



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

QUARTERS I & II | 2024

### BE IN THE KNOW

**Friendly Reminder on Students Experiencing an Illness** Students may return to school following an illness as long as they are ready to access their learning, they are largely recovered from their symptoms, and they are fever-free within least 24 hours without the use of medication. For those families who have not filled out the Annual Health Questionnaire, please fill out by Friday, December 20th by clicking on this [link](#).

**Drama Production *Dracula***  
Thursday - Saturday, December 12th - 14th. For more information and the purchase of tickets, please click on this [link](#) & reach out to Drama Advisor, Aaron at [shs-theater@buusd.org](mailto:shs-theater@buusd.org), especially due to some scenes being frightening for younger viewers. Parental discretion is advised.

**National Honor Society is seeking donations for the Holiday Drive.** If interested in participating, feel reach out to Ms. Berg at [dbergshs@buusd.org](mailto:dbergshs@buusd.org) & Mr. Duddy at [aduddshs@buusd.org](mailto:aduddshs@buusd.org) during the week of 9th or 16th since the event is on Friday, December 20th.

**Holiday Break Starts** at Friday, December 20th at 3:05pm & school returns Thursday, January 2nd.

**2nd Required Senior Class Meeting** on Wednesday, January 8th during Block 3.

**Winter Shows** Monday, January 13th Beginning with the Art Show from 5pm - 6:15pm | Following at 6:30pm the Performing Arts.

### MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear BUUSD Community,

As winter weather approaches, it is time again to prepare for school cancellation and delay decisions. The school calendar is set up to accommodate snow days and the following update provides an outline of the process we follow for making school cancellation/delay decisions for weather events:

1. Prior to a "weather event" and early in the morning of an event, we gather information from a variety of sources.
2. Our goal is to have a decision made by 5:30am.
3. Once a decision is made to delay or close, we communicate in the following ways:
  - We'll send out a notification through our communication system, REMIND.\* These messages will be sent either as an email, a text message, or an app notification - whatever you have set up.
  - We post on Facebook, web pages, and phone greetings.
  - We contact the media, police, road crews, as well as food and transportation companies.

*\* if you are not receiving emails, please provide Lora Gaudreault, our School Registrar with your up to date email address at [lgaudshs@buusd.org](mailto:lgaudshs@buusd.org).*

The decision to delay or cancel is extremely important for everyone's safety. We take it very seriously. There is no guarantee that we can make the correct decision every time, but we do our absolute best. Please help us by being patient and understanding, and providing appropriate and constructive feedback.

Sincerely,  
JoAn Canning, Superintendent of Schools

### *A New Year, a New Beginning*



**above** Re-establishing a sense of community under new leadership of Principal Mrs. Maurice and Assistant Principals: Mrs. Goodridge-Miller & Ms. Busker.  
**left** A warm welcome to incoming Freshmen and newly minted faculty/staff as demonstrated by Bella, *Class of 2025* (far left).



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY



Being a part of the action, being on time, and being enrolled in Mr. Booth's Band or Jazz Band classes are ways in which one can kick their day off, especially for **Sydney Schaller**, *Class of 2027* who migrated from *Harwood Middle & High School*.

For Sydney another class worth waiting for is Ms. Coleman's Algebra II Honors. Sydney credits Ms. Coleman's teaching style and investing in her students.

Sydney makes the comparison to Algebra II Honors like a Cross Country course in the field or woods by the fact "I push forth, I want to increase my skill set and I want to obtain my personal best whether it be for Ms. Coleman or Coach Kyle Proteau", also an alum of

*Spaulding High School*.

In particular, Sydney credits *Spaulding* employing teachers who believe in their students, especially newcomer, Mr. Dunn who is teaching US History. "Mr. Dunn has good energy, he's straight forward in his delivery of content, and makes us critically think about individuals and their actions upon others." Sydney recognizes the landscape of school has changed, but Sydney stresses that everyone should work towards their personal best whether it be completing a 5K course, obtaining proficiency or higher, and/or seeking a solo spot in Band.



Timing is everything.

For years, **Nick Kidder**, *Class of 2025* appreciated the thrills and camaraderie of playing football, but due to an unforeseen injuries on the field, he found himself questioning what next.

"I am competitive by nature" and despite football not having a successful season in terms of wins, he credits his teammates with the ability to persevere, increasing their skills on the field, and having heart. Upon reflection, he noted it was hard to watch from the sidelines, but eventually he found comfort in running... "I wanted to do something and knowing I also enjoy being with my family and appreciate their support, I needed the challenge," Nick stated in the interview. He eventually found solace in Indoor Track and Cross Country; competing aggressively whether it be as a Tide sprinter in the 55/300 or runner in a 5K/10K.

Like Sydney, Nick wanted to increase his personal best and at this point, his results are clearly evident of this. He noted that *Spaulding High School* is often seen as the underdog and at times, overlooked, especially when competing against U32, but he stresses passionately... "our program is inclusive, it allows all types of athletes to participate knowing they are goal oriented in a supportive manner." For now, Nick continues to shine not only as an academic student, but a Tide athlete.



Inspired to be a part of the community and take action, **Wyatt McMichael**, *Class of 2025* has words for the underclassmen.

"Don't waste time, don't complain, instead, be a part of change, and find something you like to do."

Wyatt credits Ms. Kishishita, fondly known as Yoko to many, a former *Spaulding High School* teacher who believed in Wyatt and his abilities to do more. Wyatt noted how invested she was in helping him pass Algebra despite his frustration with the class and supporting his interest in learning Adobe Illustrator that has enabled him to be creative and express his ideas. He also credits Ms. Busker with giving him the chance to be this year's mascot, Finn, the shark. "I could not believe it and I wanted to make Ms. Busker proud of my efforts. I tried to give the shark life during the Pep Rally and really had fun,"

stated Wyatt. As he reflects upon his newly found role within the school, he recommends "why not doing something positive while you are here?" A great question to pose to his peers and we are so lucky to have Wyatt.

# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



JROTC cadets have the chance to meet fellow alum, Governor Scott during the annual Veteran's Day parade in downtown Barre.



**Alumni Legends Live on** Under the direction of **Sergeant First Class Boone & Lieutenant Colonel Stafford** JROTC Instructors, the Wall of Honor continues on.

Like Mr. Moore (former History Teacher & School Administrator), JROTC cadets continue to honor *Spaulding High School* graduates who have served their country through either participating in the annual Veteran's Day parade, installing American Flags at local cemeteries, and more recently, updating the Wall of Honor that exists in the Auditorium Lobby.

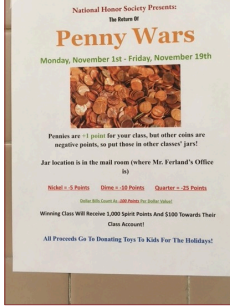
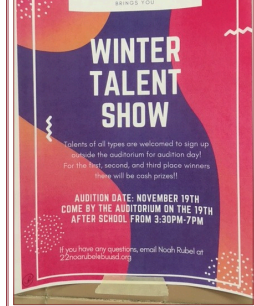
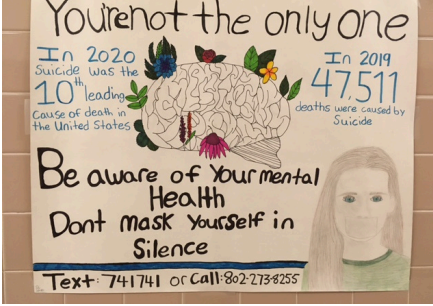
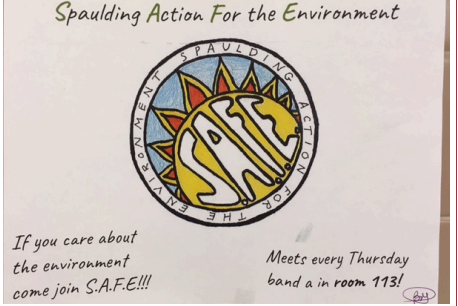


Senior **Evan Cross** credits the "service of others and upholding civility, honor, and service." During the interview, he noted the sense of community, uplifting others up, and the sense of discipline that is much needed after COVID. He referenced "being on time, being engaged, and doing more

than needed" in order to be considered a respectful citizen.

His peers concurred, especially **Zyta Rose Blow & Katie Burke**, members of the *Class of 2026*. They referenced different events over the years that promoted civic engagement and eye opening experiences through JROTC programming, such as meeting other military officials within New England, participating in the US Army Mountain Warfare School, or even riding in a Blackhawk helicopter. "These are amazing opportunities that have opened my eyes," noted Zyta.

This was also echoed by Senior **Emerson Cohen** who wanted his peers to know that the work they do matters whether it be helping out at a 5K run, placing flags on nearby graves for Memorial Day, or participating in a ceremony at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph. Currently, they are channeling their efforts to the Wall of Honor at *Spaulding High School*. "We want to continue to do what is right and honor those alumni who served our nation whether it be their involvement during a time of war or conflict," stated Emerson. In his eyes, it's time to update the Wall of Honor and for those interested in learning more and embracing their efforts, please reach out at [memorialwallshs@buusd.org](mailto:memorialwallshs@buusd.org).



## 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*.

“One of our goals is to promote student engagement,” stated Senior Class officer, **Jordan Parker Martin**, also a member of Student Council.

Upon reflection, he noted his Freshman and Sophomore Years post COVID and the inconsistencies of school spirit.

And so like his peers, they wanted to create a series of Spirit Days and mini competitions that brought the community together.

In turn, throughout the week of September 16th, students, faculty, and staff alike were able to curate from their closets an outfit for either Decade Day, Country Club Day, or Dapper Day. For some faculty/staff, Decade Day was like embracing the 80's with mixed feelings; just ask **Mrs. Tosi** from the *English Department* who embraced the 80's hairdo as she engaged in conversation with LaFran.

For others who enjoy the spirit of competition and being a bit more creative, Student Council challenged the community to bring Anything But a Backpack to school and compete in mini challenges during the Pep Rally whether it be playing Hungry Hippo, Carrying an Egg, using a Spoon, Eating Pie, or attempting to put on an ice cold t-shirt on.

According to a group of Juniors sitting on the bleachers during the Pep Rally, ...“just watching **Mr. Duddy's** facial expressions as he attempted to engulf pie made us feel like we were going to gag,” but they commended his effort.

For Mr. Duddy, his willingness to step up his game, along with helping with the Homecoming Parade are commendable, which Senior **Wyatt McMichael** was in agreement with.

“I hope more people get involved like they did in the Pep Rally,” stated Wyatt who proudly represents our school mascot.



# CELEBRATING FALL ATHLETES



Investing in the underclassmen is at the forefront of Fall Varsity athletes, especially for Football, Field Hockey, and Soccer. As noted by **Taylor Keel**, *Class of 2025*, "I love playing sports and we are lucky to have a JV Girls Soccer team" as she referenced the challenges of her fellow athletes. For some athletes, they were trying to maintain a Varsity program while also teaching incoming Freshmen to increase their game and sense of competitiveness.

This has been meaningful for Freshman, **Quin Carpenter** who has found himself playing football for Coach Gabe and the mighty Senior Class. He noted he had some reservation about even trying out, but felt confident with **Coach Gabe's** ability to lead the players onto the field. He also credits Seniors "**Victor Geno & Sam Tucker** for being positive players on the field and good leaders."

For Freshman, **Emilia Poczubut** claimed "...it's exciting to have Volleyball as another offering" and **Sydney Greaves**, *Class of 2025* echoed the same sentiment. "We are lucky to have **PJ LaPerle & Dawn Poitras** be our coaches... they make us feel valued, they appreciate our abilities or lack of as we continue to learn how to play as a team, but the excitement is real."

Yes, the excitement is real not only for Volleyball Players, but also members of Cross Country & Golf, along with Varsity Soccer. As **Aidan Badger**, *Class of 2025* noted, "we experienced some successes and the season has now ended," but don't give up is the message that Aidan instills upon rising upperclassmen, especially if they love their sport.



# ROLL TIDE

## THANK YOU Ethan Avendaño-Lawrence & Senator Sanders

For investing in **Spaulding High School Students** and giving our students a chance to participate in Vermont Day; an in person experience at the *Edward Kennedy Institute* in Boston, MA. For our students who hail from Ms. Buck's, Mr. Whalen's, & Work Based Learning Classes were thrilled to engage in respectful civic discourse on such matters as affordable housing, costs associated with college & healthcare, and voting rights via a Senate module. In particular, **Lilah Thurston, Class of 2026** appreciated having the chance to respond to and with Senator Sanders & Mr. Avendaño-Lawrence, Senator Sander's Outreach Representative on matters of great concern. Lilah spoke eloquently in front of her peers not only from *Spaulding High School*, but other schools within Vermont. Senior **Jordan Parker-Martin** reflected upon his first visit as a Sophomore and how honored he was to learn more about Senator Kennedy's legacy. **Kiara Hogan, Class of 2026** enjoyed meeting her peers from other Vermont schools who were in attendance, especially addressing ways to increase voter accessibility. She hopes these "types of opportunities continue because they give me a chance to explore US History in ways that are creative and pertinent, but also reinforce my responsibilities as a citizen," stated Kiara.



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

**Sugarbush Ski Resort once again recognizes students with exemplary grades from the FY2023/2024 through their Student Achievement Program (SAP).** **Class of 2025** Kathleen Avazpour, Brendan Blaisdell, Kalyb Boisvert, Charlotte Brault, Leah Buzzi, Keating Carpenter, Isabella Cecchinelli, Robert Chappelle Cortez, Madison Chiodi, Kaleb Clark, Adam Coburn, Aden Cushman, Delilah Daniels, Lily Dubuque, Benjamin Dzano, Erin Everett, Ethan Haggett, Jeffrey Isabelle, Austin Kelley, Nicholas Kidder, Grace Kingzett, Evelyn LaCroix, Meadow Lafaille, Eva LeBourveau, Isabelle Lobb, Evan Lussier, Aaliyah Luther, Camille Marineau, Mollie Moran, Jaylen Nogoy, Carson Nuhfer, Brianna Pace, Jordan Parker-Martin, Ellie Parker, Brodey Priddy, Joshua Samaniego, Greta Schaller, Mayzee Scichitano, Jessica Shepard, Joyce Tadros, Catelyn Trombly, Elizabeth Toborg, Grace Valle, Abigail Viens, Amelia Whalen, Eden White, Olivia Wilder, Emma Young, & Aria Zhou **Class of 2026** Blake Allen, Rylee Belavance, Maisy Cascadden, Bianca Chiuchiolo, Isaiah Davis, Hannah Dean, Hana Dobrilovic, Mia Dolan, Maria Dominguez Sanchez, Mackenzie Douglas, Luke Emmons, Sawyer Estivill, Ethan Fortin, Allison French, Wyatt Geno, Rory-Anne Glassford, Parker Harrington, Caleb Hoar, Kiara Hogan, Talia Jacobs, Cady Jarvis, Trent Joslin, Drew LaPrade, Gracie Lunt, Connor Macie, Paxton Matthews, Kiarra Mundinger, Delilah Murphy, Zachary Parker, Karla-Iveth Perez, Lyla Piascik, Jaidyn Pinard, Alexander Poczobut, Hayden Rock, Maria Saldi, Mason Shatney, Lilah Thurston, & Gavin Winnie **Class of 2027** Jericho Beaudoin, Lillian Charbonneau, Caitlyn Conrad, Andrew Evans, Abbey Glassford, Mackenzie Grochowik, Anthony Grochowik, Ileana Harness, Evelyn Kalat, Kennedy Lantagne, Colin Lawrence, Jillian Lewis, Grace Lindhiem, Scott Lord, Rowan Moran, Caroline O'Hara, Rylee Pelletier, Jason Perez, Quinn Premont, Kellen Robtoy, Jaylin Rollins, Sydney Schaller, Kamryn Soffen, Leah Spaulding, Harper Spaulding, Evelyn Thomas, Rogue Tremblay, Gabe Van Orman, Isabelle White, Delilah Wycoff, & Marissa Young