



# Welcome Back Springfield!

Dear Springfield Families,

It has been wonderful to see our students back in action!

We have been transitioning to Genesis, our new student information system, and we are excited to see the first phase of implementation complete. Our families are interacting with the parent portal, and as of this week, our middle and high school students have access to the student portal. As we continue to roll out all that Genesis has to offer, families will be able to report absences, access critical documents, and receive communication regarding student discipline through the portal.

In addition, our teachers are transitioning to Google Classroom, and while we are all still on a learning curve, we are excited to have the ability for the classes to be synced to the student information system.

Finally, this summer we made the decision to transition to a new firewall with the specific goal of minimizing issues our students and staff have historically had with accessing resources. The shift has required significant work, impacting the timeline of the iPad distribution. I can share that we have a full team working on this, and it is our hope that the iPads will be fully distributed to the middle and high school classrooms by the end of week or sooner.

Below, please find some helpful information for your families and opportunities for feedback. Thank you for your partnership as we look forward to a great 24-25!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Rachel Goldberg  
Superintendent of Schools

## Code of Conduct Updated

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, August 26th, the Board approved the first reading a significant revision to the district Code of Conduct. Please take a moment to read through the document as we work to support a respectful school community that supports learning.

Included in this Code of Conduct is a very clear prohibition on the use of cell phones or smart devices in the classrooms, hallways during passing periods, and bathrooms. While we understand the concern for students to have the phones near them, if students are using them in spaces they are not approved, teachers and administrators will confiscate the phone or device until the conclusion of the school day.

If you have any recommendations or feedback prior to our next Board of Education meeting, please email Dr. Goldberg at [rgoldberg@springfieldschools.com](mailto:rgoldberg@springfieldschools.com)

**View the New Student Code of Conduct Regulation**

## Supplemental Student Accident Insurance is Available

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**  
Supplemental Student Accident Insurance is Now Available

Health Special Risk, Inc. is offering free coverage for supplemental student accident insurance.

**ALL GRADES**  
All School coverage provides protection for students enrolled full-time in kindergarten through 12th grade during regular school hours for the entire school year.

**24 HOUR COVERAGE**  
This coverage provides protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any accident resulting from injuries, accidents, or falls on school grounds.

**NO LIMITS ON BENEFITS**  
The protection for each accident is unlimited. This one-time payment provides coverage for the entire year. Both coverage options provide protection beginning from the date of enrollment in the year.

**Supplemental student accident insurance is applicable for any personal injury, property damage and liability.**  
Please note that the policy information booklet for an overview of the plan. Please visit our website for more information. [www.healthspecialrisk.com](http://www.healthspecialrisk.com)

**How to Enroll**

- ✓ Review rates
- ✓ Select your account - Once you've determined your child's enrollment, you'll need to open a new account and add students and coverage.
- ✓ Add student(s) and coverage on the MyAccount page.

**Additional Student Options**

- Student Signage
- Student Student Signage
- Student Insurance Coverage

For information or assistance regarding all student insurance, contact our customer service department at 800-459-1111.

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## Union County 4H Opportunities!

### LEARN HOW TO COOK, CRAFT, SEW, AND MORE WITH UNION COUNTY'S 4-H CLUBS

Union County, NJ - August 20th, 2024 - The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Program of Union County invites students to explore popular fields ranging from cooking, sewing, art, jewelry, robotics and more. Enroll at [www.4h.org](http://www.4h.org) through 12/31/2024.

The majority of the clubs meet at Union County's 4-H Center located at 700 North Avenue, East in Westfield during an October 4-H Club day organized by age and topic. The members meet with an adult club leader on a monthly basis during the school year to plan activities and programs.

Each club emphasizes the ability of students to learn, organize, and communicate with activities appropriate for their age. For the school year 2024-2025, the clubs and their meeting times are listed below:

- Young Club (difficult topics with adults and show-and-tell), grades 1-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Sewing Club (sewing projects, quilt squares and more), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Cooking Club (sewing projects, quilt squares and more), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Engineering Club (robotics, Arduino, and more), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Photography Club (learn basics of using a camera), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Craft Club (learn how to knit, sew and use a machine), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Robotics Club (learn how to build and use a robot), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Jewelry Club (learn how to make jewelry), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Photography Club (learn basics of using a camera), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Origami and Paper Craft Club (learn how to make origami), grades 4-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- Garden Club (meet at greenhouse in Mountaintop), grades 4-12, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
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Union County 4-H is run by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County and supported in part by the Union County Cooperative Extension Board, with offices at 111 Union St., Scotch Plains, NJ. The annual 4-H youth program is the largest youth development program in the U.S. As a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4-H encourages students to develop expertise in a variety of their own choosing, and share their knowledge to benefit their community.

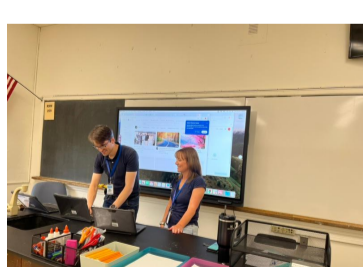
4-H Clubs are open to all ages. To visit a club or for more details, please email James Nickerson at [jnickerson@rcenroutecounty.org](mailto:jnickerson@rcenroutecounty.org) or call 908-459-1111 ext. 1.

## Genesis Student Information System Parent Portal

This year, we are undergoing a significant shift to a new student information system. Your feedback has been critical to addressing some of the challenges of a new system, and we deeply appreciate your patience as we have worked through these challenges. As we move forward, we will be adding student historical data and using the Parent Portal to share school updates. Remember, if you are struggling with the system, please email [genesissupport@springfieldschools.com](mailto:genesissupport@springfieldschools.com).

**Genesis FAQ**

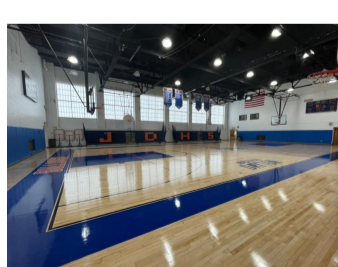
## Check Out Our Projects!



Over 30 New Interactive Boards Installed!



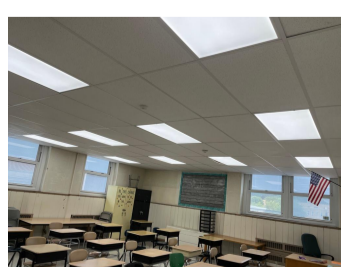
Field House Phase I is complete! Our Bulldogs will have access to it this Fall. Phase II starts next spring!



JDHS & FMG gyms recieved a makeover! Floors, walls, and the Kallwall windows look great!



New bathrooms at JDHS and FMG are looking great!



New classrooms in FMG classrooms!



A brand new floor in JDHS Graphic Design Lab!

**2024-2025 School Year Calendar**