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The Continued Excellence of Spencerville Local Schools

“There’s no place like home. There’s no place like home. There’s no place like home.” Dorothy understood what she was missing when she repeated this magical phrase in the classic story, *The Wizard of Oz*. After returning to Spencerville after eleven years away, I agree. There’s no place like home!

It feels great to be back, serving my home district again. It has been a pleasure to return to work with family, friends, and members of the Bearcat community. Spencerville is a special place, and I am honored to return as superintendent.

Over the past few months, I have been pleasantly reminded of the excellence of Spencerville Local Schools. From our teachers and administrators to our administrative assistants, aides, bus drivers, custodians, food service, and other support staff, to our students and families, we have amazing, hard-working, and caring people. There is a wonderful sense of community here that I am grateful to have rejoined.

The excellence of Spencerville Schools is exemplified on our 2022-23 State Report Card. Congratulations to our staff, students, and parents on earning 4.5 out of five stars on the latest report card. A special congratulations to Spencerville Elementary School for earning a five-star rating!

It has long been my belief that the state report card is important, but more important are the relationships we build with our students, the opportunities we provide, and the overall school experience for our students. However, it is always my hope that we do well and that the state report card accurately reflects the type of school I believe we have. In earning 4.5 stars, which the Ohio Department of Education defines as “Exceeds State Standards,” I believe we have fulfilled that hope, for now.

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From my early observations, Spencerville Schools is not only excelling academically, but also through our extracurricular programs including our outstanding athletic, art, music, STEM, and vocational programs, in addition to our many clubs and organizations. During the 2023-24 school year, we will be working to build and improve upon our past successes by continuing to focus on relationships, opportunities for students, and the overall student experience while also working to improve academically so that we may reach five stars and truly demonstrate the excellence of Spencerville Local Schools.

I wish staff, students, parents, and community members a fantastic school year. If you ever have questions about Spencerville Local Schools, please contact me at 419-647-4111 ext. 3205 or woodsbs@svbearcats.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Woods
Superintendent
#ProudBearcat!



2022 - 2023 Report Card for Spencerville Local

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of five rated components. The College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness Component is report only and does not contribute to the overall rating on the 2023 Ohio School Report Cards.

Achievement

This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall.



Exceeds state standards in academic achievement

Performance Index..... **88.5%**

Progress

This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances.



Evidence that the district met student growth expectations.

Overall.....

Gap Closing

The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups.



Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps

Annual Performance Goals..... **78.0%**

Graduation

The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.



Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates

98.6% of students graduated in 4 years
100.0% of students graduated in 5 years

Early Literacy

The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.



Significantly exceeds state standards in early literacy (K-3)

Improving K-3 Literacy..... **71.0%**
Third Grade Reading Proficiency..... **89.3%**
Promotion to Fourth Grade..... **100.0%**

College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness

This component looks at how well-prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college.

Students who are Ready..... **62.9%**

View all the data for our 2022-2023 district report cards at the following link:

<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/home>

ANNUAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR TITLE II, TITLE VI, TITLE VII AND TITLE IX, SECTION 504, AGE ACT, AND ADA

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this district.

If any person believes that the Spencerville Local School District or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) The Age Act, and (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint, shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator.

Mr. Brian Woods

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SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

School districts throughout Ohio are participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, birth through age 21. For children birth through age 2, a disability means that a child has a delay in one or more of the following developmental areas: adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, physical development, sensory development and/or social or emotional development.

For children ages three through five, a disability means that a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication skills, hearing abilities, motor functioning, social-emotional/behavior functioning, or vision abilities.

For school age students, a disability means a person having one or more conditions such as autism, developmental handicap, hearing handicap, multi handicap, orthopedically and/or learning disability, traumatic brain injury, or visual handicap.

Many unidentified children with disabilities are pre-school age.

If you know of a child who you think may have a disability, please contact: Spencerville Local School District – Susan Wagner, SEO - 419.647.4112 ext. 3101.

BOARD POLICY ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs included are any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State Law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which she/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

PUBLIC VIEW ON FUNDS FOR HANDICAPPED

Public comment is solicited on the proposed budget for expenditure of Title VI-B funds granted to the Spencerville Local School District under the provisions of Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Act. These monies are commonly referred to as Flow-Thru Funds, and are to be used for the education of identified handicapped students. Each school district in Ohio is entitled to funds for every identified child served by the district. The money is used to provide services and to buy equipment and materials.

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING STUDENT RECORDS

In compliance with Federal Regulations, the Spencerville Local School District has established the following guidelines concerning student records:

Each student's record will be kept in a confidential file located at the student's school office. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, adult student (eighteen (18) years of age or older), and those authorized by Federal Law and District Regulations.

A parent, guardian, or adult student has the following rights: 1) inspect and review the student's records; 2) request amendments if the parent believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's rights; 3) consent to disclosures of personally-identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to those disclosures allowed by law; 4) challenge District noncompliance with a parent's request to amend the records through a hearing; 5) file a complaint with the Department of Education, and 6) obtain a copy of the District's policy and administrative guidelines on student records.

NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC REGARDING INSPECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Public Inspection of instructional materials such as textbooks, library books, reference works, and the like, may be approved by completing a REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS OR COURSE CONTENT which is available at the central office.

PPRA NOTICE AND CONSENT/OPT-OUT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. - 123h, requires Spencerville Local School District to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

- *Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or students' parent.
- *Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family.
- *Sex behavior or attitudes.
- *Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- *Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- *Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- *Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- *Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"), and certain physical exams and screenings.

If you wish to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, you must notify the District in writing by October 1 yearly.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by The School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her professional responsibility.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility,

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.)

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Spencerville Local School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-4605

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION NOTICE

The Spencerville Local School District is obligated by law to inform all parents of the school district that they have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their children. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires the school district to give you the information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

*Whether the Ohio Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

*Whether the Ohio Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

*The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

*Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Spencerville High School Building Report

Narrative: The employees of Spencerville High School made one commitment, to provide each student with an opportunity to receive an education that not only meets his/her current needs but also their needs in years to come. This is accomplished through a wide variety of educational opportunities, a caring and qualified staff, an energetic and thorough maintenance crew, and a supportive administration.

School Day: School begins at 7:45 am and ends at 2:45 pm. School was to be in session one hundred seventy-eight (178) days. School was not in session eight (8) days due to inclement weather with three (3) remote learning days.

Attendance: There were three hundred forty-eight (348) students enrolled in Spencerville High School for the 2022-2023 school year. Seventy-nine (79) students attended Apollo Career Center.

The Curriculum: Credits offered in the following areas: agriculture (8), art (6), business education (5), computer (3), English/Language Arts/Speech (9.5), foreign language [Spanish] (4), health/PE (1.75), mathematics (9), music (3), science (6), social studies (7), work and family life (5)

College Credit Plus Curriculum offered at Spencerville: Accounting I & II, Computer Applications I, Advanced English III, Advanced English IV, Personal Finance, and American Government, American History, Speech

Advanced Curriculum: Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Calculus, Advanced Senior English, Advanced Junior English, Advanced Sophomore English, Advanced Freshman English

Fine Arts Curriculum: Art I, II, III, IV, V; Instrumental Music/Band; Vocal Music/Choir; Music Theory; Speech; Photography, Technical Drawing, Yearbook

Extra/Co-Curricular & Clubs: The high school offered a wide variety of extra-curricular programs and activities including football, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, track, softball, and baseball. Clubs included SADD, FCCLA, FFA, FCA, Art, Scholastic Team, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Choir, Varsity Singers, All-School Musical, Flag Corps, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Spanish, and Yearbook.

Special Services: The high school is assisted by a school psychologist, speech therapist, and county special education supervisor.

Credits Required for Graduation:

21.5 (4 English, 3 Science, 4 Math, 1 Health/PE, 1 American History, 1 American Government, 1 World History, 1 Financial Literacy, 1 Fine Arts, 5 electives)

The Grading Scale:

A 94 - 100	B+ 87 - 89	C+ 77 - 79	D+ 67 - 69	F 0 - 59
A- 90 - 93	B 83 - 86	C 73 - 76	D 63 - 66	
	B- 80 - 82	C-70 - 72	D- 60 - 62	

GPA: Calculated at the conclusion of each semester

Class Rank: Based on total GPA - total grade points divided by total credits attempted. (Does not include Spencerville Digital Academy students or classes)

Honor Roll: Merit 3.6 - 4.00, Regular 3.00 - 3.59

Testing: PLAN (optional for sophomores), PSAT (optional for sophomores and juniors), ACT (all juniors will take in 2024), End of Course Exams: English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, Government

End of Course Testing Results 2023:

- English II – 88 tested with 67% proficient or higher; State Average 56%
- Algebra I – 96 tested with 63% proficient or higher; State Average 46%
- Geometry – 79 tested with 68% proficient or higher; State Average 43%
- Biology – 98 tested with 72% proficient or higher; State Average 61%
- American History – 84 tested with 82% proficient or higher; State Average 68%
- American Government – 83 tested with 83% proficient or higher; State Average 69%

***ACT 2022-2023 Average: 19.6 Composite (includes all juniors)**

Graduates:	Post-Secondary Plans:	2-yr institution	4%
	[2023 graduates]	4-yr institution	46%
		Military	3%
		Employment	38%
		Other/Unknown	9%

Student Data 2022-2023:

SV - only	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	Apollo - only	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
9 th Grade	43	49	92				
10 th Grade	50	31	81	10 th Grade	0	1	1
11 th Grade	26	24	50	11 th Grade	30	12	42
12 th Grade	19	27	46	12 th Grade	24	12	36
	138	131	269		54	25	79



SPENCERVILLE
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Canned Beef & Chicken Fundraiser

Provided locally by

Waltz Canned Meat

The Spencerville Educational Foundation is a nonprofit corporation designed to promote, improve, enrich and supplement programs and activities beyond what is possible with public funds. By purchasing from this fundraiser, you are assisting us in providing our students and teachers with

- Scholarships
- School events and trips
- School supplies

Waltz Canned Meats is local family run business. The chicken and beef are canned in Burkettsville, Ohio in a facility that is USDA inspected and commercially sterile. This product is shelf stable making it convenient and readily available in your pantry!

Canned Meat Options

Individual Cans

Small Can (14.5 oz)
Chicken or Beef
\$10.00 / can



Large Can (28 oz)
Chicken or Beef
\$15.00/ Can



Cases

Half Case (12 Large Cans)
Chicken or Beef
\$170 / Case



Full Case (24 Small Cans)
Chicken or Beef
\$230 / Case



The holidays will be here soon!
These make perfect Christmas Gifts.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING REPORT

Narrative

Regular attendance and strong work ethic are essential if students are to meet with the desired success level in school. Middle school students need, and in most cases prefer, defined expectations for regular attendance, discipline, and school work. Teachers and parents need to make a concerted effort to encourage pupils to be in attendance each day with their work completed and with a sincere interest in learning.

The Spencerville Middle School has a clearly defined discipline policy that promotes a strong learning environment as well as teachers who insist that students complete reasonable assignments. A clean, orderly environment with a sense of purpose is evident in our building. It is a place where all students are expected to learn.

Some Accomplishments of Middle School

1. Academic Success – over 60% of students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 make the yearly merit or regular honor roll.
2. There were eleven eighth grade students who were honored for academic excellence by receiving the President’s Education Award. The award requires students to maintain a 3.6 or better GPA throughout Middle School. This special award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is signed by the President. Students receiving this award were Rhoda Bontrager, Karleigh Brown, Kaitlyn Clement, Aubreigh Eutsler, Ella Hackworth, Landon Kahle, Megan Miller, Will Sensabaugh, Carli Sommers, Lillian Strayer, Jenna Wannemacher.
3. Some of the ways middle school students were being rewarded for academic achievement and/or good citizenship – Students of the Month, Rewards for Honor Roll Students, and Positive Progress Reports to Students.

Staff Data – Middle School (5-8) 2022-2023

1. 1 full – time Administrator
2. 1 full-time Secretary
3. 1 full-time Guidance Counselor
4. 2 Teacher Aides
5. 22 full- time academic and special education personnel

Female 14

Male 8

Average years of experience, 21 years

Student Data 2022-2023

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
5 th	37	42	79
6th	36	35	71
7th	39	29	68
8th	<u>40</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>89</u>
	152	155	307

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING REPORT (continued)

Curriculum and Testing

Greater emphasis has been placed on improving growth for all students, specifically gifted and low performing students. Solving story problems and using manipulations are strategies being used by teachers to enhance students' reasoning skills. Providing support to help ensure students' access to their grade level curriculum. A select group of students take Algebra in the eighth grade and perhaps will subsequently have more opportunity for advanced math in high school.

Competency-based education tests are a state requirement for grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and are used as a tool for parents, teachers, and students to identify strengths and weaknesses of performance in the areas of reading, math, and science and social studies. We have state achievement tests in the following areas: 5th grade – reading, math, and science; 6th grade – reading and math; 7th grade – reading and math; 8th grade – reading, math, and science. For further information, the link for the Ohio Department of Education is listed below.

<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/061960>

John Edinger

Middle School Principal



Congratulations to Kinsley Myers, Lauren Clement, Nathaniel Bontrager, Calen Oen, and Cordelia Gallimore. Representing the 7th/8th grade of Spencerville and winning the Allen County Quiz Bowl with an undefeated record of 10-0!

Happy fall ya'!!! The Spencerville PTO is excited for this school year and looking forward to all the activities we have planned for the students this year.

Field Trips: We are excited to once again be able to pay for all the elementary field trips this year. Students will be going to the Lincoln Ridge pumpkin patch, Allen County Museum, OSU Children's Theater, Mazza museum, and Johnston Farm this fall. Then in the spring students will be going to the MVP Dairy Farm, Boonshoft Museum, Ft. Wayne Zoo, Sauder Village, and Ohio Caverns.

Trunk-or-Treat: PTO will have a spot at Trunk-or-Treat this year. Come see us!

Teacher Conference Meals: We will once again be providing meals/snacks for the elementary teachers during parent/teacher conferences in November.

Fall Book Fair: The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be coming in November, during parent/teacher conferences. More info will be coming soon on this – keep an eye out.

National Reading Month is in March. We are working on some exciting things for the students.

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. More info to come.

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.

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 this year! Our 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.

The PTO officers for this school year are:

President: Sara Cockerell (419-860-3354) scockerell2015@gmail.com

Vice-President: Hannah Mason (567-712-4131) hannahmason424@gmail.com

Secretary: Jen Settlemyre jennifersettlemyre@gmail.com

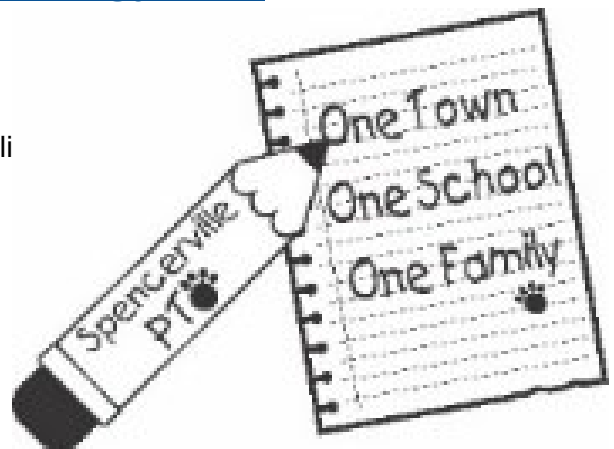
Treasurer: Andrea Tucker anjtucker2012@gmail.com

We thank everyone for their continued support! If you would like suggestions, please reach out to us.

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO





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Who We Are <

A nonprofit corporation designed to



PROMOTE



IMPROVE



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SUPPLEMENT

school programs and activities beyond
what is possible with public funds

Our Goals <



Build

an (endowment) fund to support
the purpose of the foundation



Provide

scholarships to graduating students
for further post-secondary training



Carry Out

other specific requests of the
donor as approved by the foundation



Create

a student/teacher grant program for projects
outside the normal school curriculum that will
enrich the opportunities for the students
of Spencerville Schools

Since 1995, we have distributed <

\$85,500 +

Individual
Scholarships

\$47,500 +

ED Foundation
Scholarships

\$24,000 +

PTO
Donations

How Can You Give?

We appreciate any contributions to support our mission. Explore our webpage on the Spencerville Schools website to discover the various ways you can donate and make a difference.

www.spencervillebearcats.com
(located under the "District" menu)



SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 23-24 WINTER SCHEDULE



JV & VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday	12/1	St. Henry	Home	6:00/7:00pm
Friday	12/8	@ Elida	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday	12/9	Ft. Jennings	Home	5:00/6:15pm
Friday	12/15	@ Crestview	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Saturday	12/16	@ Ottoville	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm
Friday	12/22	Minster	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Friday	12/29	St. Marys	Home	5:00/6:15pm
Friday	1/5	Leipsic	Home	6:00/7:15pm
Saturday	1/6	Kalida	Home	5:00/6:15pm
Friday	1/12	@ Lincolnview	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm
Saturday	1/13	@ Bath	Away	4:30/5:45pm
Friday	1/19	LCC	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Saturday	1/20	@ Arlington	Away	5:00pm/6:15pm
Saturday	1/27	St. Johns	Home	5:00pm/6:15pm
Friday	2/2	@ Bluffton	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Saturday	2/3	New Knoxville	Home	5:00/6:15pm
Friday	2/9	Allen East	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Saturday	2/10	Marion Local	Home	5:00/6:15pm
Friday	2/16	Ada	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Saturday	2/17	@ Parkway	Away	5:00pm/6:15pm
Friday	2/23	@ Delphos Jefferson	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm

JV & VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	11/28	@ St. Johns	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Tuesday	12/5	Elida	Home	5:30/6:30pm
Thursday	12/7	Delphos Jefferson	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Tuesday	12/12	Van Wert	Home	5:30/6:30pm
Thursday	12/14	Crestview	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Tuesday	12/19	Upper Scioto	Home	5:30pm/6:30pm
Thursday	12/21	@ St. Henry	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm
Thursday	1/4	@ Leipsic	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Saturday	1/6	@ Ft. Jennings	Away	12:00/1:30pm
Tuesday	1/9	@ St. Marys	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Thursday	1/11	Lincolnview	Home	6:00pm/7:15pm
Tuesday	1/16	@ New Knoxville	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Saturday	1/20	@ Riverdale	Away	12:00/1:15pm
Tuesday	1/23	@ LCC	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Thursday	1/25	@ Columbus Grove	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm
Saturday	1/27	Coldwater	Home	11:00am/12:15pm
Tuesday	1/30	Kalida	Home	5:30/6:15pm
Thursday	2/1	Bluffton	Home	6:00/7:15pm
Thursday	2/8	@ Allen East	Away	6:00/7:15pm
Tuesday	2/13	Parkway	Home	5:30/6:15pm
Thursday	2/15	@ Ada	Away	6:00pm/7:15pm

VARSIITY WRESTLING

Saturday	12/16	@ Lincolnview	Away	9:00 AM
Friday	12/22	Allen County Invite @ Bluffton	Away	TBD
Wednesday	12/27	@Parkway	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday	1/6	@Lima Sr.	Away	10:00 AM
Thursday	1/11	@ St. Johns (Jefferson	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	1/13	@Crestview	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	1/23	@ Jefferson (Lincolnvi	Away	6:00 PM
Friday	1/26	@LCC	Away	5:30 PM
Saturday	1/27	@LCC	Away	9:30 AM
Tuesday	1/30	Crestview	Home	5:30 PM
Saturday	2/3	@ Ada	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday	2/17	@ Ada NWC Champio	Away	10:00 AM



SPENCERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL 23-24 WINTER SCHEDULE

JH BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	12/5	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	12/7	Lima Sr	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	12/9	@ Ft. Jennings	Away	10:00 AM
Tuesday	12/12	@ Leipsic	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	12/14	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	12/19	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	1/4	@ Kalida	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/9	@ Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	1/11	Wapakoneta	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/16	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/23	@ Allen East	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/30	@ Ada	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	2/1	Shawnee	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	2/8	Delphos Jefferson	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	TBD	@Crestview (NWC tou	Away	10:00 AM
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JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday	11/30	@ Parkway	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	12/5	@ Crestview	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	12/7	@ Ottoville	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	12/12	Leipsic	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	12/19	@ Lincolnview	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	12/21	@ Ft. Jennings	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	1/4	Kalida	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/9	Columbus Grove	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	1/11	Wapakoneta	Home	5:30 PM
Tuesday	1/16	@ Bluffton	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/23	Allen East	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	1/30	Ada	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	2/1	@ Shawnee	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	2/8	@ Delphos Jefferson	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	TBD	@ Lincolnview (NWC	Away	10:00 AM
Monday	TBD	@ Lincolnview (NWC	Away	5:00 PM
Wednesday	TBD	@ Lincolnview (NWC	Away	6:00 PM

JH WRESTLING

Saturday	12/9	Bearcat Invite	Home	9:00 AM
Saturday	12/16	@ Allen East	Away	10:00 AM
Thursday	12/28	@ Coldwater	Away	10:00 AM
Thursday	1/11	@ St. Johns (Jefferson	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	1/13	@ Ayersville	Away	9:30 AM
Tuesday	1/23	@ Jefferson (Lincolnvi	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	1/27	@ St. Marys	Away	TBD
Saturday	2/3	@Elida	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday	2/17	@ Ada NWC Champio	Away	10:00 AM



YEARBOOK NEWS



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 below, or go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search "Spencerville" then click on High School, Middle School or Elementary School. Paper order forms will be sent home with K-8 students by in November and must be turned in by Friday, Dec. 22nd. High School students can pick up a paper order form outside the Art Room.

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



2024 Yearbooks
scan QR code above or go to
www.jostensyearbooks.com
Search "Spencerville"
click on your grade level/school
to order

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!

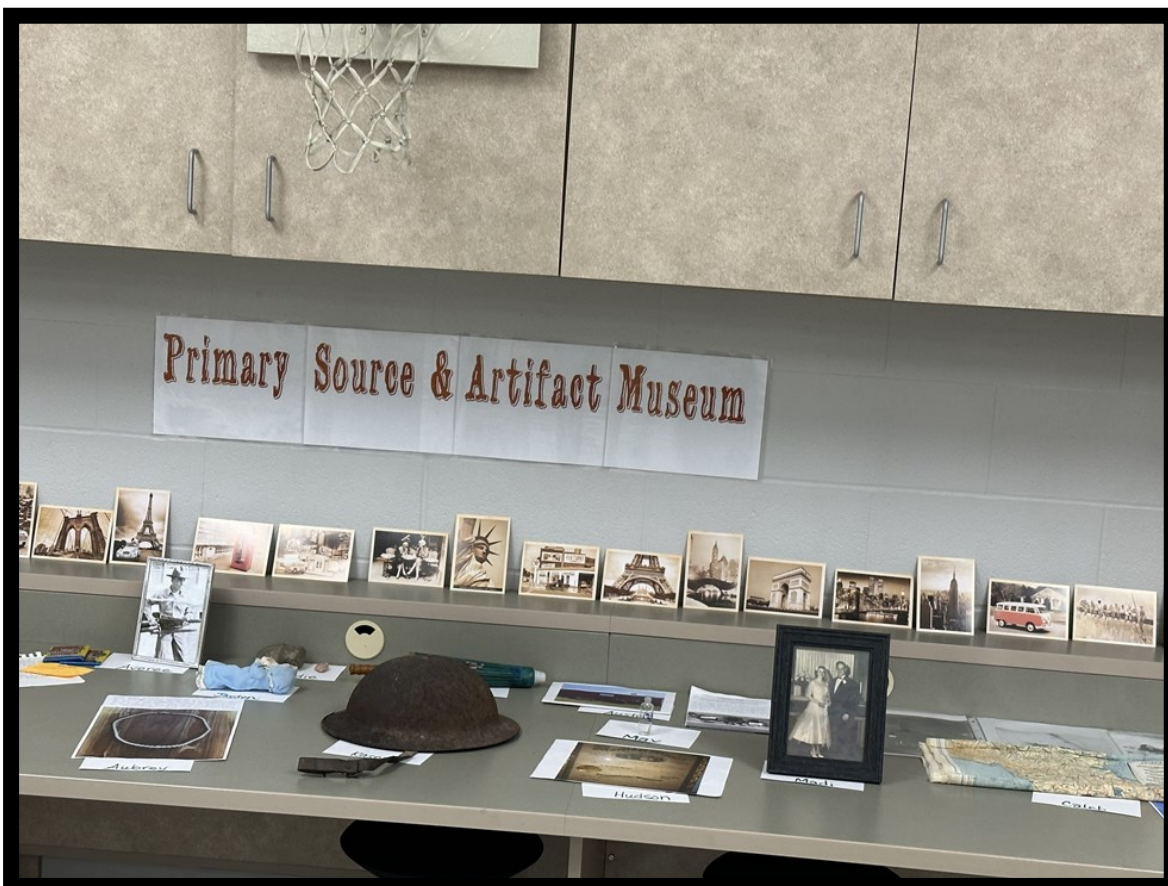
As a community member, please consider contacting Mr. Ekis with any issues you feel could be managed by the students during the scheduled work day. As a staff, we feel it is our responsibility to provide a foundation upon which students can **build a sense of service and responsibility to their community**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

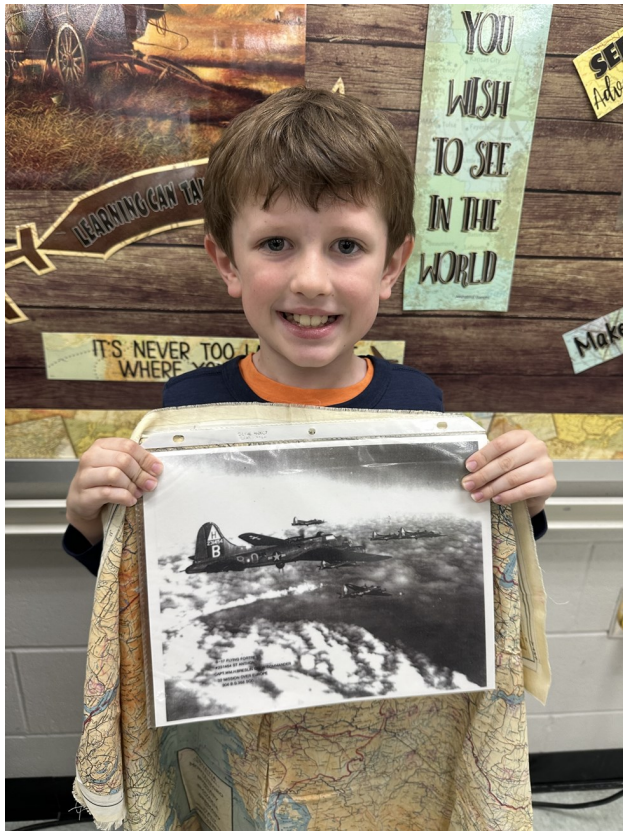
WE ARE BEARCATS



In third grade the students have been focusing in social studies on the historical lens. They have analyzed and evaluated primary and secondary sources. Students partnered with their families, to bring in various sources to create a Primary Source Classroom Museum. Mrs. Wagner collaborated with the students and presented her most prized possessions. This authentic and personal learning experience allowed the students to bring history to life.

Mrs. Rebekah Stemen





Annual Progress Report from the 2022-2023 school year
Spencerville Elementary Building

I. Narrative

The purpose of education at Spencerville Elementary is to provide students with competent continuous instruction, sequential learning activities, and personal guidance whereby each child may develop to the maximum of his/her ability.

Students should be given opportunities to develop a sense of social and civic responsibility. The emotional maturity of the student may be improved by self discipline, a sense of belonging, and by finding satisfaction in his/her development.

In elementary education there is the permanent responsibility to help students explore their abilities and interests in order for them to discover and develop their goals, purposes, and direction in life.

The goal of education in the elementary grades of the Spencerville schools is to assist children in mastering the basic tools of learning. These tools, including reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies, are needed to help students become clear thinking individuals capable of solving everyday problems. The years of elementary education are also designed to provide opportunities for each child to develop mentally, physically, and socially. Strong efforts are also made to encourage each child to respect law and order, to respect the rights, opinions, and property of others, and to practice tolerance and self control. The teachers work hard to teach a knowledge of, and appreciation for, the people of other lands, a loyalty to America and the American way of life.

We are very fortunate at our elementary school to have an outstanding Parent-Teacher Organization. The Parent-Teacher Organization has purchased many items for our school over the years, as well as fund our field trips.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to visit our schools and to become an active part of our volunteers and Parent-Teacher Organization.

II. Staff Data:

In 2022-23 the elementary school (K-4) had:

1. 21 full-time equivalent classroom personnel and special education personnel and a pupil/teacher ratio of 17 to 1
2. 2 full-time equivalent other personnel (Title One)
3. 1 full-time equivalent administrative personnel
4. 1 Guidance Counselor
5. 1 full-time equivalent paid aid (Playground Supervisor)
6. 1 part-time instructional aide.
7. 1 part-time TESOL instructor.
8. 4 part-time elective teachers (PE, Music, Art and Technology)
9. 5 part-time equivalent volunteers
10. Average teaching experience, 15 years.
Homeroom teachers:
4 personnel with five years training (Bachelors +)
20 personnel with Masters Degree
11. 100% of teaching staff was Caucasian.
12. 80% of the teachers were women.

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III. Pupil Data:

1.	Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
	K.G.	39	38	77
	1	39	34	73
	2	33	21	54
	3	35	51	86
	4	26	30	56
		175	174	349

2. 145 (40.06%) of total enrollment received free or reduced price lunches.

IV. Standardized Test Data:

The Readiness Assessment was given to kindergarten students as required by the state. Grades K-4 were administered diagnostic tests for reading and math. Grades 3 and 4 students were given Ohio State assessments for both reading and math.

All students in grades K-3 who were determined not "on track" were put on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan, which included parental input, and were progress monitored. Progress monitoring is done to help to ensure that students are making adequate gains toward grade level expectations. On track means that students were reading at or close to grade level. Spencerville Elementary held two parent nights. One in October, which focused on helping parents with providing supports at home. A night in February was held that provided make-it/take-it activities for math, writing, science and social-emotional learning.

Students in grade 2 were also given Cognitive Abilities Test in the fall. First grade students were given the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills in the spring. These tests determine a basic level of aptitude and ability in Science, Math, English Language Arts, and Social Studies. These tests also help identify students who are gifted and may need additional services.

Spencerville Elementary received an overall rating of 5 stars. Explanations and details for the grade card can be found at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/035337>. This is an interactive site on Ohio Department of Education's web page.

Susan Wagner, Principal

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

- Full Health Benefits
- Paid Training
- Competitive Pay
- Opportunities to work trips

call 419-647-4111 Ext: 3166 for more information

The third-grade students “adopted” the volleyball team for the fall season to show our school spirit and pride.



We worked as a grade level to create a sign that we posted in the gym for the team. The students created candy grams for the seniors during our homecoming pep rally. On October 12th, we had “third grade night” at the Varsity volleyball game against Delphos Jefferson. The third-grade students created candy grams for the JV and Varsity players. The students had a wonderful time cheering on the team to a victory. Go Bearcats!

Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. Stemen







SPENCERVILLE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Presents

MEET THE CANDIDATES

FOR THE SPENCERVILLE SCHOOL BOARD



**TRENT
BOOP**



**SPENCER
CLUM**



**RYAN
MCMICHAEL**



To submit questions for the candidates, use the following link or QR code:

<https://forms.gle/34DFkXEY4bS6wXDo9>



**Weds,
01 Nov,
2023**

6:30pm

Trent Boop



Occupation:

Physical Therapist for 22 years
Currently Director of Operations for Putnam County HomeCare and Hospice



Education:

- B.S. in Allied Health from The Ohio State University - graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Doctorate of Physical Therapist from Arcadia University - graduated with Distinction



Qualifications:

"I am uniquely qualified for school board membership due to my conservative Christian values, unwavering advocacy for parents' rights, fearlessness in defending truth, and a proven track record of success as a leader in both for-profit and nonprofit organizations."

Spencer Clum



Occupation:

Retired from Agricultural Sales at Vantilburg Farms, Celina, Ohio
Currently, Substitute Teacher at various Allen County Schools



Education:

- 1971 Graduate of Greenville High School - Greenville, Ohio
- 1975 Bachelor Degree in Business/Economics from Heidelberg College - Tiffin, Ohio



Qualifications:

- 24 Year Member - Spencerville School Board
- 40+ Years Sales and Management Experience in Agricultural and Food Industries
- Dedicated, unbiased advocate for student success
- Strong Financial Background
- Works for success of entire district without prejudice or personal agenda

Ryan McMichael



Occupation:

Agriculture & Natural Resource Educator for OSU Extension



Education:

- 2004 Graduate of Spencerville High School and Apollo Career Center
- Associates of Science from OSU - ATI in Agricultural Education
- BS from The Ohio State University in Agricultural Education
- MA from Concordia University in School Leadership



Qualifications:

- 15 Years in a Career within the Education Industry as a HS Vocational Agriculture Teacher and Extension Educator
- 7 Years in Church Leadership (3 Years as Chair of Administrative Council)
- Experience with School Finances and School Administration
- Parent of 3 Children, Multiple Nieces/Nephews/Cousins within the School District

2023 RETIRED STAFF BREAKFAST



October 24, 2023



Final Bearcat Roar!



FRONT (L TO R): JUDY OSTING, MARY FINROCK,
MARILYN SEIBERT, GEORGIA KELLER, MARIE HERMAN,
KAREN SHAFER, JUDY COIL, KATHY FELL, EILEEN
KLAUS, NANCY SULLIVAN
BACK (L TO R): DENNIS FUGE, DENISE ZIMMERMAN,
GOLDIE WISHER, TED SAVIDGE, TERESA SAVIDGE,
DIANE EUTSLER, TOM BURNETT, JIM METZGER, VERNA
HOWELL, PAULA BICE, PAT WARNECKE, FRAN LEVITT,
LINDA YAHL, LUANN YOUNGPETER



Superintendent Brian Woods welcomed our retired staff back this month for a delicious breakfast prepared by Miss Purdy and the FCCLA. The Spencerville Bearcat Marching Band got the attendees up on their feet and cheering after Mr. Woods completed his keynote presentation, Spencerville Schools: "Learning and Growing Together as One School, One Community, One Purpose". Thank you to all who attended and we can't wait until next year!

If you are a retired staff member of Spencerville Local Schools and you did not receive an invitation this year, please contact Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201 or ekisk@svbearcats.org to be sure you are first on the list for next year! Thank you!

Congratulations to our 2023
Homecoming Court and
our new Queen,
Quincey Baumgartner
and King Nathan Coulter!





On Friday, September 22, 2023 a great group of gentlemen were welcomed back to Memorial Field to be honored for a great accomplishment! This was the 60th reunion of the 1963 NWC Championship team that went 10-0! *Photo courtesy of Kajon Graphics*

Pictured left to right: Fred Metzger, Steve Smith, Marv Young, Bill Stanfield, Rex Schrolucke, Phil Sensabaugh, Bill Becker, Bob Simindinger, Preston Place, John Swickrath, Leroy Kill, Dick Waltz and Jim Sawmiller.

