ella Hackworth, Owen Smith, Ayden Schwartz, Lexton Lacy, Titus Snyder, Giuliana Jurek, Lauren Clement



*Pictured from left to right are: High School - Ryan McMichael, Elementary- Tina McCormick, Post 6772 Vice Commander- Eric Bohyer
Also honored, but not pictured, was Middle School-Cindy Rammel*

Elementary After School STEM Club

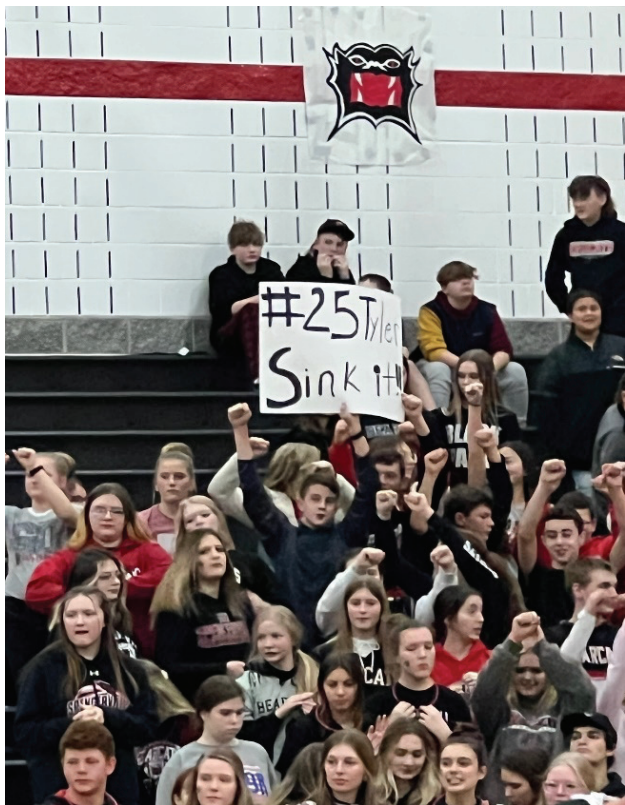
Spencerville second, third, and fourth grade students had the opportunity to participate in an after school STEM program. STEM is an integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM encourages collaboration, creativity, and problem solving. The students worked in groups completing hands on inquiry and open-ended exploration tasks. The students completed challenges including creating a parachute, polar bear defense launcher, and spider web. They designed roller coasters and built bridges. Students made slime and Magic Snow. The groups created towers with Legos, IQ builders, and Magna Tiles. One hundred and seventeen students participated in this amazing opportunity.

Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Stemen,
and Mr. Thompson



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is both alive and well at Spencerville Schools! We are growing, and are extremely grateful for the opportunity to congregate during our school day, to learn, and to grow in our faith. Currently, our group consists of more than 70 members, spanning grades 6 through 12. We meet every Friday, during both middle school and high school lunch, for a message and fellowship. This year, our FCA has felt the call to love and to support our peers in their athletic journeys. In a recent meeting, our group decided that we would like to be more present at our home ballgames, whenever possible. We want to show our support for our Bearcats by making signs, and cheering from the student section as a unit. We have grown together so much this year, and are very excited about our group! We continue to welcome new members each Friday. FCA is the best part of our week! Thank you, Spencerville Schools, for supporting us! We are thankful! Go Bearcats!



PRINCIPAL GEPHART

It is hard to believe the school year is half over already. It has been a good year as we continue dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone has worked so hard in making this year the best it can be while still dealing with all the adjustments due to Covid-19. I cannot thank everyone enough who has helped in getting us to where we are right now. We will continue to work hard as we progress through the second semester. During the next few months, Mr. Baumgartner will be meeting with students for next year's classes/schedules. He will give current eighth graders and freshmen a hard copy of the curriculum guide to help in planning what classes they would like to request for next school year. Sophomores and juniors will be able to access the curriculum guide from the school website. Mr. Baumgartner does a fantastic job of explaining all the requirements for each class. If your son/daughter is a sophomore or junior and is interested in Apollo, it is important they speak with Mr. Baumgartner and register online as well. Several programs at Apollo fill up quickly. If you have any questions regarding scheduling for next year, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Baumgartner or myself.



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

- ACT for juniors will be March 1st with a make-up date of March 15th
- 3rd – 4th grade ELA will be April 5th and 6th
- 5th – 8th grade ELA and High School English II will be April 7th and 8th
- 5th – 8th grade Math and High School Algebra I and Geometry will be April 21st and 22nd
- 3rd – 4th grade Math will be April 26th and 27th
- 5th & 8th grade Science and High School Biology, American History, and Government will be April 28th

and 29th

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

I know the seniors are counting down the days until graduation and while it seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Graduation will be held Sunday, May 29th at 2pm in the competition gym. Just a reminder, school, athletic, and Apollo fees will need to be taken care of by May 1st.

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

BEARCATS



Saturday 3/5/22 or Sunday 3/6/22

Spencerville VFW 130 S Broadway Spencerville, OH

Doors open at 6pm ~ Dinner & Music at 6:30 pm

\$20 per Person

Includes door prizes, Raffles, 50/50, Silent & Live Auctions and Much More!

Saturday night there is a cash bar available.

Sunday night is an alcohol free night.

Hosted by Spencerville Band Boosters

TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

TICKETS FOR SAT: _____ **TICKETS FOR SUNDAY** _____

TOTAL MONEY DUE (TOTAL TICKETS X \$20/TICKET): _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Spencerville Band Boosters

Mail Forms To: Spencerville Band Boosters, P.O. Box 23, Spencerville, OH 45887

Or Drop Off in the Spencerville High School Band Room

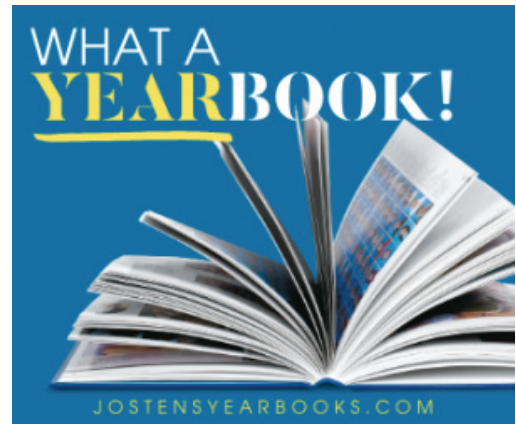
Or Contact Booster Secretary- spencervillebandboosters@gmail.com

PLEASE HAVE ALL TICKET ORDERS PLACED BY FEBRUARY 23RD, 2022.

TICKET NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED THIS YEAR. TICKET ORDERS WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARE RECEIVED

Yearbook News

The 2022 Yearbook Staff has been busy working to create the hardbound K-12 Yearbook, and will be wrapping up the paperback Elementary Yearbook soon. Please read the following important information concerning yearbooks below:



ELEMENTARY YEARBOOKS

- The price to pre-order the paperback Elementary Yearbook is **\$20**.
- Paper order forms were sent home in the fall and were due before Christmas break.
- **Online ordering will be open until March 1st**. Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search for Spencerville Elementary School (or scan the QR code below) to order your copy if you have not yet done so.



- Elementary yearbooks will be delivered in May and distributed to students before the end of the school year.
- There will be a *limited* number of extra copies available to purchase on a first-come-first-serve basis in May. Please be aware that we ran out of extra copies last year- so be sure to **Pre-Order your yearbook now!**

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Please contact Amy Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, with any questions concerning the yearbook by email at gratza@svbearcats.org

K-12 YEARBOOKS

- The price to pre-order the hardbound K-12 Yearbook is **\$50**. This yearbook includes photos of all students in grades K-12, but is focused mainly on Middle School and High School activities.
- Paper order forms are included in this newsletter and will be sent home with students this month. Order forms are also available in the office, or outside the High School Art room (104). These forms are due April 1st and can be turned in to the office, or directly to Mrs. Gratz
- **Online ordering will be open through the end of the school year. Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com** and search Spencerville High School (or scan the QR code below) to order your copy. *This is the preferred method of ordering.*



- K-12 Yearbooks will be delivered to the school next fall and will likely be distributed to students in early September. We will contact 2022 Graduates with information about when/where to pick up their Pre-Ordered Yearbooks.
- There will be a limited number of extra copies available to purchase for **\$55** on a first-come-first-serve basis in the fall. Don't risk missing out and **Pre-Order your copy today!**

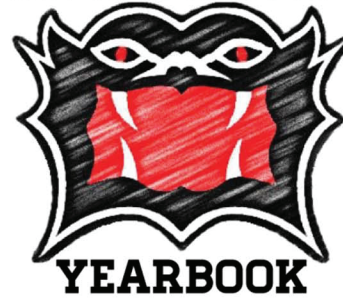
Spencerville K-12 2021-2022 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

ORDER BY:
04/01/2022

To purchase online, go to
jostensyearbooks.com.

Pre-Order your 2022 Spencerville K-12 Yearbook Today! Order online at jostensyearbooks.com or return this order form with check (made payable to Spencerville Schools) to the office or Mrs. Gratz (room 104) by Friday, April 1st.

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Scan here to
order online

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

YEARBOOK **\$50.00**

SIGNATURE PACKAGE **\$66.00**

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

STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$6.50

NAME
(29 characters max.)

STEP 3: ADD ICONS* FOR \$3.75 EACH

***IMPORTANT:** To add icons, you must first purchase personalization in Step 2.

Enter the 4-digit icon code from the chart below into the boxes provided.

Icon 1 Icon 2
Icon 3 Icon 4

5236	5581	5682	5783	5884	5985	6086	6187	5011
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5582	5583	5584	5585	5980	5981	5586	9001	9007
9025	9006	5013	5014	5258	5241	5360	5242	5025
5592	5362	5363	5364	5365	5247	5587	5588	5589
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If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.

STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER

Student Name: _____
Grade: _____
ID#: _____
Homeroom: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Contact Email: _____

	Price	Quantity	Total
Enter Your Package Price			
Personalization	\$6.50		
Icon(s) ea.	\$3.75 x QTY		
Autograph Section	\$3.50		
Clear Protective Cover	\$4.00		
Photo Pockets	\$4.00		
Donate a Yearbook	\$50.00		
Subtotal			
TOTAL			

YAY! THANKS FOR ORDERING!

Spencerville Yearbook
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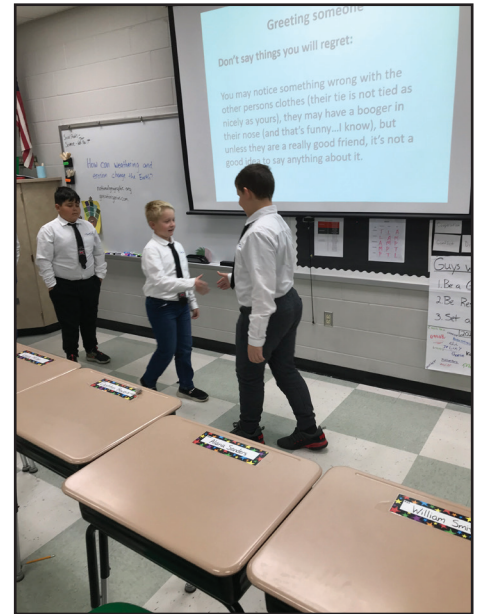
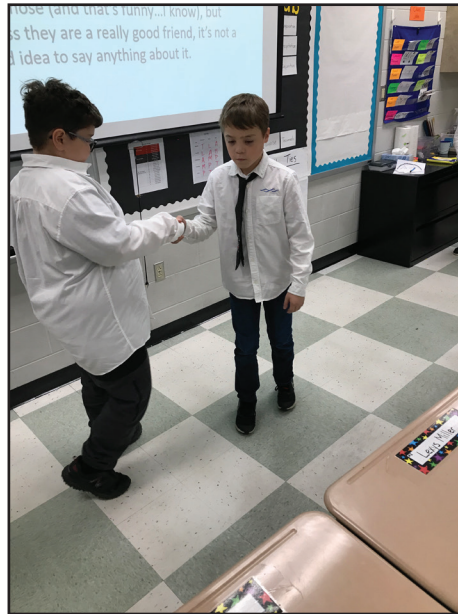
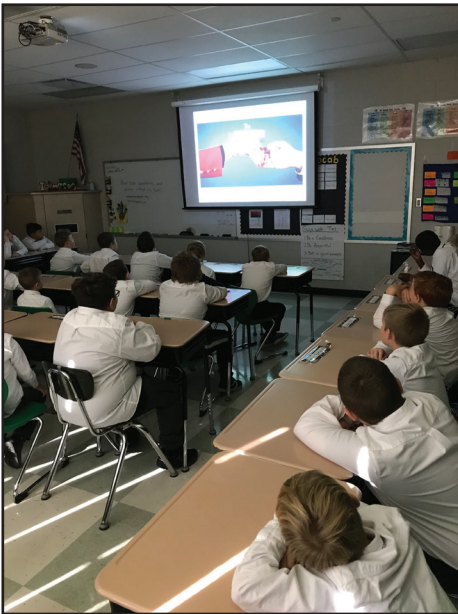
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GUYS WITH TIES



Guys with Ties is a program where all 4th grade boys learn to be respectful, responsible, and impactful young men in our community. With their white shirts and black ties, the boys meet once a month to discuss different topics such as tying a tie, how to greet someone, respecting adults, cleanliness, manners, and other life skills. Pastor Darryl Potts of Spencerville Nazarene and Pastor Scott Johnson of United Church of Christ volunteer their time to mentor the young men as well. It is a great program for boys to learn valuable skills that can be used outside the classroom!

Matt Thompson
Guys with Ties Instructor



sock cupcakes for veterans



Sixth-grade students recently made sock cupcakes for veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center. One hundred twenty pairs of Bombas socks were generously donated by Bowersock Brothers Post 6772 in Spencerville for the students to complete this service project. Each “cupcake” was topped with a Buddy Poppy.