



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### QUARTER III - 2022

#### BE IN THE KNOW

**VT Science Assessment for Juniors** Monday, May 16th Blocks 3 & 4

**Last Progress Report** Monday, May 23rd

**PAS Day** Tuesday, May 24th

**Senior Caps/Gown Distribution** Wednesday, May 18th during Block 3

**Spring Drama Production of Amélie: Teen Edition** Thursday-Saturday, May 19th-21st  
Click on this [link](#) to order tickets

**Spring Concert/Art Show** Thursday, May 26th

**Memorial Day Vacation** Monday, May 30th

**Freshman Step Up Night** Thursday, June 2nd

**Spring Playoff Pairings Announcement** Monday, May 30th

**Graduation Rehearsal for Seniors** Friday, June 17th

**129th Graduation** Saturday, June 18th

**Summer Reading Has Opened**  
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### MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISORY UNION

As the *Spaulding High School* graduating Class of 2022 prepares for the next stage of their lives, we wanted to invite you all to mark your calendars for this year's graduation ceremony! The Class of 2022 will be honored on Saturday afternoon, June 18 in a ceremony on *A.G. Pendo Field*, and we hope to see you there. Cheering on our graduates (in person!) is the best possible way to bring our community together and honor our students for their achievements and four years of hard work.

I also want to take a moment to celebrate and honor the extraordinary hard work of the SHS staff, faculty, and administration during what will surely be remembered as one of the most challenging years any of us have ever experienced. Covid related disruptions and staff shortages pushed everyone to the limits, but the SHS team persevered in notably student centered ways every single day! The Barre community is proud and grateful for their devotion to our students.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to offer a fond farewell to SHS Principal Brenda Waterhouse. Brenda will be making a transition to join the team at *Barre City Elementary and Middle School* as a Co-Principal after serving SHS as principal for the last eight years, and she will be sorely missed! I have had the honor of working with Brenda for a good chunk of my career, and there has never been (nor will there ever be) a person who has worked harder for the children and families of Barre. I know she will miss the *Spaulding* Community dearly, but she is very excited for this new opportunity to serve our youngest learners and the *BCEMS* community. We are all excited for her and wish her the best!

Thank you for reading. I wish you all a healthy, happy, and successful rest of the school year!

Chris

### *Navigating Their Way*



Students interested in Exercise Science/Athletic Training check out *Norwich University's* programs (above left) whereas Sophomores & Juniors explore Try A Major Day at *Vermont Tech*.



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS



On Tuesday, May 10th, the *Spaulding High School* community; including faculty and staff had the chance to engage in conversation with the incoming Administrative Team for FY2022/2023.

This model consists of Co-Principals: Marlon Maylor (center) & Luke Aither (right), along with new Assistant Principal, Mari Miller (left) who are excited to start on July 1st and form a new team.

For our community, Mr. Aither is well known to all of us and he has served *Spaulding* for the past 13 years as a former Special Educator and currently as the Assistant Principal. His roots are strong hailing from *Lamoille Union High School* and attended *Castleton University & Johnson State College* in order to earn his Bachelor's & Master Degrees.

Mr. Maylor is an experienced educator who comes to us from *Essex* after a successful year as one of their high school's Assistant Principals, and Ms. Miller is joining us after a long career as a teacher and administrator at *Rice Memorial High School* in Burlington.



This year's valedictorian is **Noah Rubel**, son of *David Rubel, Class of 1993*, and grandson of *Alan Rubel, Class of 1964*; both *Spaulding* alumni. Noah is an active member of Drama Club, Track & Field, Cross Country, Band/Jazz Band, and Student Council.

He is the Senior Class President and designed the class mural.

Noah shines in the world of fine arts and he has enjoyed courses like Digital Photography and Drawing with Mr. Eaton, along with participating in Work Based Learning (WBL) STEAM workshops with *Generator*.

In his free time, he sketches and immerses himself in digital creations. He has committed to *Concordia University* in Montreal, Canada.



**John Poirier** is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2022. He is involved with Band/Jazz Band, Drama and Student Council. He is the senior class vice president and the recipient of the *University of Vermont's Green & Gold Scholarship*.

John has shown outstanding performance in his academic pursuits, taking many Honors and AP level courses.

Over the years, he has enjoyed performing arts, being with his friends, and has a keen interest in STEM Programming by taking advantage of WBL STEM: *Generator* workshops.

Recently he was recipient of the Dr. Reynold's Scholarship and has made a decision to enroll in *University of Vermont's College of Engineering Mathematical Sciences (CEMS)* program in the Fall.

We wish both Noah and John the best as they continue their educational pursuits after *Spaulding High School*.

**In the Spotlight** Accountability, engaged listening, and advocacy work are at the forefront of Junior Class Officer, **Hayden Ross**.

He credits his experience as a Vermont page providing him with the foundational knowledge and skills in order to be a voice for others, especially now being a page for *Senator Leahy's office in Washington DC* this year. He credits Vermont Senator Ann Cummings as being instrumental in his comfort level of working with representatives at the Statehouse noting that "she took the time to listen, engage with us on how things were going, and appreciated our work."

Even though his day begins at 5:30AM, "the energy at the Capitol is just thrilling... to be in the federal buildings; astonishing, but more impressive is prepping the chambers for the day as the politicians engage in the work for the people," stated Hayden.

Yes, at first, there were some challenges: not having access to a cell phone, how the press reported out the day's events in the chamber, and "experiencing first hand the level of dialogue between the senators and learning the lingo."

But to Hayden's surprise, forming relationships and valuing one's community are even more important, especially after connecting with fellow alumnus, **Parker Nolan, Class of 2017**. Parker is currently employed in Senator Leahy's office.

Both have a sense of responsibility of leading by example and being a contributing member of one's community whether it be on the doorsteps of Washington DC or Main Street in Barre, Hayden and Parker embody the pillars of *Spaulding* and their hometown.



## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

### *The Maple Program*



Students visited *Goodrich Maple Farm in Eden*, which is one of the largest facilities in Vermont. **Coy Lyford, Class of 2023** (above right) learns about the materials used in tapping trees.

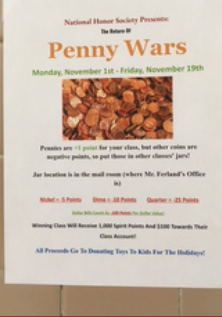
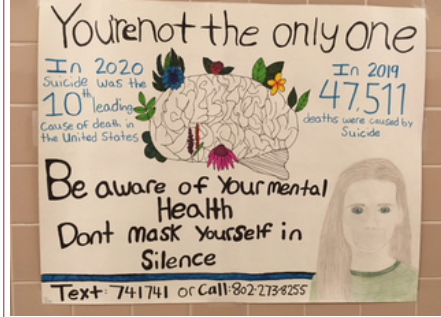
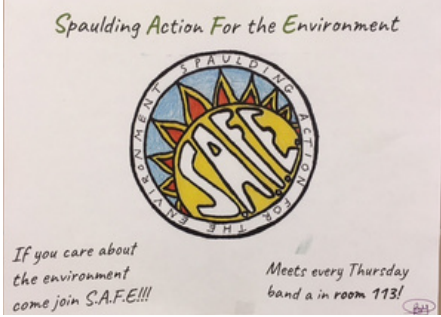
**Literally branching out like a sugar maple**, *Spaulding High School* alum and Band Director, Mr. Booth, often fondly referred to as Bobby is more determined to keep sugaring alive in our community.

Bobby is keenly aware that climate change is having an impact on the sugaring season, but his love for syrup production runs through his veins like milk did for his family.

In its first year, Bobby has developed an elective course around maple syrup production that not only showcases the process, but the historical value to Vermont's industry over the decades. By introducing students to various organizations, such as *Goodrich Maple Farm* in Eden, Vermont, his hope is to inspire students with the passion he has for this industry. He wants them to understand the value that maple syrup has in Vermont's history, not only from an agricultural perspective, but an economical one too.

For Bobby, he wants his students to experience the outdoors by making their way to tap trees, collect sap, and/or participate in the great Vermont tradition of producing maple syrup. For example, he recently brought his students to *Goodrich Maple Farm* which cares and maintains over 117,000 taps. Students learned very quickly that hard work combined with a passion are equally as of value to Vermont ingenuity.

For his students, it's a great way for them to learn and actually do biology, chemistry, and math in a practical, meaningful way, along with gaining the skills to be employed in the industry. According to Bobby having these kind of electives and opportunities are equally as important and they are vital to the economy.



# SPREADING TIDE PRIDE



**Doing what I love, what I am interested in, and what I want to do are important** to members of *Spaulding High School*.

*Spaulding Winter athletes played with heart and determination, which this community is so proud of!*

For Seniors, **Sam Donahue, Autumn Lewis, & Emily Poulin** having faith in oneself and knowing that they were worthy of a championship game were factors in their trek to the Barre Aud against Mt. Abraham in the Division II Championship Finals for girls basketball. According to **Autumn Lewis**, her team possessed "great chemistry, a great work ethic, and strong coaches" who literally turned around the girls basketball program.



This was reinforced by **Yvonne Roberge's** experience as a Junior. "We did a lot of the little things to make sure we were ready for the playoffs and it paid off. My favorite part of the season was in the Semi Final, on the final foul shots when I knew we were headed to the championship," Roberge stated.

Whereas Seniors, **Bria Dill, Emily Morris, & Zoe Tewksbury** understood the intensity of returning to the GUT because it was another chance to win the title as they did their sophomore year. Even though going against BFA: St. Albans seems like being caught in another tidal wave, the sounds, the energy, and "stamina of this team" was so rewarding as noted by Emily Morris. **Trevor Arsenault, Class of 2023** gives a shout out to his hockey players for having team chemistry throughout the year by keeping them afloat.



In regards to Tide Wrestlers, COVID forced them to not have a season for 2 years. Forcing **Landen Farnham, Ryan Glassford, Caleb Huntington, Coy Lyford, Nick Pierce, & Colton Perkins** to break free and hit the mats with such force; causing records to be broken and making a mark in the Wrestling community.

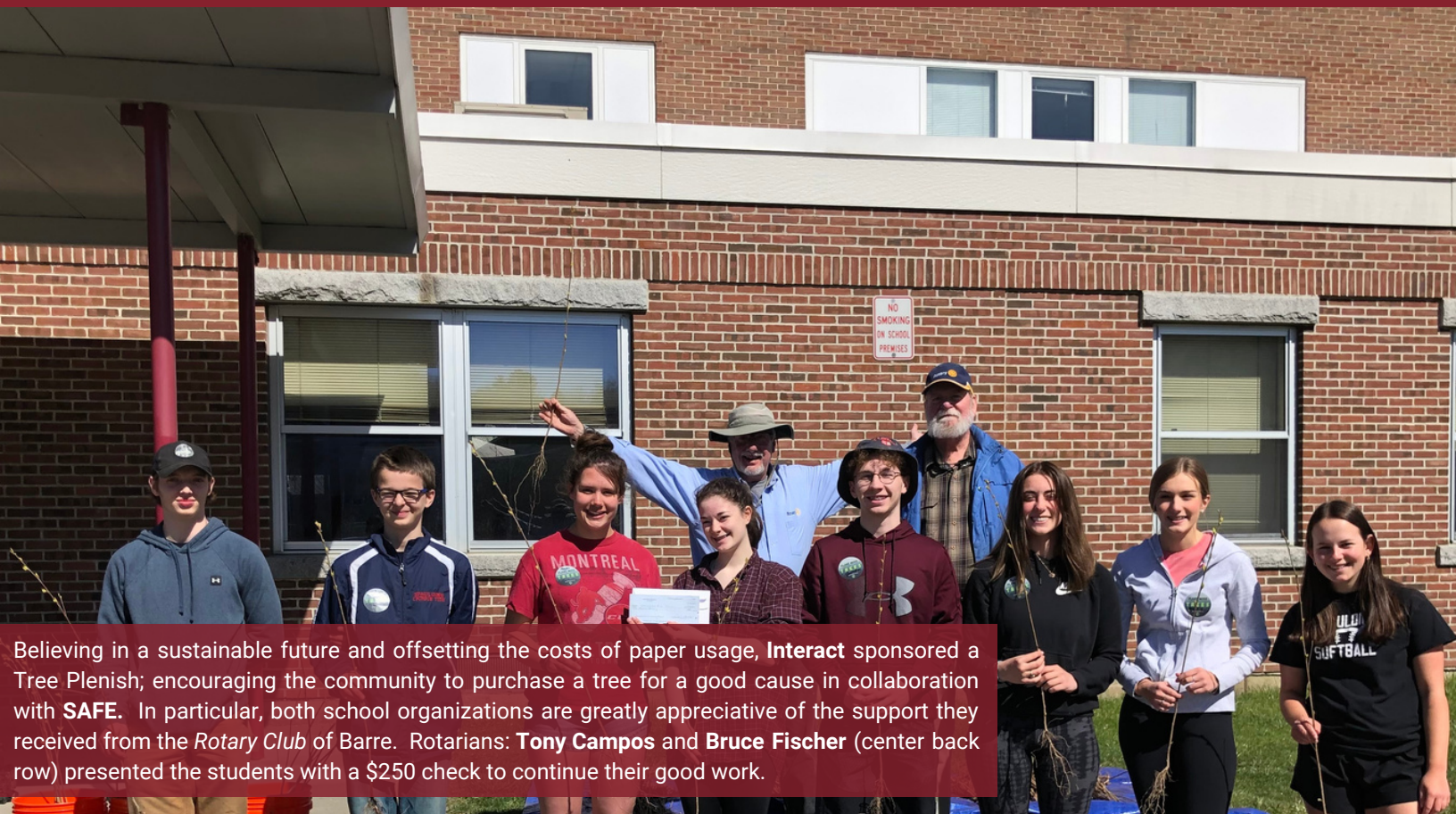
Nick noted "this has been the best season for Tide wrestling in years. Not only did we have five state champions and a runner up at the state tournament, we also were the *Vermont Dual Meet State Champions*."

Based upon this, **Cooper Diego, Class of 2023** highlights all the work of all athletes leading Tide Nation into the playoffs. For Cooper, he knows too well the significance of playing in the Aud as did his uncle and grandfather, Don Mugford Senior who played for *Spaulding*.



According to **Riley Severy**, also a Junior, he recognized the challenges of playing against Montpelier, but he felt the team was prepared mentally and physically. In particular, both Riley and Cooper hope to continue playoff berth for next year knowing that they have committed teammates and the potential to go far.

## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



Believing in a sustainable future and offsetting the costs of paper usage, **Interact** sponsored a Tree Plenish; encouraging the community to purchase a tree for a good cause in collaboration with **SAFE**. In particular, both school organizations are greatly appreciative of the support they received from the *Rotary Club* of Barre. Rotarians: **Tony Campos** and **Bruce Fischer** (center back row) presented the students with a \$250 check to continue their good work.

## We are constantly amazed and proud of our community.

*Braving the arctic waters of Lake Champlain and a Winter Storm, members of National Honor Society navigated their way to Burlington and participated in the annual Penguin Plunge; raising over \$5,297 for Special Olympics.*



**Student Council Spring Blood Drive**

Embracing the mission of the **Red Cross**, *Spaulding High School's Student Council* want to express their gratitude to the members of the community for donating over 55 pints of blood this past Fall and Spring during their sponsored blood drives.