

THE SPENCERVILLE



# BEARCAT



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BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023

As the new superintendent of Spencerville Local Schools, it is my privilege to welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year. After having spent the past eleven years serving the Parkway Local School District as the middle school principal, I am humbled and honored to return “home” to Spencerville.

I am beginning my 30<sup>th</sup> year in education with sixteen of those years at Spencerville where I served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and dean of students. I have great love for Spencerville Schools and the Spencerville community, and I am excited to use my knowledge and experience in leading the district.

As I have transitioned to the superintendent position this summer, I have been extremely impressed with our staff. We have a dedicated team of professionals who work hard to provide the best educational experience possible for our students. I look forward to working with each of them to continue, and build upon, the excellence of Spencerville Schools.

I wish our students and families a great 2023-24 school year. I invite parents to be active in their children’s education by working closely with our teachers and principals. Good communication with the school helps avoid misunderstandings and unnecessary frustrations.

To keep up with all of the latest school news, make sure to visit our school website, [www.spencervillebearcats.com](http://www.spencervillebearcats.com), regularly. Please also sign up for our various text alerts through the website. If you need help with a specific problem, do not hesitate to call the school. The school secretary can usually answer your questions or will help point you in the right direction.

I encourage parents and community members to feel free to contact me if there are issues or concerns that have not been able to be resolved. Together, we can create a positive school experience for all!

Go Bearcats!!!  
Brian Woods  
Superintendent



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welcome



Spencerville Schools welcomes our new staff members for the 2023-24 school year:

Darren Sharp – High School Math  
Chelsea Davis – High School Science  
Kayla Mull – Kindergarten  
Kayla James – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Rebekah Ricker – Elementary Music  
Andrea Tucker - Recess Monitor  
Anne Bertke – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Chelsea Schnipke—Staff Social Worker  
Reyna Collins—Bus Driver/Food Service  
Karen Schwark – Van Driver/Aide

We also have two changes in assignment for the new year; Rachel Abel is moving from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Jenn Stephenson is moving from Kindergarten to Title I Reading. We welcome our new staff members and wish Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Stephenson luck in their new roles.



**Spencerville Local Schools**  
**Welcomes you to our 2nd Annual**



**BACK**  
**TO SCHOOL**  
**FAIR**

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

**12:00pm to 2:00pm**

**4:00pm to 6:30pm**

- ◆ Visit Your Student's Classroom
- ◆ Meet the Teachers and Administration
- ◆ School Pictures
- ◆ Schedule Pick-up
- ◆ View Homeroom Lists (K-5)
- ◆ Fee Payment
- ◆ Meet with Guidance Counselors
- ◆ ProgressBook InfoSessions
- ◆ Food Service (lunch money, applications)
- ◆ Technology (device request)
- ◆ Complete Your FinalForms
- ◆ Donated School Supplies (while supplies last)
- ◆ Bring Your School Supplies
- ◆ Find Your Locker
- ◆ Tour the K-12 Building
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Student Organization Information
- ◆ Clinic (Bring medications, meet the nurse)
- ◆ Pick up pre-ordered Class Kits
- ◆ Lifewise Academy
- ◆ Local Vendors / Businesses
- ◆ Refreshments and Prizes
- ◆ Boy / Girl Scouts
- ◆ SYAA
- ◆ SAFY
- ◆ ..and more!!!!

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





From the desk of the  
High School Principal  
*Mr. Scott Gephart*



Welcome back!! I hope everyone had the opportunity to find some time to relax and recharge. I am excited about the upcoming school year and the opportunities for our students. As we start the new school year, we have some new faces joining the Bearcat family. Please welcome back Mr. Darren Sharp, who will be replacing Ms. Mullenhour and teaching pre-algebra and algebra I. Ms. Chelsea Davis will be replacing Mrs. Hunter and teaching biology, anatomy and physiology, environmental science, and astronomy. We wish them the best!

“Back to School Fair” will be held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm and 4-6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet our staff while walking through your students' schedule. You will have the opportunity to get information on clubs and organizations the high school has to offer, meet with the school nurse, if necessary, and to have your students' picture taken by Lange Photography. Members of the cafeteria staff, transportation and technology departments will be available to provide assistance and answer questions you may have. There will also be several local organizations from the community on site if you are looking to become more involved.

As a reminder, attendance plays a critical role in your student's academic success. With the effects of Covid the last few years, I know attendance has been up and down with what we all had to deal with. We need to get back to the mindset prior to Covid of coming to school each and every day. Students need to be at school and on time to receive instruction from their teachers. The high school day begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:45pm. We ask our students to enter the building no earlier than 7:20am. We do ask if your student will not be able to make it to school for any reason that you call our building secretary, Brittany Kennedy, at 419.647.4111 ext. 3200, or you may email her at [kennedyb@svbearcats.org](mailto:kennedyb@svbearcats.org). If your student is not feeling well and you are uncertain whether to send them, our nurse, Mrs. Christy Erickson, is here to help you make that decision. I know it is very easy for students to text you they are not feeling well and want to go home. I ask that you please check with the school before just coming and picking them up. Students may only miss so many hours, excused or unexcused, before an intervention plan will be put in place.

We are doing everything we can to make this another great school year! We have an amazing community with great students, parents, and staff! We all want what is best for our Bearcat students. I came across this quote over the summer and will be sharing it with the high school staff and would like to share it with you....

“Be positive, encouraging, and uplifting. You may be the lighthouse in the midst of someone’s storm.” - Dr. Brad Johnson

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. As I mentioned above, communication is key, and we can solve issues or problems by talking it through. You can reach me at [gepharts@svbearcats.org](mailto:gepharts@svbearcats.org) or 419.647.4111 ext. 3203. Take care and stay healthy! We look forward to seeing you at the “Back to School Fair”.

# SPENCERVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Spencerville Athletic Boosters thank you for your past contributions and for your tremendous support of our student athletes. We are an organization that provides assistance for all junior high and high school sports and student athletes. We are a Bearcat Family! We welcome your support and invite you to our meetings which are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Home Economics room of Spencerville School.

**2022 Highlights:**

- Cross Country Uniforms
- Track Uniforms
- Football sled
- Softball pants
- Cross Country Timing System
- Scorer's Tables for Main Gym



## *2023 Annual Bearcat Booster Drive*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like name(s) listed to be recognized in the Fall/Winter Sports Program?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment Level

- White level—\$20
- Black level—\$40
- Bearcat Century Club —\$100
- Bearcat Backers Club —\$500
- Bearcat Forever Club —\$1000

Method of Payment  Check  Cash

**Please make checks payable to Spencerville Athletic Boosters and mail to:  
P.O. Box 66, Spencerville, OH 45887, Attn: 2023 Bearcat Booster Drive.**

The Spencerville Athletic Boosters are a 501c(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows.



# From the desk of the Elementary Principal

*Mrs. Susan Wagner*

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!! The elementary staff is so excited to start another school year! Summer is such a wonderful time to sit back and enjoy family and friends. Hopefully everyone feels rejuvenated and ready to learn and grow.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** Drop-off for elementary students will be the same as last year. Parents can drop off using the west parking lot and students will enter through the AG entrance, or students may be dropped off at the bell tower entrance. Please do not let students out of cars until 8:25, as that is when the doors open.

Elementary pick up will remain in the west parking lot and parents will be expected to park and pick up their students from the staff on duty. **We will add one new safety feature this year. All students will have 3 pick-up cards with their individual names on them. The cards will be available for pick up in the student's homeroom class at the Back to School Fair.** Anyone picking up a student **MUST** show the card with the student's name on it to the staff member on duty. If there is not a card presented to staff, then the student will be brought into the office. The pick-up person will be verified by the principal or secretary and the student will need to be signed out. We appreciate your support as we are trying to make our school more safe and secure. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy, please contact Mrs. Wagner.

**Electronic Devices:** No electronic devices of any kind will be allowed on at school. If students enter the building with phones or smart watches, they will be required to be turned off and placed in their bookbags until the end of the day. Young students are easily distracted and we want to ensure your child gets the most out of their educational opportunity.

**A few tidbits:** Attendance has become an important focus over the past few years. It is important students are here to experience the best educational setting. According to HB 166, students with a nonmedical excuse or without legitimate excuse are only allowed to miss 65 hours of school. Once 65 hours has been attained, a doctor's note will be required to excuse further absences. Please refer to the handbook for details regarding this policy. The handbook is located on the elementary webpage.

Staff will continue to communicate using class dojo. Teachers will send out instructions for new class accounts as we near closer to the start of school.

**PTO:** I would like to thank our PTO, parents and students for a successful Laps for Learning campaign in the spring! The staff and students had a blast!! PTO is vital to providing wonderful opportunities for our students! PTO sponsors all K-4 fieldtrips, books for our classrooms and libraries, and multiple rewards teachers give to students. We appreciate all of the time and effort these volunteers give to our school community. Please consider being a part of this amazing organization!! Please contact Andrea Tucker for more information.

**Football Games:** We are ready for another thrilling season of Bearcat football!! We want to ensure all students can enjoy the game and cheer our team in a safe manner, therefore footballs are prohibited to be brought into the stadium by fans.

## **There are many new faces to the elementary staff this year and they would like to introduce themselves to you!!**

I'm **Kayla James** and I am going to be teaching **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** this year! Prior to teaching at Spencerville, I taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Unity Elementary in Lima. I was lucky enough to finish my senior year of college in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during my student teaching segment, so it is a complete dream to be back where I started! I absolutely love teaching and all the components that come with it! Aside from teaching, I am blessed with the best husband named Austin, the sweetest little baby girl named Klarke and two dogs—Mia & Mabel. We reside in Wapakoneta but both grew up and graduated from St. Marys! In my spare time, you can catch me crafting away, walking & spending time with family! With all that being said, I am looking forward to the best year ever! Go Bearcats!

My name is **Kayla Mull** and I will be the new **Kindergarten** teacher. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Bluffton, a Masters degree from BGSU, and spent the last 8 years teaching in Lima City Schools. I reside in Spencerville with my husband Zac, and two children, Brantley and McKenna. I enjoy traveling, cooking and sports. I love building relationships with my students and helping to instill a love for learning and reading. I'm very excited to be a Bearcat!

Hello, Bearcats! My name is **Anne Bertke**, and I am the new **4th-grade math and science** teacher. This past April I graduated from Wright State Lake Campus with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a licensure in P-5 Elementary Education. I am so excited to be teaching 4th grade and even more excited to be a part of the Bearcat family! A little about me...I grew up on a dairy farm in Maria Stein with my 6 older siblings. This past July I married my better half, Todd. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family & friends, shopping, reading, and walking. Fun fact about me: I have a summer job where I take care of residential pools with my best friend!

I am **Rebekah Ricker** and I am the new **elementary music teacher**. I am a Spencerville graduate and am excited to join the program! I studied piano and voice in college while earning my music education degree from Bluffton University. I am married to Shaun, also a Spencerville graduate and have three children: Nadia; a senior, Alexzander; 7th grade and William; 5th grade. I have volunteered with the middle and high school choir and band programs as an accompanist for several years. For the past three years I have also worked with the Color Guard. I play keyboard for my church where I am also employed as the Communications Director. I have spent the last 13 years instilling a love of music in my private music students and I look forward to this next group of students! In what little spare time I allow myself, you will find me reading a book or listening to podcasts (which are most likely about true crime).

Hello Spencerville Community! I am **Andrea Tucker**, I'm your new **recess monitor**. I am very excited to be a Bearcat and to get to know all of you this coming school year. A little about me; I am married to my wonderful husband Jason and we have 3 amazing girls Nora (3rd grader), Ellison and Maggie. I enjoy camping, baking/cooking, vacationing with my family and cheering on my girls in their dance and cheer activities. Before becoming a Bearcat I spent 10+ years as a day care teacher. I'm looking forward to having an amazing year making memories, laughing and having fun on the playground. Go Bearcats!

**Chelsea Schnipke**, MSW, LSW is excited to join the Spencerville Local Schools community. She will be responsible for helping students and their families identify available resources that alleviate barriers to their student's education and attendance, as well as provide counseling services to those with an identified need. Chelsea's experience includes working with the Lima City Schools social work department and Family Resource Center in Lima, Ohio as an outpatient mental health therapist. She is ready and excited to meet our students and families as we kick off the 2023-2024 school year! Chelsea completed her Master of Social Work from The Ohio State University in May of 2023 and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bowling Green State University. Chelsea and her husband Brett reside in Kalida and have 2 children. She can be reached by emailing [schnipkec@svbearcats.org](mailto:schnipkec@svbearcats.org) or calling the school office.

I am excited to see all of the amazing academic success that will happen for your students this year. We have a wonderful staff who truly loves and values each and every student and will work hard to develop your child's academic and emotional well-being. Please keep the lines of communication open. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open. Feel free to contact me via phone at (419) 647-4113 ext 3101 or via email [wagners@svbearcats.org](mailto:wagners@svbearcats.org).

Susie Wagner

**Spencerville Local Schools**  
2023/2024 Town Stops

**Middle School / High School**

**Butterfly**

Charles and 1st  
Oak and 4th (401 Oak St.)

**Cow**

Veteran's Park (319 N Main St.)

**Giraffe**

Main and 1st. (311 S. Main St.)  
Main and 3rd. (111 S. Main St.)  
Neidhardt Park (Pearl St.)  
Storage Units (SR 66)

**Kangaroo**

Mulberry and Elm (415 Mulberry St.)  
Methodist Church (4th St. Side)  
313 W. North St.

**Turtle**

Village Park (2nd St Shelter House)  
Melford Village (Shelter House)  
Broadway and George St. (By Alley)

**Elementary**

**Butterfly**

Village Park (2nd St Shelter House)  
Neidhardt Park (Pearl St.)  
Union St. (Grassy Alley)  
Storage Units (SR 66)

**Cow**

Veteran's Park (319 N Main St.)  
Mulberry and Elm (415 Mulberry St.)  
Methodist Church (4th St. Side)

**Giraffe**

Main and 1st. (311 S. Main St.)  
Main and 3rd. (111 S. Main St.)

**Kangaroo**

Oak and 4th (325 W. 4th)  
Birch and Oak (303 Oak St.)  
Charles and 1st  
Main and Plum (19039 Plum St.)

**Turtle**

Melford Village (Shelter House)  
Broadway and George St. (By Alley)

Please contact **Tara Kaverman, Transportation Coordinator**

With your transportation questions at (419) 647-4111 x3166 - [kavermant@svbearcats.org](mailto:kavermant@svbearcats.org)

**BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**

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

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

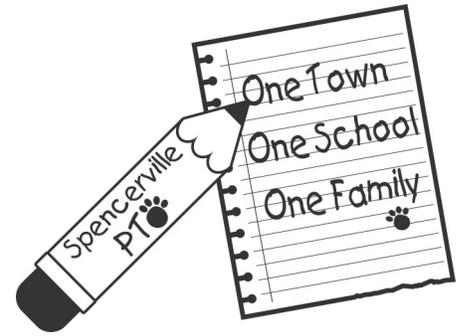
## Spencerville-Jennings PTO NEWS

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

We look forward to serving our students, our teachers and our school! Activities, funded by PTO, and planned for the 2023-2024 school year include:

- K-4 Fall & Spring Field Trips
- Fall & Spring Scholastic Book Fairs
- National Reading Month
- Teacher Conference Meals & Teacher/Staff Appreciation Days
- End-of-year parties for elementary students
- Scholarship for high school seniors furthering their education in the education field.
- Laps for Learning (our annual fundraiser)
- purchasing additional supplies, materials, books & incentives/rewards for the classrooms

We would like to try to do some other activities but will need more parent involvement and volunteers to do more events.



### **2023-2024 PTO officers and contact information:**

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

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

Secretary: Jen Settle mire jennifersettle mire@gmail.com

Treasurer: Andrea Tucker, anjtucker2012@gmail.com

PTO email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

PTO Facebook page: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Help support the PTO all year long with Box Tops for Education & Kroger Community Rewards!

- Box Tops: download the app, add Spencerville Jennings as your school, scan your receipts
- Kroger Rewards: visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), sign into your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc, Org#: XB857)

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

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

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

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

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

## From the desk of the Middle School Principal

*Mr. John Edinger*



Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a relaxing summer and have rejuvenated the batteries for another great school year! As the school year approaches, it is obvious that the summer crew has been working hard in getting the building ready, our teachers are returning to the building to work their magic to create a fun, engaging learning environment. All we need now are the students!

For the school to be successful and have our students reach their highest potential, they will need support from home and school. Therefore, I ask that parents and students review the student handbook (found on-line). Our goal is for every student to feel safe, to learn, to reach their fullest potential, and to have fun! I am blessed to have a great school family of Teachers, Secretaries, Support Staff, Fellow Administrators, Counselors, Nurse, Custodians, Café Staff, Bus Drivers, Parents/Guardians. I believe we have all grown to appreciate each other's commitment to children. I pray that we continue to grow together, find some peace, and that we all continue to work as a team.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Back-To-School Fair on Monday, August 28th! Don't forget that school pictures are taken on this day so dress appropriately.

Here are some bullet points for our re-opening:

- Agenda Books – just like last year, there will be no agenda books this year. All handbook information can be found on our school website at [www.spencervillebearcats.com](http://www.spencervillebearcats.com)
- Lockers – will be provided as usual - locks will not be provided but can be issued upon request. We ask that if you use a lock, please use ours.
- Backpacks (New) - We will not allow students to carry backpacks from class to class as we have in the past. They can bring them to school and put them in their provided locker. The backpacks have become trip hazards in the classroom.
- Arrival to school – Doors will open at 7:25 a.m. - students will either go to breakfast or 1st period when entering the building
- Water Bottles – Only water will be allowed during the school day.

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· Attendance – if your child will be absent or leaving during school hours, please call/email Billie at 419-647-4112 x3103 or woodb@svbearcats.org. If your child is leaving during school hours, a written request or phone call is to be submitted to the school office prior to dismissal. The school office must be notified by a parent/guardian for dismissal of the student during school hours. Personal texts or social media outlets will not be accepted.

Hall of F.A.M.E. The Hall of FAME will continue! FAME stands for Family, Accountable, Mindful, Energy. Every student will be assigned a “school parent” from the Middle School Staff. Each “parent” will have a family consisting of a mix of 5th-8th grade students. The “school parent” responsibilities will include:

- Monitoring grades/attendance/behavior of their “children”
- Leading family time discussions (periodically through the year)
- Be available to have individual discussions

The Pride Program will also continue in the Middle School. Students will be allowed “recess” time on designated days if all their homework/classwork is up to date. This “recess” time would be during study hall.

Dress Code: As you shop for school clothes, please keep in mind the dress code. Students should dress comfortably and appropriately for school. The complete dress code can be found in the handbook, but here are a few bullets:

- No hats/hoodies once they enter the building.
- No inappropriate images and/or language on clothing.
- Fingertip rule – shorts, dresses, holes in pants must be “fingertip length”. A student should be able to stand straight, arms by their side, and not have their fingertips reach past their clothing. Any hole above the fingertip must be covered.
- Leggings are allowed with a top of appropriate length for coverage.

If you feel anything is inappropriate to wear to wear to school, then don’t. I appreciate your attention and cooperation.

MS/HS Student Drop-off and Pick-up: Students who will be dropped off and/or picked up at school by vehicle will use the front entrance. Please keep this moving smoothly. If you are waiting for pick-up, please move up as far as possible to not hold up the line. We ask that no cars park in the lane between the school and weight room. Thanks in advance for being patient and safe.

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Football Games: Just like last year, we ask that fans come to the game and be great spectators and cheer on the teams. For the safety of all fans, footballs are prohibited to be brought to games by fans. Also, seating will be designated for the students, the same as last year.

Parents: The number one factor in your son or daughter's education is YOU! Support from home is critical. To me things are very simple to be a successful student: show up with a great attitude, treat people kindly, do what is expected, and prepare to learn! These things cost nothing to implement and require zero talent! I ask you:

1. Make time for daily chats about school
2. Don't accept "Nothing" when you ask your child "What did you learn today?"
3. Check that homework is complete – Progressbook is a great tool for this. Parents have access to Progressbook to check grades, missing assignments, attendance.
4. Support the school, become familiar with the school policies.

"The best inheritance a parent can give their children is a few minutes of their time each day."  
–O. A. Battista

Bottom line be involved! I have always said, the most difficult yet rewarding job of all is being a parent. Don't assume that once they are in middle school, they don't need your involvement. They do! The entire faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming your children back. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children. My goal is open communication between students, parents, staff, and myself. I ask that if you ever have a concern/question, please contact the school directly for information. Social media can be a great tool for information, yet some people use it as a venting ground without specifics. This may lead to unexpected confusion. Please know that your child is important to us.

Have a safe and happy school year! I can be reached at 419-647-4112 x 3500 or email [edingerj@svbearcats.org](mailto:edingerj@svbearcats.org).

**AUGUST 28TH**



**SCAN ME**

**TO ORDER SCHOOL  
PICTURES!  
USE CODE: U5K2X9EB**



## SPENCERVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS 2023 FALL SCHEDULE

<u>JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL</u>					<u>JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL</u>				
Thursday	8/24	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM	Tuesday	8/22	St. Marys	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	8/31	Leipsic	Home	5:00 PM	Thursday	8/24	Wapakoneta	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/7	@ Allen East	Away	5:00 PM	Thursday	9/7	@ St. Johns	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/14	Ada	Home	5:00pm	Monday	9/11	@ Allen East	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/21	@ Crestview	Away	5:00 PM	Tuesday	9/12	Lincolnview	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/28	@ Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM	Thursday	9/14	@ New Bremen	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	10/5	Delphos Jefferson	Home	5:00pm	Tuesday	9/19	Bluffton	Home	5:00 PM
					Thursday	9/21	@ Leipsic	Away	5:00 PM
<u>JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY</u>					Tuesday	9/26	Perry	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	8/26	@ St. Johns	Away	9:00 AM	Thursday	9/28	@ Columbus Grove	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	9/2	@ Columbus Grove	Away	8:30 AM	Saturday	9/30	New Knoxville	Home	10:00 AM
Tuesday	9/5	Perry/Shawnee	Home	4:30 PM	Monday	10/2	@ Ada	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	9/9	Bearcat Invite	Home	9:00 AM	Thursday	10/5	Jefferson	Home	5:00pm
Saturday	9/16	@ OG	Away	9:00 AM	Saturday	10/7	NWC Tournament	Home	9:00 AM
Saturday	9/23	@ Van Wert Invite	Away	9:00 AM	Monday	10/9	Crestview	Home	5:00 PM
Tuesday	9/26	@ Bath Invite	Away	9:00 AM	Saturday	10/14	NWC Tournament	Home	9:00 AM
Saturday	9/30	@ Botkins	Away	10:00 AM					
Tuesday	10/3	@ LCC	Away	4:30 PM					
Saturday	10/7	@ Anna	Away	10:00 AM					
Saturday	10/14	NWC Championship	Home	9:00 AM					



# SEPTEMBER 2023

Spencerville K-12

K-4: \$2.70 5-12: \$3.00 Reduced: \$.0 Milk: \$.75



## Monday

Fruit- Fresh  
 Apple-19 Bananas-27 Orange-21  
 Grapes-25 Pear-22 Melons-9  
 Fruit-Canned  
 Peaches-14 Pears-16 Mx. Fruit-16  
 Applesauce-19 Juice-15 Cranrains-27  
 Peach Cinnamon-29 Blueberries-11  
 Fruit-Treats  
 Frozen Sh. Waffles-10 Pouches-25  
 Frozen Strawberry or Peach Cup-20  
**Milk: Choc-20 White-13**

**4**  
  
**K-12:** Macaroni & Cheese-25  
 Broccoli-6  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Soft Pretzel Stick-29  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or BBQ Pork-17 Sandwich-25

## Tuesday

**5**  
**K-4:** Stuff Crust Cheese Pizza-33  
 Corn-28  
 Carrots 4/6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** French Bread Pizza or  
 BBQ Rib-13 Sandwich-25

**12**  
**K-12:** Salisbury Steak w/Gravy-4  
 Mashed Potatoes-21  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Warm Biscuit-24  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Honey Sirracha Chicken-15

## Wednesday

**6**  
**K-12:** Chicken Drumstick-5  
 Cheesy Mashed Potatoes-22  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Sweet Roll-31  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Salisbury Steak-2  
 Sandwich-25

**13**  
**K-4:** Mini Corn Dogs-33  
 Baked Beans-22  
 Broccoli-4/6 Dip-2  
 Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies-25  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Chili-24 Cheese-1 Fries-20  
 Bosco Stick-17  
 Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies  
 Fruit/Milk

## Thursday

**7**  
 Aug 31  
**K-12:** Chicken Tenders-16  
 Cheesy Mashed Potatoes-22  
 Baked Beans-22  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Sweet Roll-31  
 Fruit/Milk

**14**  
**K-12:** French Toast-45  
 Sausage Link-0  
 Smiley Fries-30/40  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Breakfast Pizza-36/48

## Friday

**1**  
**K-12:** Pizza-33  
 GreenBeans-4  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk

**8**  
**K-12:** Doritos Taco Salad  
 (meat-5 lettuce-2 cheese-1 chips-20)  
 Salsa-3 Black Beans Topping-23  
 Sour Cream-1  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Quesadilla Pizza-39  
**9-12:** Graham Crisp-24

## Monday

**11**  
**K-12:** Macaroni & Cheese-25  
 Broccoli-6  
 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Soft Pretzel Stick-29  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or BBQ Pork-17 Sandwich-25

**18**  
**K-12:** Super Nachos  
 (beef-5, cheese-1, chips-27/37)  
 Salsa-23 Sour Cream-1  
 Cheesy Refried Beans-31  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Buffalo Dip-6 Chips-27

## Tuesday

**19**  
**K-12:** Cheeseburger- Sandwich  
 French Fries-19  
 Broccoli-4/6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Bacon Cheeseburger-2 Sandwich-25  
 Or Cheese Pizza-35

**26**  
**K-4:** Personal Pan Pizza-25  
 Green Beans-6  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Buffalo Chicken Pizza-35  
 or BBQ Rib-13 Sandwich-25  
 Green Beans-4  
 Carrots-6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk

## Wednesday

**20**  
**K-4:** Personal Pan Pizza-25  
 Green Beans-6  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Pizza-35 or BBQ Pork-17 Sandwich-25  
 Green Beans-4  
 Carrots-6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk

**27**  
**K-4:** Hot Dog-2 Sandwich-25  
 Baked Beans-22  
 100% Sun Sip Juice-15  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Hot Dog-2 Sandwich-25 w/Topping-5 or  
 BBQ Rib-13 Sandwich-25

## Thursday

**21**  
**K-4:** Egg & Sausage Uncrustable-15  
 Cheese Stick-1  
 Potato Bites-25 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Egg Cheese & Sausage  
 Biscuit Sandwich-19 or Pizza-33  
 Potato Bites-25 Carrots-4/6 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk

**28**  
**K-12:** French Toast-45  
 Egg Cheese Omelet-2  
 Smiley Fries-30/40  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Or Breakfast Pizza-36/48

## Friday

**22**  
**K-4:** Popcorn Chicken-20  
 Cheesy Mashed Potatoes-22  
 Broccoli-4 Dip-2  
 Sweet Roll-31 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Popcorn Chicken Bowl  
 (chicken-20, potatoes-21, gravy-3 corn-28)  
 Sweet Roll-31  
 Fruit/Milk

**29**  
**K-4:** Pizza Rippers-25  
 Corn-28 Carrots-4 Dip-2  
 Fruit/Milk  
**5-12:** Burrito Bowl  
 Choice of Beef-5 or Chicken-2  
 Rice-18 Corn-28 Salsa-3 Sour Cream-1  
 Tomatoes-5 Black Beans-Lettuce-1  
 Queso Cheese-1 Chips-19  
 Fruit/Milk

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# Serving Up... Bearcat Pride!!

**BREAKFAST**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

Spencerville K-12

No Breakfast Served Delay Days

K-4: \$1.35 5-12: \$1.45 Reduced: \$0 Extra Milk \$ .75

No Charging allowed for Breakfast  
Menu subject to change  
Carb counts included on menu beside the entrée.

**Monday**

Fruit- Fresh  
Apple-19 Banana-27 Orange-21  
Grapes-25 Pear-22 Melons-9  
Fruit-Canned  
Peaches-14 Peas-16 Mix Fruit-16  
Pineapple-19 Juice-15 Cranium-27  
Appleauce-20 Raisins-27 Blueberries-11  
Peach Crumble-20 Warm Apples-20  
Fruit- Frozen  
Frozen Slush Cups/Pouches-25  
Frozen Strawberry or Peach Cups-20  
Milk: Choc-20, White-13

**LABOR DAY**



**Tuesday**

4  
Fruit Strudel, Bagel or  
Crescent Stick-36  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

**Wednesday**

Aug 30  
Warm Glazed  
Donut-35  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

5  
Warm Glazed  
Donut-35  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

**Thursday**

Aug 31  
French Toast Sticks-38  
Or Egg, Cheese & Sausage  
Breakfast Bagel-23  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

6  
French Toast Sticks-38  
Or Egg, Cheese & Sausage  
Breakfast Bagel-23  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

**Friday**

1  
Breakfast Uncrustable-16  
Or PBJ Uncrustable-32  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

7  
Breakfast Uncrustable-16  
Or PBJ Uncrustable-32  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

11  
Banana Chocolate Chunk,  
Oatmeal Chocolate Chip or  
French Toast Bar-48  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

12  
Fruit Strudel, Bagel or  
Crescent Stick-36  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

13  
Warm Glazed  
Donut-35  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

14  
French Toast Sticks-38  
Or Egg, Cheese & Sausage  
Breakfast Bagel-23  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

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Breakfast Uncrustable-16  
Or PBJ Uncrustable-32  
Juice/Fruit  
Milk

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Oatmeal Chocolate Chip or  
French Toast Bar-48  
Juice/Fruit  
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**SPENCERVILLE**  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

# 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.





## Refreshing Your Skills

Over the summer students entering 7th or 8th grade had the opportunity to complete levels of study island in order to keep the skills they have already learned, strengthen some areas of weakness, or build some new skills.

The study island program has videos and lessons to assist in learning and/or reteaching. Students entering Algebra as 8th graders also had this opportunity as the Algebra 1 level was added so these students could extend their own learning. Students had two months to complete as much as they could or wanted to complete.

Incoming 7th graders had the 5th grade level, 6th grade level, and the 7th grade level added and the incoming 8th grade students had the 6th grade level, 7th grade level, 8th grade level, and Algebra 1 level added.

A letter went home with grade cards at the end of the year this past year to all incoming 7th and 8th graders explaining many different ideas for strengthening your child's abilities in math along with an explanation of the study island available over the summer.

My congratulations go out to **Jaelyn Gehrlich** who has earned over 100 blue ribbons on topics of study island. She will be receiving a \$25 gift card for being the student who earned the highest number of blue ribbons throughout the summer.

I am so excited to see all of the students and work together towards the successes for your child (children). Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Together in education;  
Pamela Shumate





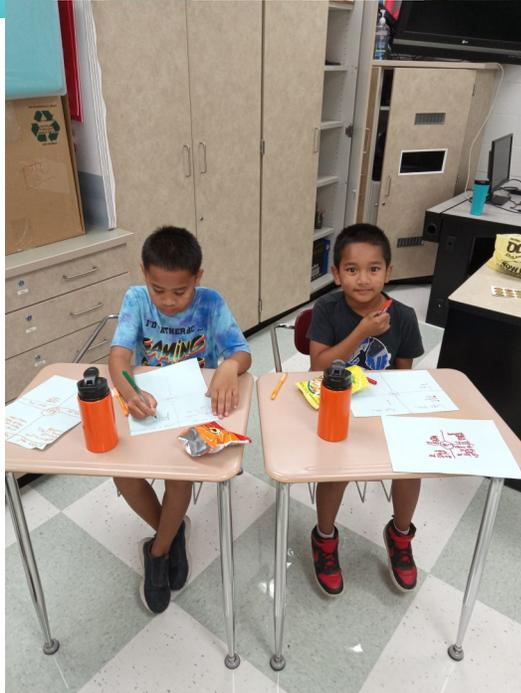
The first BTB will be Monday, September 11, 3 - 4pm.

'Beyond the Bell' is an after-school study time where middle school students are able to finish that day's homework, work on missing or absent assignments, or to work with a teacher for better understanding of a subject.

Students will begin in Mrs. Rammel's room, then divided into smaller groups for study time.

A snack and drink will be provided. BTB is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 - 4 pm. If you would like your child to stay, please email Mrs. Rammel ([rammelc@svbearcats.org](mailto:rammelc@svbearcats.org)) anytime.

Students will be able to walk home or be picked up at the Middle School entrance in back of the school.

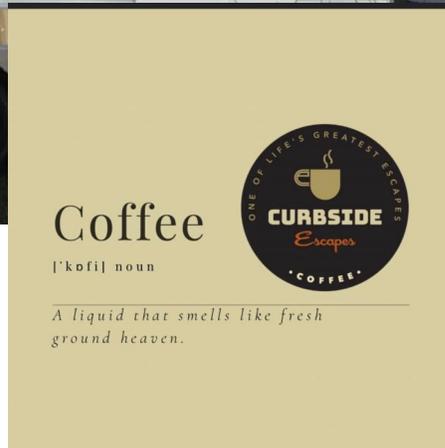
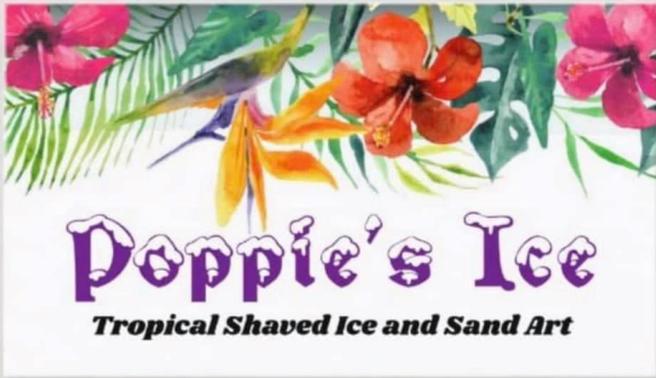


During the week of July 24th, many of our Marshallese students attended a Summer Fun Week organized by our TESOL coordinator, David Lenhart.

While the underlying focus throughout the week was on strengthening English speaking and writing skills, the students were also able to enhance their knowledge of the local community through visits to the Spencerville Historical Museum and Kendrick Woods.

Prizes, snacks, games, and Bearcat garb were supplied in part through gracious donations from the Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church and the Todd Keller family. I would also like to thank Gary Metzger and Ron Miller for their support in providing an informational museum experience for our youngsters.

We are excited to share that we will be having the following food trucks this year at our Back to School Fair on Monday, August 28th. Most trucks will be set up and ready around 11:00 and will stay open through the day, until 6:30/7 (as long as supplies last). We are thankful for them for coming and serving not only our students, families, and staff but they will be open to the community. Keep in mind, some trucks may take cash only.



**JOIN US AT THE  
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR!!!**

Information from the School Nurse:



## Welcome back Bearcat Family!

### Health Screenings for 2023-2024:

The following health screenings will be completed throughout the school year, thus meeting the Ohio Department of Health requirements:

Vision- K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

Hearing- K, 1, 3, 5, 9, 11

Height/Weight- K

Vision, hearing- New students to the school district in any grade

If you do not want your child to participate in a screening, please notify me.

### Special Education Students:

Amended House Bill 95 requires all students who are initially identified with a disability to have a comprehensive eye examination from an eye doctor within 90 days unless the student has had a previous eye examination in the past 9 months. Cost should not be an issue for students without insurance as assistance is available. Please contact the school psychologist, Heidi Hollar, or me for further information.

### Reminder on School's Medication Policy:

Any prescription medication that is to be taken during school hours MUST be dropped off by the parent, guardian, or other authorized adult and will be logged in by the nurse or secretary. I must have an updated order from the physician to be able to give any prescription medications during the school day. You can find these forms on the website ( [Medical Forms - Spencerville Local School District \(spencervillebearcats.com\)](https://www.spencervillebearcats.com) ). Students are prohibited from carrying prescription medication into the school or carry during school hours. In addition, over-the-counter (OTC) medications needs to be dropped off first thing in the morning in the clinic or office. Students are not permitted to have in their possession an OTC medication during school hours.

### Kindergarteners:

Please have your child's immunizations completed by the first day of school. If your child received shots over the summer, please turn in an updated copy of the shot record to the elementary secretary. Kindergarteners who are not up-to-date on immunizations will be excluded from school by October 15, 2023 as required by Section 3313.671 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A copy of the original birth certificate, issued from the health department in the county where the child was born, is also required for entry to Kindergarten by the first day of school according to Section 3313.672 of the Ohio Revised Code. Hospital birth certificates are not acceptable. Please drop off a copy of your child's birth certificate to the elementary secretary, if you have not already done so.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Graders & Immunization Requirements:

A Tdap (Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid, and Acellular Pertussis) booster and one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine is required for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders, including digital academy students, by the first day of the 2023-2024 school year. Please send in documentation to the school after receiving the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Graders & Immunization Requirement:**

**The Meningococcal vaccine is required for all 12<sup>th</sup> graders, including Apollo, digital academy, and post-secondary students, by the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.** Please note that if your child had a dose of the Meningococcal vaccine before the age of 16, a second dose will be required. Please send in documentation after receiving the Meningococcal vaccine.

### **Dental Service:**

Health Partners of Western Ohio will be returning to Spencerville Schools in early April or May. They offer a dental prevention program within the school, which includes an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment, and dental sealants. They will bill Medicaid or private insurance and there will be no out of pocket expense. If there is no dental coverage, it will be provided free of charge. The program is open to all K-12 students. Applications will be available in February.

### **Confidentiality:**

All health information that relates to any student at Spencerville Schools, such as emergency medical forms, emergency action plans, and health records, is treated as highly confidential. This information is only shared with specific school personnel on a need-to-know basis. Please notify me if you have any concerns or questions regarding this.

### **Questions or Concerns:**

If there are any changes in medical information, please reach out to me. I am available for any questions or concerns. Feel free to call or email me at the below information.

Call 419-647-4113, ext. 3105 or email [ericksonc@svbearcats.org](mailto:ericksonc@svbearcats.org)

I am excited for the 2023-2024 school year. Let's have a great school year!

Christy Erickson, RN BSN

School Nurse

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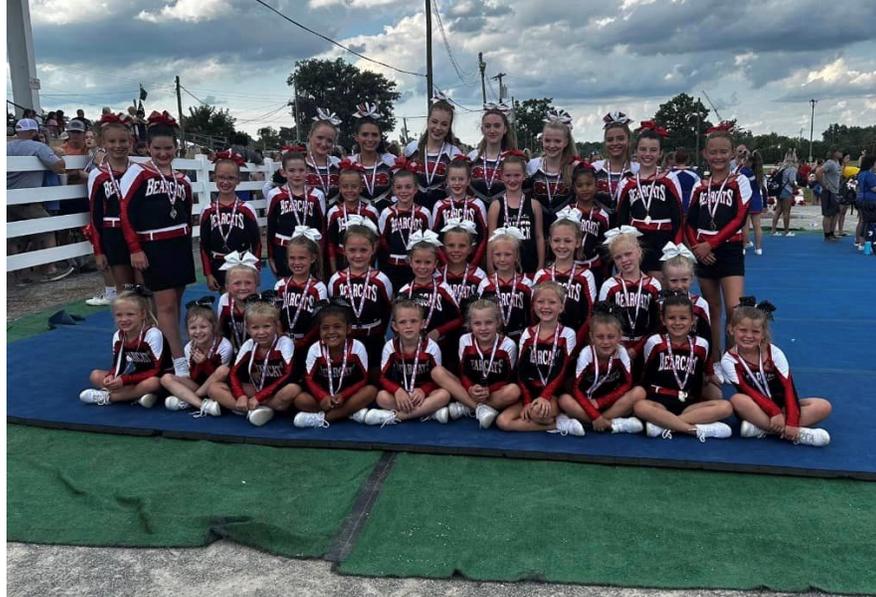
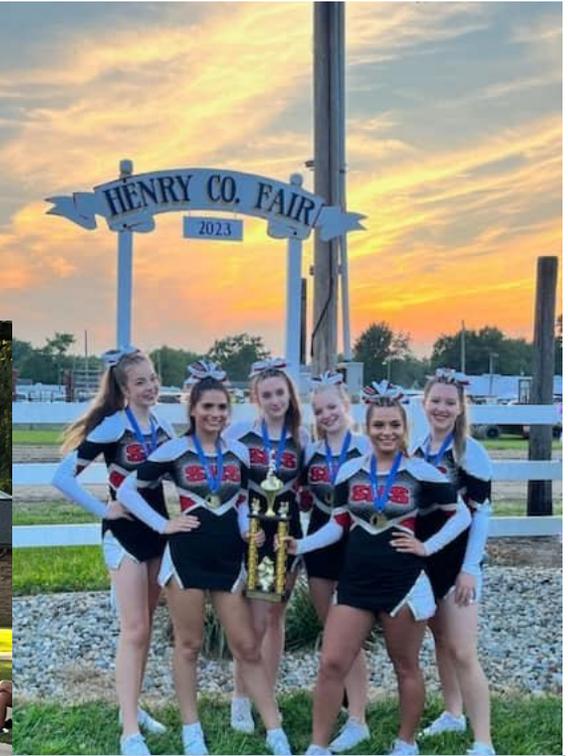
# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Roselawn Manor is partnering with  
Spencerville Local School for a back  
to school supply drive!

Drop off school supplies at the front entrance  
of Roselawn Manor JULY 11 - AUGUST 19TH.



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We have had a busy summer at Spencerville Schools! We can't wait to welcome our staff and students back into the building for the 2023/2024 School Year!

# SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 (student days=174, teacher days=183)

July 2023							January 2024						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29						
31													

**July**

K-12 Office Closed in July Except:

12 K-12 Office Hours 8-2

19 K-12 Office Hours 8-2

26 K-12 Office Hours 8-2

**January**

3 First Day of Classes 2024

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

19 End of 2nd Quarter (47 days)

**August**

23 Teacher Work Day

24 Teacher Professional Development

28 Back to School Fair

30 1st Day of School

**February**

6 3-hour delay, Teacher Professional Development

19 President's Day - No School

**September**

4 Labor Day - No School

**March**

22 End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)

27 1-Hour Early Dismissal

28 Easter Break

29 Easter Break

**October**

3 3-hour delay, Teacher Professional Development

27 End of 1st Quarter (42 days)

**April**

1 Easter Break

8 Teacher Professional Development No-School (7:30-12:00) Staff dismissed at 12:00

Solar Eclipse

**November**

20 P/T Conference 8am-7:30pm No School Students

21 P/T Conference 8am-7:30pm No School Students

22 Teacher Work Day - No Classes

23-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School

**May**

24 End of 4th Quarter (41 days)

1-Hour Early Dismissal

26 Graduation (2pm)

27 Memorial Day - No School

28 Professional Development Work Day

29 Professional Development Work Day

**December**

22 Last Day of Class 2023 1-Hour Early Dismissal

25-29 Christmas Break - No School

**June**