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VFW HONORS LOCAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The teachers pictured were nominated by their principals for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher award: Amy Schwartz (Elementary), Julie Woods (Middle School), and Amanda Beining (High School). These teachers were honored at a banquet at Bowersock Brothers VFW Post 6772 in Spencerville in November. Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Beining also earned top place in each of their categories at the District level. Pictured with Post Commander Jessica Wegesin.



22-23 SHS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Claire Hoback and Josh Henline for their athletic accomplishments during their careers at Spencerville High School!

They were awarded their plaques at a presentation during the Varsity Boys Home game vs. St. Marys on December 29th.



2024 Yearbook Order Form
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ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Mrs. Susan Wagner, Principal

I hope this message finds you well and refreshed after a delightful winter break! As we bid farewell to the holiday season and the joys it brought, it's time to embrace the new opportunities and challenges that await us for the rest of the 2023/2024 school year.



Spencerville Elementary is excited to present our Family STEM night on February 26 from 6-7. Students and parents engage in STEM activities that will be sure to get your critical thinking flowing. Please mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

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



Students do go outside during the winter months. We feel it's important for them to be in the fresh air and have the opportunity to play. Please be sure that your child has a hat, gloves, scarf and boots.

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

Important dates to remember:

ELA (English Language Arts) state test for grades 3 and 4 are April 10 and 11.

Math state test for grades 3 and 4 are April 23 and 24.

Kindergarten registration will open February 15.

Kindergarten orientation is April 18 from 6-7.

Kindergarten Screening is May 14 and 15. Information about scheduling will be sent out later.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Every Day Counts!! I want to take a moment to highlight the crucial role that regular attendance plays in the academic success and overall well-being of our elementary students.

Why does attendance matter?

1. **Building Foundations:** Consistent attendance is the cornerstone of a successful academic journey. Each day in the classroom builds upon the previous one, and regular attendance ensures that students can fully grasp concepts, participate in discussions, and engage in hands-on activities that lay the foundation for future learning.

2. **Social Growth:** School is not just about academics; it's a place where children develop social skills, form friendships, and learn to collaborate with others. Regular attendance allows students to build and nurture these essential relationships, contributing to their emotional and social development.

3. **Establishing Routine:** A consistent school routine helps children develop time management skills and a sense of responsibility. By attending school regularly, students learn the importance of punctuality and discipline, skills that will serve them well throughout their academic and professional lives.

Maximizing Learning Opportunities: Teachers carefully plan lessons to cover the curriculum, and each class contributes to a child's overall understanding. Missing even a day of school means missing out on valuable learning experiences. Regular attendance ensures that students make the most of the educational opportunities provided.

How can parents/guardians help?

Prioritize Attendance: Make attendance a priority in your family. Set a routine that emphasizes the importance of going to bed early, waking up on time, and being prepared for the school day.

Communicate: If your child is unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible. Open communication allows us to support your child's learning and address any challenges they may be facing.

Celebrate Achievements: Recognize and celebrate your child's attendance milestones. Positive reinforcement can motivate students to maintain good attendance habits.

Remember, **every day counts** in the educational journey of our young learners. By working together, we can create an environment where every child feels supported, engaged, and ready to succeed.

Here's to a fantastic return and a successful journey ahead. May the new year bring us growth, accomplishments, and memorable shared experiences.

Thank you! *Mrs. Wagner*

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr. Scott Gephart, Principal



It is indeed remarkable how quickly time flies during the school year. It seems like yesterday we just started the school year. As we start the second semester, staying involved in your child's academic progress is crucial, and the use of tools like ProgressBook can greatly assist parents in keeping track of their child's performance. Please take advantage of this great resource.

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

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

ACT for juniors will be February 27th - all juniors will be excused from their afternoon classes following testing
3rd - 4th grade ELA will be April 10th and 11th
5th - 8th grade ELA and High School English II will be April 16th and 17th
3rd - 4th grade Math will be April 23rd and 24th
5th - 8th grade Math and High School Algebra I and Geometry will be April 25th and 26th
5th & 8th grade Science and High School Biology, American History, and Government will be May 1st and 2nd

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

I know the seniors are counting down the days until graduation. While it seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Graduation will be held Sunday, May 26th 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!

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NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. John Edinger, Principal

Welcome back, middle school families! We hope your Christmas break was filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with family and friends. As we dive into the new year, let's carry the warmth and spirit of the holiday season with us. Whether you spent the break relaxing at home, embarking on exciting adventures, or enjoying some well-deserved rest, we're thrilled to have you all back in our school community.

As we resume our academic journey, let's approach the upcoming months with enthusiasm and determination. Remember that each day is an opportunity for growth and learning. Let's support one another, embrace new challenges, and make the

most of the experiences that lie ahead. Together, we can create a positive and engaging environment where everyone feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential. Welcome back, and let's make this post-holiday period a time of discovery, collaboration, and achievement! *Here are a few highlights of our school year so far:*



September

- Our Pride reward system is up and running. Students who have perfect attendance for the week, no behavioral issues, and homework completed are rewarded with recess during their Friday study hall.
- Beyond the Bell (BTB) is rolling. Beyond the Bell is an after-school program for students who want extra support or just a place to work from 3-4 p.m. Snacks are provided as well.

October

- 7th/8th grade quiz bowl @UNOH
- 5th Graders started a 10-week DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- Middle School Music Concert
- Red Ribbon Week
- 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. A big Thanks to the Ed-Foundation for their support on this project.

November

- 8 Middle School Teachers attended the OMLA (Ohio Middle Level Association) with 870 other Middle School teachers in the state of Ohio
- Veteran's Day Program
- Patriot Pen Winners: 1st-Alyssa Macklin, 2nd-Drew Baumgartner, 3rd-Charlie Layman (**See photo pg. 7**)
- Women in STEM @ BGSU was a success – Mrs. Munshower and took a group of 20+ students
- VFW honored Julie Woods as Teacher of the Year for Middle School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Quiz Bowl for 7th/8th Graders ended in a successful competition – taking 1st place in the county! Team members were Kinsley Myers (7th), Lauren Clement (7th), Calen Oen (7th), Cordelia Gallimore (7th), and Nathaniel Bontrager (8th).

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NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL—Continued

December

- Spelling Bee was held – Brock Paulin (5th) Champion, Lauren Clement (7th) Runner-up
- 5th grade DARE program wrapped up in-house followed up with Juvenile Detention Center trip and bowling party
- 6th/7th/8th grade successful Band/Choir Concert
- Christmas Activity Day
- “Operation Christmas” with Roselawn

January

- 5th/6th grade Quiz Bowl teams begin county competitions at Lima Shawnee

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

A couple friendly reminders:

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

"Unity is strength.... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek

***Let's continue to work together and have a successful
2nd half of this school year.***





*Thank
you*



Spencerville Local Schools recognized our 2024 Board Members during the January meeting in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Each board member received a small token of our appreciation and were thanked for the countless hours spent working and planning for our staff, students, school, and community.

Left to Right: Ryan McMichael, Vice President Liz Klaus, Clarke Prichard, President Nate Pohlman, Spencer Clum

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE NEWS

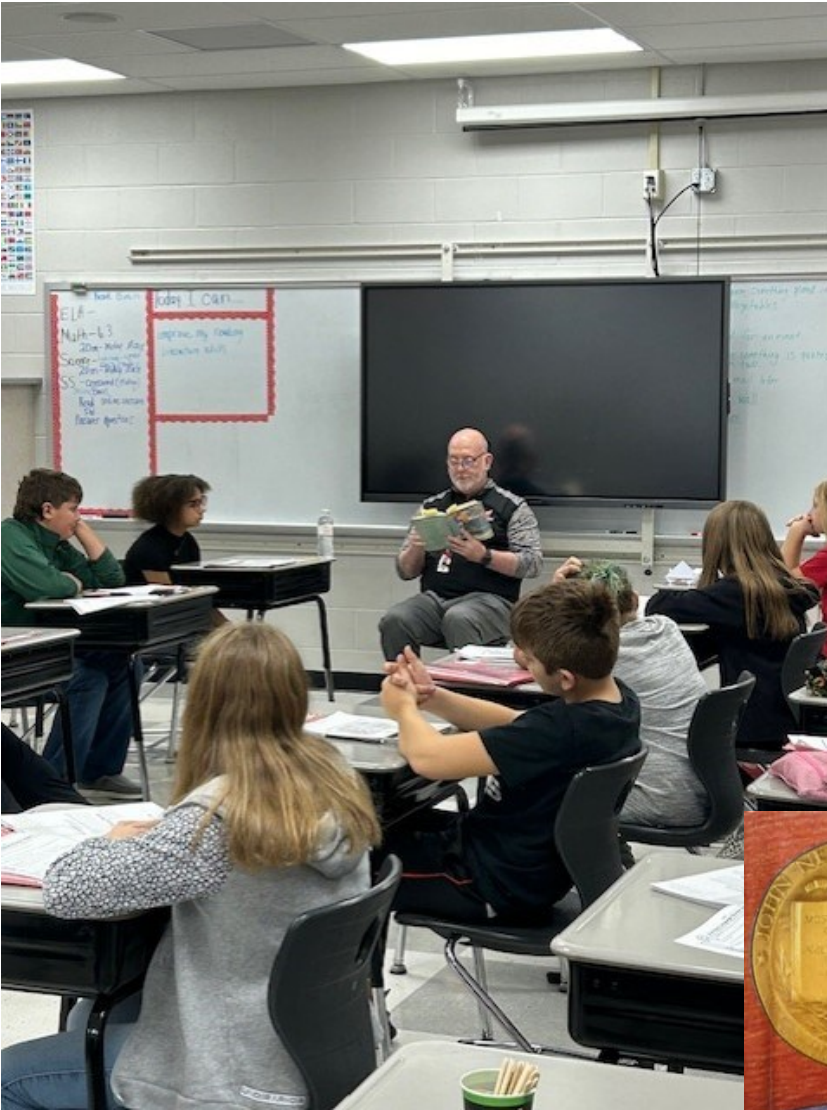
Monday, April 8, 2024 will be an exciting day as the first total solar eclipse to be visible in Ohio since 1806 will occur. The next projected total eclipse will not happen in Ohio again until 2099. This unique event is expected to bring thousands of people to our school district and the surrounding area. In fact, Lima, Ohio was selected by Astronomy.com as one of the best 20 places in North America to view the eclipse. The article may be accessed [here](#).

In preparation, Spencerville Local Schools will be closed on April 8, 2024. Spencerville Schools are excited to share this experience with our students and will be providing educational opportunities the week prior to the eclipse. More information on the eclipse can be found at the [State of Ohio's official eclipse website](#).

Total Solar Eclipse Facts from NASA

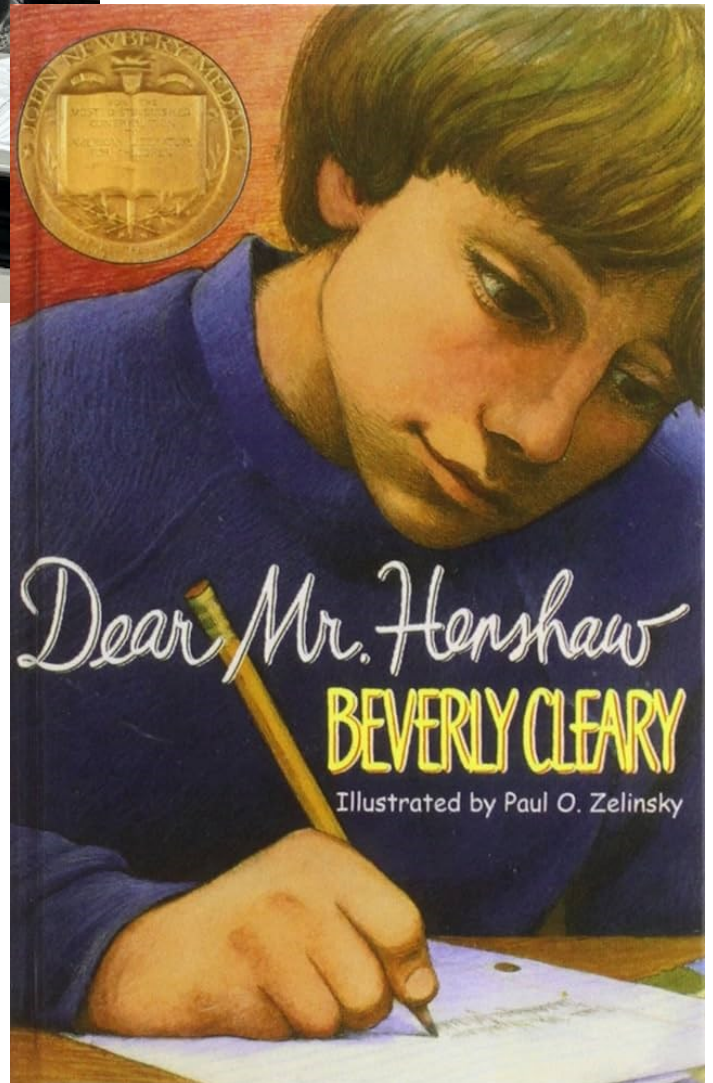
- After the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044.
- We can't normally see the corona — the Sun's outer atmosphere — because the Sun's surface below it is so much brighter. But during a total solar eclipse, the corona becomes visible, offering unique opportunities to study it.
- When the Moon completely blocks the visible surface of the Sun during a total solar eclipse, viewers can remove their eclipse glasses. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where eclipse glasses





Principal John Edinger reads the book *Dear Mr. Henshaw* to the 5th grade ELA classes.

teaching is
SNOW
much fun





Congratulations Maddox!

Senior 190lb Maddox Jurek earned his 100th Career Victory the Parkway Holiday Invitational on December 27th. He also Claimed his 3rd straight Parkway Holiday Invitational Championship.



Spencerville Schools was pleased to host a wonderful community breakfast for our Senior Citizens prepared by our hard-working cafeteria staff on Tuesday, December 5th. The event was well attended and everyone who joined us had the opportunity to win some beautiful Christmas decorations to take home and they were entertained by the talented High School Varsity Singers under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Beining. Thank you to who all joined us and we hope to see everyone again at our next Breakfast Event.

Mrs. Lyon's Kindergarten class held a fundraiser called The Giving Tree. Students could send in \$1 and purchase an ornament to decorate for the tree. They raised \$733 dollars for the Trinity United Methodist food bank!!

Thank you Spencerville community and Mrs Lyon's class for your very generous gift!!



Mr. Ekis' tenth-grade health students took on their final project this semester by hosting a Health Fair on January 22nd for our 1st grade homerooms. The first graders had the opportunity to learn about many different health topics such as stress, nutrition, hygiene, safety of all types, and the benefits of sleep. The high school students had created brochures and posters, and invited the students to participate in hands-on activities.



HEALTH FAIR 

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - May 15, 2024

ATTN: Spencerville Community Members

Please remember to contact Greg Ekis by email at ekisg@svbearcats.org or by phone at (419) 647-4111 x3241 to sign up for the high school's day of service that will be held on **May 15th** (weather permitting). There is no job too small for the high school students to undertake and all students will be supervised by an adult during the activity.

Supervised students will provide free labor to complete any jobs that have been requested by local individuals and/or groups. Anyone interested in having students assist with lawn care, landscaping, indoor or outdoor spring clean-up, spring maintenance, painting/staining, etc. should contact Mr. Ekis to be added to the job list. Perhaps you may not be in need of assistance, but know someone that could benefit from the day's activity such as a neighbor, friend, family member, parishioner, etc. Consider providing that individual's name, address and work to be done in order to add him/her to the list of jobs.

No job is too small to be considered!

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

WE ARE BEARCATS

Spencerville Local Schools Alerts

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To stay up-to-date with the most current information for Spencerville Schools, please be sure you are subscribed to our alert system.

Not signed up yet? No problem!

Just scan the QR code above and get signed up!

Looking Ahead....

Tuesday, February 6th - 3-hour delay (Teacher In-service)

Monday, February 19th - No School (President's Day)

Monday, February 26th - Elementary Family STEM Night (6-7p)

Friday, March 22nd- End of the 3rd Quarter

Wednesday, March 27th - 1-hour Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 28th - No School

Friday, March 29th - No School

Monday, April 1st - No School

Saturday, April 6 - K-12 Art Show (10a-4p)

Monday, April 8 - No School (Total Solar Eclipse)

Welcome

Spencerville Local Schools would like to welcome our newest School Board Member joining us in 2024, Mr. Ryan McMichael.

Ryan is a Spencerville resident and 2004 graduate of Spencerville High School and Apollo Career Center. He went on to The Ohio State University where he graduated in 2008 with his Bachelor's in Agricultural Education. In 2017, he attained his Master's in Educational Leadership from Concordia University. He has been working for the Ohio State University Extension office in Mercer County since 2022 as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator.

Mr. McMichael's motivation to run for school board was to ensure that our local school board members are a good representation of our local community, and the values of the community are continued in actions of the school board. He considers himself to be fiscally conservative and academically minded in the decisions that he hopes to make as a school board member. He believes that to be the desires of many of the Spencerville School District residents. Mr. McMichael has no specific goals for his time on the board except to make decisions that aim for the best for all students of Spencerville, their education, and the overall community.

Ryan has been married to his wife Stephanie for 15 years, they have three daughters (Kindergarten, 3rd and 5th grade) who attend Spencerville Schools.

We look forward to Mr. McMichael's upcoming term, and would also like to take a moment to thank Mrs. Lori Ringwald who left the board at the end of 2023 after serving our students and community since 2010.





Mrs. James' 2nd grade class has been very busy since the beginning of the school year!

From trips to the Kewpee, classroom parties, and fun-filled activities, it's great to be a 2nd grade Bearcat!



MRS. JAMES

Spencerville Elementary
2nd grade teacher

jamesk@svbearcats.org





Mr. Woods playing a game with some 6th graders during lunch on our Middle School Christmas Fun Day.

BEARCAT SNAPSHOTS

The Varsity Singers kicked off their holiday season on December 1st at the Allen County Museum's Christmas Tree Festival!



DARE

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AND VIOLENCE.**

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION



5th grade students celebrated their graduation from the DARE program at Edgewood Skating Arena in December. Before skating, the students took a tour of the Juvenile Detention Center in Lima.

Mrs. Bev England, Mrs. Amy Hoback, Mrs. Lori Schwartz



School Transportation Update – Bus GPS is on the way!

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the challenges of school transportation. In my short time as transportation supervisor, I have discovered that there is a lot involved in the daily task of getting 700+ students to and from school and extracurricular events on time, especially in less-than-ideal weather.

Spencerville Schools are working to install GPS devices on all buses for the start of the 2024-25 school year. GPS units on our buses will benefit our transportation department personnel, bus drivers, and our Bearcat families. “BusRight” GPS systems will allow us to use advanced routing software, will provide turn-by-turn directions for bus drivers, and will allow for students and parents to get real-time updates on the location of their bus. We are looking forward to this new technology creating a more efficient and effective transportation system.

On a related note, this is a great time to give a shout-out to our bus drivers. These individuals have a difficult job, but they do a wonderful job of safely transporting our students!

Full-Time, Regular Route Drivers – Sarah Burden, Reyna Collins, Amber Evans, Dave Evans, Tara Kaverman, Rick Keller, and Ron Miller.

Substitute/Extracurricular Drivers – Dave Lenhart, Brian Oehlhof, Cole Roberts, Vicki Roby, and Tom Wegesin. Joining this group soon will be Don Rammel.

Tara Kaverman also serves as Transportation Coordinator. Lee Erickson, our bus mechanic, does a fantastic job of keeping our buses operating efficiently.

With winter delays and cancellations likely in the coming weeks, please make sure to subscribe to school alerts at spencervillebearcats.com. On the website, find the “Quick Links” tab. The alerts will be the first dropdown item. Or [click here](#) if you are reading this online.

Brian Woods

Superintendent/Transportation Supervisor



Charles River STEM Donation

Spencerville Schools is pleased to announce a \$10,000 donation from Charles River Laboratories to the Spencerville Education Foundation for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) supplies, materials, and programs. Pictured presenting a check to Superintendent Brian Woods are Senior Director Todd Merriman, Community Ambassador Farrell Merriman, and General Manager Rusty Rush.

Spencerville Schools are thrilled to continue and grow our relationship with Charles River Labs. We are fortunate to have such a great company in our district that is willing to invest in our students and to provide support and resources for our staff. We are hopeful that our partnership will continue to benefit our students by providing additional learning opportunities outside of the normal curriculum while also helping students get interested and excited about STEM careers including those at Charles River Labs.

When asked for his thoughts on this beneficial relationship between the school and Charles River, Mr. Rush stated, “We are proud to financially support STEM educational efforts at Spencerville Schools and we are excited to partner with the school district to develop and expand learning opportunities for the district’s student



population. STEM education is the cornerstone of biomedical research and a key component of the lifesaving research that we perform at Charles River. Therefore, STEM education will not only support the future development of cures for disease, but will also provide meaningful careers for students when they enter the workforce.”



charles river

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

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

Kindergarten: Lincoln Ridge Pumpkin Patch

1st grade: Allen County Museum

2nd grade: OSU Children's Theater

3rd grade: Mazza Museum

4th grade: Johnston Farm

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

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

Fall Book Fair: The Scholastic Fall Book Fair was held in November and this fair was the most successful book fair in the history of fairs at the school. THANK YOU to everyone who came and purchased books or purchased online. We appreciate your support. We earned almost 5000 Scholastic Dollars which will be used to purchase books for the elementary teachers and library. Thanks again! And a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the book fair this year.

National Reading Month: Some exciting things are being planned for the month of March for the students. More information on this to come.

Spring Book Fair: The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held along with the K-12 Art Show which is currently scheduled for April 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO



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Don't miss Shrek
and Donkey's
whirlwind adventure



Performances are:

Friday, February 16 at 7:00pm
Saturday, February 17 at 7:00pm
Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm

Tickets

Adults \$8

Child/Student \$6

Ticket Order Forms available at the School Office

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for online
ticket sales



The Junior Class of Spencerville High School is excited to reveal our 2024 Junior and Senior Prom Theme:

24K Magic

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Veterans Memorial Civic and
Convention Center
Lima, OH

If you are a junior class parent who would be interested in making a donation towards a successful prom, please email ekisk@svbearcats.org.

YEARBOOK REMINDERS



2022-2023 Yearbooks have been distributed to students who Pre-Ordered. There are a limited number of extra copies of the **2023 HIGH SCHOOL ONLY** yearbooks available for purchase (\$55) on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested, pick up an order form outside the high school art room (104) or email gratza@svbearcats.org

2024 Yearbooks

There will be two different 2024 Yearbooks available this year.

- The hardbound **High School Yearbook (grades 9-12 only) can be pre-ordered for \$50**
- The paperback **K-8 Yearbook can be purchased for \$25** (Elementary and Middle School).

ONLINE PRE-ORDERING IS PREFERRED. Scan the QR code to the right, or go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search "Spencerville" then click on High School, Middle School or Elementary School. **Online ordering for the K-8 Yearbook will be open through March 1st, 2024. High School students may order yearbooks online through the end of the school year.**

The deadline for paper order forms for the K-8 Yearbook was Friday, Dec. 22nd. High School students can pick up a paper order form outside the Art Room if needed.

K-8 Yearbooks should be delivered before the end of the school year. High School books will be delivered next fall.

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

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Search "Spencerville"
click on your grade level/school
to order

2024 Spencerville Local Schools Board of Education Information

The Spencerville Local School District Board of Education met for an organizational meeting on January 9, 2024.

The following appointments were approved for CY 2024:

Board President – Nate Pohlman

Vice President – Liz Klaus

Apollo Board Representative – Spencer Clum (through December 2025)

Athletic Council Representatives - Clarke Prichard and Nate Pohlman

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Clarke Prichard and Spencer Clum

Curriculum/CIP Committee – Liz Klaus and Nate Pohlman

Finance/Audit Committee – Nate Pohlman and Ryan McMichael

Legislative Liaison – Spencer Clum

Education Foundation Trustees – Liz Klaus [CY 2024 and Spencer Clum (2-year term for CY 2024 and 2025)]

Student Achievement Liaison – Ryan McMichael

Technology Committee – Nate Pohlman and Ryan McMichael

Personnel Committee – Liz Klaus and Ryan McMichael

The board established the third Tuesday of each month in the board office at 600 School Street, Spencerville, Ohio with a start time of 7:00 p.m. for all regular board meetings in 2024. There are *exceptions to that rule as listed below. (Meeting dates and times are subject to change.)

February 20, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 16, 2024

May 21, 2024

*June 25, 2024

*July 23, 2024

*August 13, 2024 (starts at 6:00 p.m. beginning with a tour of the K-12 building)

September 17, 2024

October 15, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024

Board members may be contacted via email as follows:

Spencer Clum – clums@svbearcats.org

Liz Klaus – klausl@svbearcats.org

Nate Pohlman – pohlmann@svbearcats.org

Clarke Prichard – prichardc@svbearcats.org

Ryan McMichael – mcmichaelryan@svbearcats.org

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

Records Retention Designee: Leland Hays, Treasurer – haysl@svbearcats.org

Superintendent: Brian Woods – woodsb@svbearcats.org

SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 2024 SPRING SCHEDULE

VARSIITY BOYS BASEBALL

Saturday	3/23	Marion Local	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	3/25	Van Wert	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	3/26	at Parkway	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	3/28	Minster	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/2	at St. Johns	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/4	at Ada	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/5	at USV	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/9	Jefferson	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/11	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/13	at Elida (DH)	Away	11:00 AM/1:00PM
Monday	4/15	at Leipsic	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/18	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/19	Kalida	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/20	at Newton	Away	12:00 PM
Monday	4/22	Bath	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/23	Botkins	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	at Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/26	at Ottoville	Away	5:00 PM
Monday	4/29	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/30	LCC	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/2	at Allen East	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	5/3	St. Marys	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	5/4	at Hardin Northern	Away	11:00 AM
Tuesday	5/7	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/9	Ft. Jennings	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	5/10	at Temple	Away	5:00 PM

VARSIITY GIRLS SOFTBALL

Saturday	3/23	Marion Local	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	3/25	Wapak	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	3/26	at Anna	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	3/28	Ottoville	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/2	at Lima Sr	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/4	at Ada	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/5	at Upper Scioto Valley	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/9	Jefferson	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/11	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/13	at Elida (DH)	Away	11:00 AM/1:00PM
Monday	4/15	at Leipsic	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/16	at Houston	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/18	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/19	Kalida	Home	5:00 PM
Monday	4/22	at Shawnee	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/23	Botkins	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	at Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/26	at Ridgmont	Away	5:00 PM
Monday	4/29	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/30	LCC	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/2	at Allen East	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	5/3	St. Marys	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	5/4	at Hardin Northern	Away	11:00 AM
Monday	5/6	Pandora-Gilboa	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	5/7	Perry	Home	5:00 PM

JV BOYS BASEBALL

Saturday	3/23	at Marion Local	Away	12:00 PM
Monday	3/25	at Van Wert	Away	5:30 PM
Tuesday	3/26	Parkway	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	3/28	at Minster	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	3/29	at St. Henry	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	4/4	Ada	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/9	at Crestview	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/16	Jefferson	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/20	Elida	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	4/22	at Bath	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/23	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	Kalida	Home	5:00 PM
Monday	4/29	at Anna	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/2	Wapak	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	5/3	at St. Marys	Away	5:00 PM

TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday	3/26	Celina	Home	4:30 PM
Saturday	3/30	at Waynesfield-Goshen i	Away	12:00 PM
Friday	4/5	Bearcat Relays	Home	4:15 PM
Thursday	4/11	at Crestview (w/Temple)	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/13	at Minster	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	4/16	at Tinora (w/Paudling)	Away	4:30 PM
Friday	4/19	at Waynesfield-Goshen	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/23	at Wapak	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/26	at St. Marys Invite	Away	4:30 PM
Tuesday	4/30	Lincolnview (Tri-meet)	Home	4:15 PM
Saturday	5/4	at Ada Invite	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday	5/11	at Bluffton (NWC Cham)	Away	8:00 AM
Wednesday	5/15	District Track meet	Home	4:30 PM
Friday	5/17	District Track meet	Home	4:30 PM

JV SOFTBALL

Monday	3/25	at Wapakoneta	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	3/30	at Minster	Away	12:00 PM
Thursday	4/4	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/13	Celina	Home	11:00 AM
Monday	4/15	Van Wert	Home	5:00 PM
Monday	4/22	at Shawnee	Away	TBD
Thursday	4/25	Elida	Home	5:00 PM
Monday	4/29	Wapak	Home	5:00 PM
TBD		Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/2	Minster	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	5/3	at St. Marys	Away	5:00 PM



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SPENCERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024 SPRING SCHEDULE

JH BOYS BASEBALL

Monday	3/25	at Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	3/26	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	3/30	at Celina (8th grade)	Away	5:30 PM
Monday	4/1	Parkway	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/5	St. Johns	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/11	Elida	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/12	at Bath	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/13	at St. Johns	Away	12:00 PM
Tuesday	4/16	at Temple	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/18	at Lima City	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/19	St. Mary s (7th gra	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/20	Elida	Home	1:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	4/26	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Friday	5/3	Waynesfield-Gosh	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/9	at Bluffton	Away	5:00 PM

JH GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday	3/25	at Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	3/26	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	3/28	Shawnee	Home	5:00 PM
Monday	4/1	Parkway 7th	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/2	LCC	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/6	at Celina	Away	11:00 AM/1:00PM
Tuesday	4/9	Ada	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/11	Crestview (8th)	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	4/12	Crestview (7th)	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	4/20	at Bath (DH)	Away	11:00 AM/1:00PM
Monday	4/22	at Wapak (8th grade)	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	4/23	Parkway (8th grade)	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	5/2	at Bluffton	Away	5:00 PM
TBD	TBD	Van Wert	Home	5:00 PM

JH TRACK & FIELD

Thursday	3/28	Leipsic	Home	4:30 PM
Monday	4/1	Shawnee	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	4/4	at Crestview	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	4/11	at St. Johns/CR/P	Away	4:30 PM
Friday	4/19	at Ottoville	Away	4:00 PM
Monday	4/22	at Marion invite	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	4/25	Bearcat Invite	Home	4:30 PM
Monday	4/29	at Wapak	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	5/2	at Grove (NWC)	Away	5:00 PM



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2024/2025 School Year will begin Monday, February 12th and run through Friday, April 5.

**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 14th and 15th 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,
2024 to be eligible for kindergarten.**

Kindergarten Orientation will be held April 18th at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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