

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE: School Funding Update and Call for Action

As we near the end of the 2024-25 school year, I am writing to share an important update regarding the proposed state biennium budget and its potential impact on Spencerville Local Schools.

If the current version of the state budget is approved, our district will lose approximately \$1 million of state funding per year, compared to what we would receive under the fully implemented Fair School Funding Plan. The Fair School Funding Plan was a piece of bipartisan legislation that was passed into law on July 1, 2021. It was created to finally address the inequities in how Ohio funds its public schools and, for the first time, to fund schools based on the actual cost of educating a child in Ohio. The failure of the Ohio legislature to continue implementing the Fair School Funding Plan is incredibly frustrating.



Since the Ohio Supreme Court’s DeRolph ruling in 1997, when school funding in our state was deemed unconstitutional, the state has continued to shift more and more financial responsibility to local taxpayers. The Fair School Funding Plan was developed collaboratively by lawmakers from both parties, educators, and experts to provide a fair, reliable, and constitutional funding model. Sadly, its full implementation is not going to occur under the proposed budget and we are back to residual budgeting – giving schools the funding that is deemed to be available, not what is truly needed.

Even more troubling, the legislature is now considering a proposal that will require school districts to return local funds to taxpayers if they carry more than 30% of their annual budget in reserves. For a district like ours, this would be devastating. We have been responsible and prudent with our spending, and our reserve funds are carefully planned for necessary expenses.

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For example, our “new” school building is nearly 20 years old and already requires major infrastructure upgrades, the costs of which will take a significant chunk out of our carryover balance. As just one example, our geothermal system is nearing the end of its lifespan and replacement costs may exceed \$3 million. Penalizing districts for saving in preparation for such expenses is not only short-sighted, but it directly threatens our ability to maintain and improve facilities for our students.

While some legislators have called the Fair School Funding Plan “unsustainable,” the same budget proposal includes more than \$1 billion in funding for private school vouchers. This is a clear signal that public education is not being prioritized, despite the fact that public schools serve the vast majority of Ohio’s children. Our students, staff, and community deserve better.

I strongly encourage you to contact our local legislators and ask them to:

- Support the full and permanent implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan.
- Oppose any legislation that would penalize districts for maintaining responsible financial reserves.
- Ensure that public school funding is prioritized, not pushed aside in favor of private school vouchers.

In the meantime, Spencerville Schools will continue to work diligently to provide the best facilities and educational experiences for our students while operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

Legislator Contact Information:

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Representative, Angie King (Mercer County)

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Thank you for your continued support of Spencerville Local Schools. Please know that we will continue to advocate fiercely for our students, our staff, and our community—but your voice matters too.

As always, if you have questions about school funding or other happenings at Spencerville Local Schools, I encourage you to contact me at woods@svbearcats.org or 419-647-4111, ext. 3205. Sincerely,

Brian Woods
Superintendent,
Spencerville Local Schools



PTO NEWS

National Reading Month (March): Fun things we did this year for National Reading month:

- we had a theme for each Friday during March. March 7: "Cozy up with a good book" (pajama day); March 14: "Reading knocks your socks off" (crazy sock day); March 21: "Reading colors your world" each grade wore a different color (K – red , 1st – yellow, 2nd – green, 3rd – blue, 4th – orange); March 28: Dress up as your favorite book character. These themed days are fun and encourage reading. We hope everyone keeps reading!

Spring Scholastic Book Fair: The Spring Book Fair takes place during the Art Show on April 12. When you make a purchase at one of our Scholastic Book Fairs (Fall or Spring), you help the PTO earn "Scholastic Dollars." These Scholastic Dollars will be used to help purchase lots of books for all the K-4 teachers as well as the school library. Thank you to all those who purchased books, either in person or on-line. The support is greatly appreciated!

Field Trips: The K-4 students will be going on some spring field trip this year.

Kindergarten: MVP Dairy Farm & Safety City

1st grade: Boonshoft Museum

2nd grade: Ft. Wayne Zoo

3rd grade: Sauder Village

4th grade: Ohio Caverns

The kids always love going on field trips and PTO is so grateful we are able to provide this for them.

Teacher Appreciation (May 5 - 9): We have some special treats planned for the teachers this year to show how much they mean to us and how much we appreciate them! Thank you to the people who donate to help us show our teachers how much they are appreciated! Our elementary teachers are awesome!

Laps for Learning (May 12): This is our yearly (and only) fundraiser. This year's theme is "Gone Camping!" To kick things off we had a t-shirt design contest and the winner was Ellison Tucker! The official fundraising begins on April 14, 2025! The PTO wants to thank the community for their ongoing support. We are looking forward to a very fun Laps Day on Monday, May 12th.

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 Tuesday of each month at 4pm at the school (room 202). 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, 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.

PTO Facebook page: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

PTO Email: SpencervillePTO@yahoo.com

Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO

From the desk of the High School Principal

Mr. Scott Gephart



As we approach the end of another wonderful school year at Spencerville Schools, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff, dedicated students, supportive parents, and amazing community members. Your hard work and unwavering support have truly made this school year a success. In the words of the proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child", and we are truly blessed to have such a caring village here in Spencerville!

Here are some important announcements and upcoming events:

State Testing: A big thank you to Mrs. Zerbe, Mr. Baumgartner, our staff, and students for their hard work during state testing.

Upcoming May Events:

May 6th - Seniors - Ohio Means Jobs Annual Spring Career Fair

May 7th - Make a Difference Day

May 8th - 2- hour delay Professional Development

May 9th - Mental Health Awareness Day

May 12th - Formal Choir Concert

May 16th - Seniors Last Day

May 19th - Formal Band Concert

May 21st - Apollo Seniors Night at Elida Fieldhouse

May 23rd - Senior Picture/Last Walk/Graduation Rehearsal

May 25th - Graduation

May 28th - 30th - Underclassmen Exams

May 28th - periods 1, 2, & 3

May 29th - periods 4, 5, & 6

May 30th - periods 7 & 8

May 30th - Last Day of School

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We would like to wish Mrs. Amy Gratz all the best as she will be leaving Spencerville Local Schools at the conclusion of this school year. Mrs. Gratz has accepted a position at Bluffton Local Schools where she will be teaching art in the middle school. We hate to see her leave, but this opportunity will give her more time with her family.

As we head into the summer break, I hope each of you will have the chance to relax and enjoy quality time with your family. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we thank you for being a part of the Spencerville Schools community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to returning in the fall rejuvenated and ready for another amazing school year ahead.

Take care! Mr. Gephart

Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

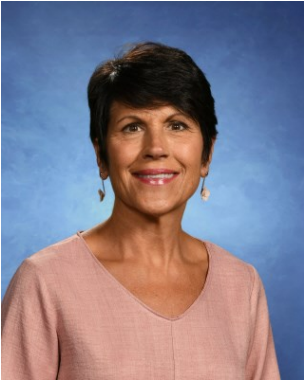
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FOR BEING THE
heart
OF THE OFFICE!

BILLIE WOOD
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SECRETARY

BRITTANY KENNEDY
HIGH SCHOOL
SECRETARY

TRACY CLARK
ELEMENTARY
SECRETARY

APRIL 23, 2025



From the desk of the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Susan Wagner

As we wrap up another incredible school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the growth, achievements, and memories we've made together. From the first day of school to the final bell, our students, staff, and families have shown resilience, creativity, and a deep commitment to learning. As we head into summer, we're filled with pride and gratitude for the amazing journey we've shared this year.

The elementary school received our second prestigious Overall 5-Star Award for our school's results on the 2023-24 Traditional Report Card! Receiving this designation for two years in a row resulted in our school being chosen by the state of Ohio as a Distinguished School. This accomplishment is a result of all of the hard work and dedication from our staff. They go above and beyond for our students, ensuring they create an environment that not only fosters academic success, but emotional and social success as well. The positive, nurturing environment is truly what makes our school a special place to learn and grow.

It's not too late to register for kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year. Screening will take place May 13th and 14th. Contact Tracy Clark at 419-647-4113 for more information.

I want to emphasize the importance of regular attendance in school. Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success as it allows them to fully engage in learning, participate in classroom activities, and build positive relationships with peers and teachers. According to HB 166, even students with a legitimate excuse are only allowed to miss 65 hours of school. Once 65 hours has been attained, students are considered excessive and a doctor's note will be required to excuse further absences. Please be sure to communicate with me if your child is having repeated health issues so we can develop a plan and work together to maintain good attendance.

Thank you for helping make pick-up more secure. We will continue to use the pick-up cards next year so we know who each child is. A new set of pick-up cards will be available in your child's homeroom class at the Back to School Fair.

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A shout out to our PTO for all they do for us. It sounds like the donations for Laps for Learning is huge success!! Thank you, families, for all of your support. Our students appreciate the opportunity to take their learning outside of the traditional classroom setting and gain memorable experiences!!

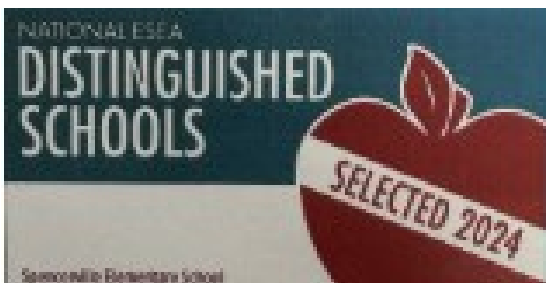
We have lots of events scheduled after Easter break:

4/24 and 4/25 Grades 3-4 state math test
4/25- Kindergarten field trip to Safety City
5/1 and 5/2- First grade field trip to Safety City
5/2- Grade 3 test incentive trip to the Wapak YMCA
5/9 4th grade Wax Museum in the Competition Gym
5/12- Laps for Learning
5/13-5/14- Kindergarten Screening in the Auxiliary Gym
5/15- 2nd grade Pet Show
5/16- Grade 4 test incentive trip to the Wapak YMCA
5/16- Grade 2 field trip to the zoo
5/20- Grade 1 field trip to Boonshoft Museum
5/20- Grade 3 field trip to Sauder's Village
5/21- Elementary AG Day
5/23- Grade 4 field trip to the Ohio Caverns
5/27- Elementary Field Day
5/29- Grade 4 Talent Show

We have had so many opportunities this year to make lasting memories. From various field trips and after school STEM clubs, to countless hands-on learning activities that take place day in and day out. Our staff strives to bring their best so our students can learn and grow!

Best wishes for a restful and relaxing summer, and time spent with family and friends.

Susie Wagner, Elementary Principal



SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Yearbook Requests for the Class of 2025

Dear Seniors and Parents: Please read the attached information. Deadlines are in bold, and summarized to the right. **Contact Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, by email at gratza@svbearcats.org with questions.**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

April 25: Yearbook Order Forms

April 26: Online Yearbook Price increase to \$55

May 8: Online Recognition Ads

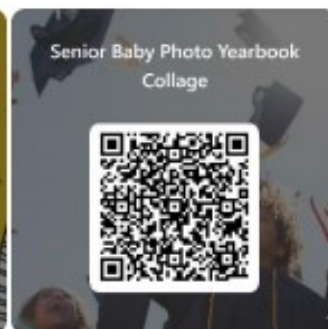
May 16: Senior Survey/Baby Photos

May 23: Recognition Ad Order Forms

June 6: Online Yearbook Orders

Senior Survey and Baby Photo Collage 2025

Scan the QR codes to the right to answer a few quick questions about your plans following graduation and to upload a baby photo for a collage in the yearbook. There are also links on the Senior Team. This information will be used in the yearbook and by Mr. Baumgartner. Please fill this out by **May 16th** at the latest.



Pre-Order your 2025 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your Yearbook! Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com or scan the QR code here to **order yours online by APRIL 25th and secure a copy at the lowest price of \$50.** A paper order form is also attached (more copies are available in the office or the bulletin board outside the art room) and must be turned in by **April 25th.** **Online ordering will still be available from April 25th until June 6th, but the price will be raised to \$55.**

2025 Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the fall. You will be notified when it is available for pickup.



Senior Recognition Ads

Recognition ads are a great way to congratulate seniors and can be created online, which is the preferred method as you can create the ad *exactly* as you'd like it to appear, until **May 9th.** If you prefer to pay by cash or check, and want the yearbook staff to create your ad, you can fill out and return the attached order form to Mrs. Gratz by **May 23rd.**

Ordering information for Senior Recognition Ads on pages 18 & 19.

100 Years in the Making

This year is the 100th anniversary of the first Yearbook at Spencerville High School! To commemorate this fact, we would like to feature Seniors who come from a line of 3 or more generations (student, parent, grandparent+) of Spencerville graduates. If you are willing to share this information, please scan the QR code to the right to fill out the names and graduation years for your family, or email Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor, at gratza@svbearcats.com

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gratz or a Yearbook Staff member. This information was emailed to senior parents and students can also access links on TEAMS.





WE WELCOME THE BEARCAT
COMMUNITY TO OUR

Featuring a performance
from the SHS
Jazz Band

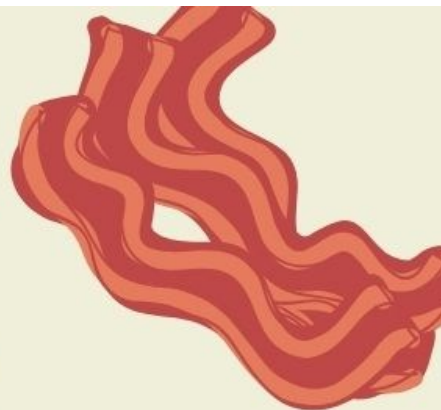
SENIOR CITIZEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, May 9, 2025

9:00am-10:30am ~ Cafetorium

Please RSVP to Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201
or ekisk@svbearcats.org by 5/5/25.

Please join us
immediately following
for the 4th Grade
Wax Museum!



TO BACK SCHOOL FAIR



2025 Back to School Fair

Spencerville Local Schools

2500 Wisher Drive

Monday, August 25, 2025

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

From the desk of the Middle School Principal

Mr. John Zerbe



As the days grow longer and flowers begin to bloom, it's a wonderful reminder of how much growth we've seen in our students this year—academically, socially, and emotionally. The spring season brings with it a renewed energy, and here at Spencerville Middle School, we are full steam ahead toward the final months of an incredible school year.

Highlights of the Season:

5th/6th grade quiz bowl concluded their seasons in February. The teams showed great growth in knowledge and skill. This program always provides valuable academic enrichment and the opportunity for our students to interact with their peers from many other local schools. This is a rewarding experience for coaches, parents, and most importantly the students! Thanks to Ms. England and Mr. Zenz for coaching this season.

Basketball season has concluded as well. 8th grade boys finished with a 5-11 record; 7th grade boys record was 8-9. Thank you to Coach Cole Roberts and Coach Devon Cook for coaching once again. Their consistency as coaches has been a bright spot for our JH program. The 8th grade girls finished with a record of 2-14, and the 7th grade girls finished the year 5-11. Thank you to Coach Emme Prine and Coach Melanie Koenig for their positive impact on the girls this season.

The NWC wrestling meet was a success. Thanks to Coach Brian Layman for another successful year of coaching and teaching our grapplers about this great sport! We have several talented wrestlers in our program and many who have improved their skill this season.

The 5th grade band had their first concert on March 3rd and did an incredible job. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band and choir held concerts on March 4th. There was a large turnout from parents and family members and the students performed wonderfully. Thank you to Mr. Josh Van Gorder and Mrs. Amanda Beining for the hard work.

145 middle school students from 27 schools in northwest Ohio competed in a regional tournament of Power of the Pen at The Ohio State University's Lima campus. Thank you to Mrs. Prichard for coaching this season.

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We have completed the 5-8th ELA & Math Test. Thank you to Mrs. Zerbe and Mr. Baumgartner for all of the preparation and planning that has made testing go smoothly. Students will again attend The Axis for testing incentives.

Administrative Professionals' Day was on Wednesday, April 23rd. Thanks to Billie Wood for all of her hard work, extra time, and professionalism. We are fortunate to have her at the Middle School.

The PBIS committee has been developing a school-wide matrix. This can impact school climate in multiple ways, including improving academic achievement, reducing discipline referrals, and increasing attendance. The foundation of PBIS in any school is its K-12 PBIS matrix, which helps the school community establish a common language and identify universal goals for behavior.

Bearcat PRIDE

P - Personal

R - Respect

I - Involved

D - Determined

E - Excellence

April 29th & 30th - Science Testing

May 8th - Teacher appreciation lunch

May 13th - 6th/7th/8th Band/Choir concert

May 14th - 7th grade field trip

May 15th - School dance

May 16th - FAME

May 16th/17th - MS Band/Choir Contest/Cedar Point

May 23rd - Carnival/Talent Show

May 27th - 8th grade Outsiders Day

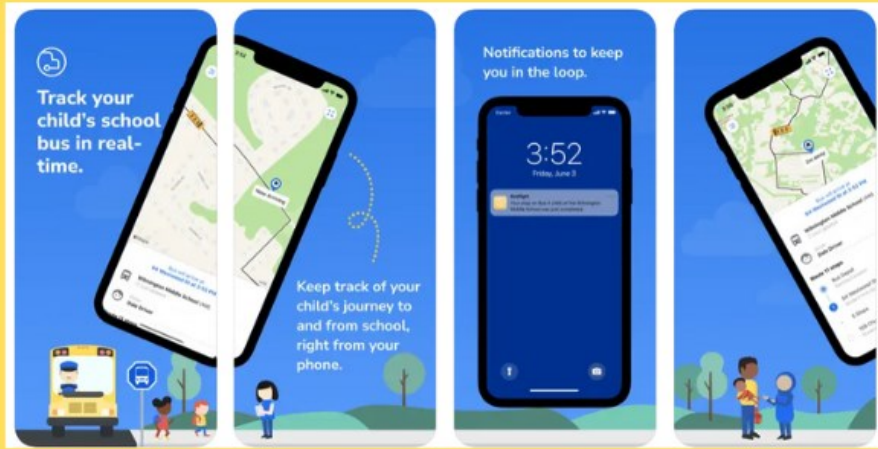
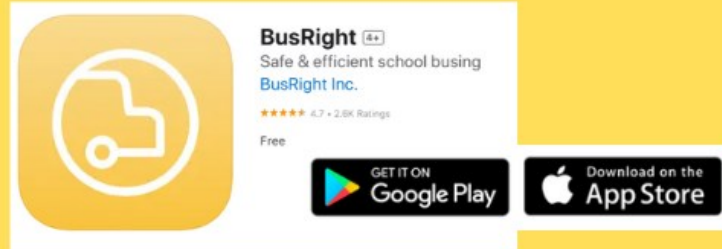
May 28th - FAME Energy day

May 30th - Last day of school/8th grade Van Wert Cinema

Looking Ahead: As we prepare for the end of the year, we'll be focusing on finishing strong, celebrating accomplishments, and making sure every student feels proud of how far they've come.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your support, encouragement, and communication make a world of difference in helping our students succeed.

Wishing you a bright and joyful spring season! Mr. Zerbe



BusRight App Reminders:

You can download the BusRight app for **free**.

You can use the **same login** on multiple devices.

(Mom, Dad, Grandma, Caregiver, Student)

If you need an invite to the app or have questions, please email ekisk@svbearcats.org.

2025 / 2026 Bussing Requests

It is almost that time again to begin arranging your student's transportation for the 2025 / 2026 school year.

Please be sure your accurate transportation requests are entered in FinalForms as soon as you have confirmed your plans for the school year.

BusRight will begin to be updated with new routes over the summer so you will begin to see changes in your Bus Right app.

The May 1st deadline for Open Enrollment for the 25/26 school year has passed.

If you are an Open Enrollment Family, please log in to FinalForms and complete your student's application at this time.

Please contact your building secretary if you have any questions. Thank you!

HS: (419) 647-4111
MS: (419) 647-4112
EL: (419) 647-4113
www.spencervillebearcats.com

25/26
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Please log-in or create your FinalForms account to complete your student's registration, **including open enrollment applications for 25/26.**

FINALFORMS

**8TH GRADERS HOSTING--
THE OUTSIDERS
ANTIQUE CAR SHOW
@ SPENCERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**TUESDAY
MAY, 27TH
11:30 AM-2:45 PM**



**We are looking for ANTIQUE CARS
for The Outsiders
Car Show!
Any older model of car,
motorcycle, or truck would
be GREAT!**

FOR MORE DETAILS...

Contact Billie Wood
at the school office
by May 20th to sign up!
419*647*4112 Ext. 3103



Congratulations to Mrs. Deb Kill on her retirement after over 31 years of service to Spencerville Schools on our cafeteria staff.

We are thankful for your years of service and wish you the best on your retirement!!



YEARBOOK NEWS



There are a limited number of extra copies of the **2024 HIGH SCHOOL (\$55) or 2024 K-8 (\$25)** yearbooks available for purchase on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested, pick up an order form from Mrs. Gratz in the high school art room (104) or email gratza@svbearcats.org

2025 Yearbooks

There are two different 2024-2025 Yearbooks available this year.

K-8 Yearbook

Price: \$25

The deadline has passed to pre-order a 2025 K-8 Yearbook. These books will be delivered to school and distributed to students that pre-ordered before the end of May. There will be a limited number of extra copies available for purchase. Please contact Mrs. Gratz if you are interested in being put on a wait list for an extra copy.

High School Yearbook

The deadline to turn in paper order forms was APRIL 25th

Online ordering is open through JUNE 6th after APRIL 25th, the price increased to \$55 and a limited number of extra copies will be sold. Do not miss this deadline!

[CLICK HERE](#) to order online or go to jostensyearbooks.com and search "Spencerville High School"



BUY YOUR YEARBOOK

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gratz, Yearbook Advisor by email gratza@svbearcats.org



New Employee PROFILES



Spencerville Schools would like to welcome these new Employees for the 25/26 School Year!



Brianna Lugibihl will be teaching Middle School ELA for the upcoming school year. She is coming to Spencerville from Lima City Schools. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Middle Childhood Education with concentrations in English Language Arts and Social Studies and minors in theatre and communication from Bluffton University; Masters in Education with a concentration in Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments and Graduate Certificate in Restorative Justice in Education. She enjoys traveling, hiking, writing, reading, acting, photography, hanging out with friends and trying new things.

She has a personal goal to travel to all fifty states independently by the time I am 35 years old (#50by35). I am a regular attendee of the Lima Land Poetry Slam and enjoy acting in productions in the surrounding community. I am currently in Encore Theater's production of Murder on the Orient Express this May.

She is most looking forward to having the privilege and joy of engaging young minds in new ideas, supporting our current generation of young leaders, and teaching the many ways literacy changes lives. She is excited to join such a supportive and intentional school community at Spencerville and collaborating and growing with each other on our team!



WE ARE BEARCATS



Kimberly Salvage will be teaching High School Art at Spencerville this fall after teaching at Elida for the past five years. She graduated from Miami University with her degree in Art Education. She enjoys hiking and visiting museums.

Kim is married to her husband Tim and they have three boys, Harley (14), Jarret (12), and Roan (9).

Their children keep them very busy with ice hockey, roller hockey, soccer, baseball, track, cross country, theater and the Lima Area Youth Orchestra.



Her family rescued three pets: Tilly (Australian Shepherd), Jet (black cat) and Rosie (tortoise shell cat). Her favorite thing about her job is getting to teach students the tools and skills they need to thrive and contribute positively to their community.



Abby Stemen will be starting at Spencerville as our new Food Service Supervisor.



Abby has been a registered dietitian for 19 years. She has worked for the WIC program, as well as multiple hospitals and nursing homes, but most recently has been an Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics at Bluffton University. She has her Bachelors Degree in Food and Nutrition from Bluffton University and her Masters Degree in Food and Nutrition from Bowling Green State University.

Abby and her husband Derek have three children, Eliza, Leah and Drew. They have a sheepadoodle named Dudley and she enjoys traveling, reading and cooking.



Abby is truly excited for the opportunity to apply her knowledge and skills as a dietitian in the Spencerville community and school that she and her family love.

DEADLINE: 05/08/2025

Spencerville High School

Dear Parent or Student,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 05/08/2025

**Questions: Contact Mrs. Gratz, HS
Yearbook Advisor, by email at
gratza@svbearcats.org**

If you would prefer to pay by cash or check and have the yearbook staff create your ad, please use the paper order form on the next page and return to school by May 23rd.

ORDER ONLINE BY 5/08/25

COLOR AD

Full Page	\$100.00
1/2 Page	\$50.00
1/4 Page	\$25.00
1/8 Page	\$15.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout
(Options may vary by school.)



Step 2

Add your photos



Step 3

Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?

Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

School Ad Content Guidelines:

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.



**Scan here to
get started!**

(800) 358-0800

jostensadservice.com/student



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SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION AD ORDER FORM 2025

Use this form only if you do not wish to create the recognition ad yourself online (see reverse side for online instructions) Return form to Mrs. Gratz in room 104 or the high school office.

DEADLINE: 5/23/25

Student Name _____

Purchaser Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ I would also like to order a yearbook for an additional \$50! ☐ Please keep this a secret from my student.

Circle Ad Size: 1/8 = \$15 1/4 = \$25 1/2 = \$50 Full Page = \$100

☐ Photo(s) Enclosed ☐ Will Email Digital Photo(s) [Preferred]

Message: _____

Signature _____

Enclosed: Yearbook \$ _____ Ad \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Email any digital photos to gratza@svbearcats.org with the subject heading "Senior Recognition Ad." Please include both *your name* and the *student's name* in the body of the email. The design and layout of the ad will be created by the yearbook staff using your photo(s) and your message above. I will email you a proof of your ad once it is complete.

If you send printed photos to be scanned, please include a self-addressed envelope for the return of your photo(s) if you'd like it to stay secret, or indicate that the photos may be returned to your student. Photos should be provided as soon as possible so we may meet our deadlines. Recognition ad order forms will be accepted through May 23, 2025.

THANK YOU! –Mrs. Amy Gratz, Yearbook Advisor

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SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The K-12 Office will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday through Thursday

Closed on Fridays

Closed June 30 – July 4, 2025

August 1, 2025 – Office Opens for the 2025-2026 School Year

Administration Building Summer Office Hours

The administration building will be open from 7:00am – 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact Kim Ekis at 419.647.4111 ext. 3201 if you need assistance.

New Student Registration

FinalForms on-line registration is open and available throughout the summer by going to www.spencervillebearcats.com and clicking on the FinalForms link under Quick Links. When registering a new student to our district, please have the following information ready as you begin:

1. Valid Custodial Parent Email Address
2. Medical Insurance Company & Policy Number
3. Hospital Preference
4. Physician Contact Information
 - a. Family Doctor
 - b. Dentist/Orthodontist
 - c. Specialist (if applicable)

2025 – 2026 School Year

Monday, August 25, 2025 – Back to School Fair/School Picture Day (more information to come)

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 - 1st Day of School for the 2025 – 2026 school year (grades 1 – 12).

Thursday, August 28, 2025 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Girls Only)

Friday, August 29, 2025 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Boys Only)

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 1st Day (ALL Kindergartners)

Reminder to all Spencerville Students/Parents - FinalForms must be reviewed and signed by the custodial parent/legal guardian prior to the Back to School Fair on August 25, 2025.

As always, we are here to provide your student with the highest quality of education.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
BELOW FOR HAVING ARTWORK ACCEPTED INTO
THE 2025 KEWPEE HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL
AT ARTSPACE LIMA!



OLIVIA SHAFFER "KITTYUUH"



JEWELIETTE STEMEN "FROG"

ELLA HACKWORTH "SWEET OL' GIRL"



ANALEIGH HOOD "MY DIRTY SHOE"



Spencerville Students Lead the Way at 2025 YMCA Youth and Government Conference

Spencerville High School proudly sent 22 students to the 2025 YMCA Youth and Government (YAG) conference in Columbus, Ohio—a three-day immersive experience where high school students from across the state step into the shoes of elected officials and government leaders. Held in the historic Ohio Statehouse, participants debated bills, ran for office, served as media and lobbyists, and learned firsthand how our state government operates.

This year, Spencerville students brought forward 11 original bills covering a wide range of timely and impactful topics—from providing therapy dogs in schools and reducing the school day to six hours, to lowering the handgun age to 18 and introducing harsher penalties for sexual crimes against minors. Eight of these bills made it out of committee, six passed through the full legislature simulation, and three were ultimately signed by the Youth Governor—an impressive achievement!

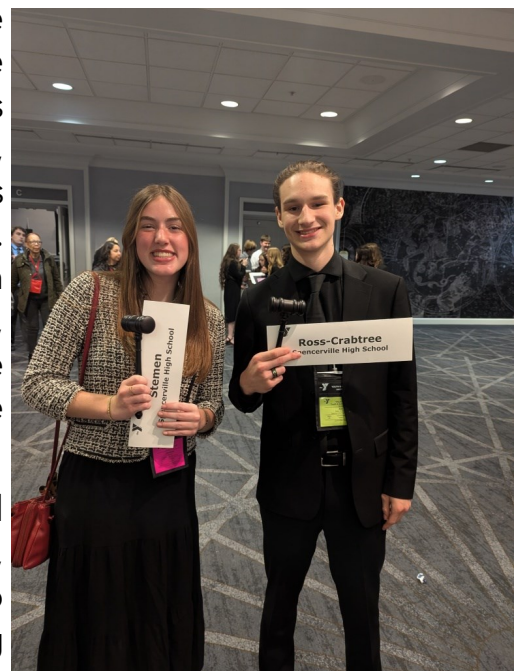


Beyond the legislative branch, students also served in other key roles. Claire Zerbe worked as a lobbyist, advocating for her assigned issue and presenting arguments to committees. Marie Jackson joined the media team, documenting the weekend through photography, interviews, and reporting on legislation. Both students showcased excellent communication and analytical skills.

Spencerville was also well-represented in leadership roles.

Alex Ross and Jeweliette Stemen served as Committee Chairs, ensuring proper legislative procedures were followed and discussions stayed on track. Stepping up as Co-Chairs during the conference were Josie Ricker, Ayden Briggs, and Jovie Holtzapple—leading committees and gaining valuable public service experience. Additionally, three students—Jeweliette Stemen (Youth Secretary of State), Josie Ricker (President of the Senate), and Ava Lyons (Speaker of the House)—ran for statewide office, demonstrating courage, leadership, and a desire to make a difference, even if they didn't win.

The experience went far beyond politics. Students gained valuable insight into civil discourse, leadership, teamwork, and the power of collaboration. They also made connections with peers from all over Ohio, building relationships that reflect the unity and diversity of our state.



Here's what some of our students had to say about their experiences:

- **Adalyn Brandt:** "This was a valuable experience that teaches people skills, how to speak in front of a crowd, and how to ask thoughtful questions."
- **Eliza Stemen:** "Meeting new people and debating bills—it was cool to see different viewpoints."
- **Keegan Ross-Crabtree:** "Serving as a Committee Chair helped me build leadership, teamwork, and social skills."
- **Marie Jackson:** "I loved connecting with people from all over the state."
- **Ava Lyons:** "This program is incredibly valuable for future leaders to express, learn, and connect."

Jovie Holtzapple: "YAG helped me argue more respectfully and understand the importance of polite debate."

Spencerville High School is proud of every student who participated in this year's conference. Their enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to learning made them outstanding representatives of our community. As one student put it best: *"We are the*



Free Sports Physical Information for Current 6th -11th Grade Students

Complete all forms in FinalForms no later than **Tuesday, May 6th by 8:00am**,
in order to participate in the free physicals.

Physical Date - Tuesday, May 13th 2025

Current 6th- 8th Grade Students: 3:00-3:45pm

Current 9th-11th Grade Students: 3:45-4:30pm

Location - Spencerville Schools Athletic Hallways & Gyms

- All students are eligible for the free physical regardless of the expiration date of their current physical. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the free physical for any sports season.
- Physicals are good for one calendar year from the date of the examination.

Parent/Guardian - Please log into your students **FinalForms** account, **SWITCH TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

- Click on Athletic Mode/Add Sport; indicate what sport (s) your athlete plans to play for 2025-2026 school year. If you are unsure your child is playing a sport in each season, it is better to click a sport the student athlete might possibly play than no sport at all. This will avoid the need to complete forms each season. Sport (s) of choice can be updated at a later date.
- Click on Forms to update **ALL** forms that appear in Red.
- You **DO NOT** need to print your physical packet. Once your forms are completed, a school staff member will print the physical packet and have it ready for the athlete the day of the physical.
- Upon completion of the physical examination, the physician will return the form to the Spencerville Athletic Department to be kept on file at Spencerville Local Schools.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the physicians, nurses, and other staff members who are volunteering their time to make this possible.

As always, your child does not have to participate in the free physical through the school. You can get the physical done on your own through your family doctor. If you have the physical done on your own, please make certain the school receives a copy of the 2025-2026 completed physical.





Spencerville Schools K-12 Art Show was Saturday April 12th in the cafeteria. Mrs. Fosnaugh and Mrs. Gratz selected artwork from students in each grade to display for families and the community to enjoy. High School Art Club members offered face painting and a coloring station for children. Thank you to everyone that attended to support our talented Bearcats!



Igniting Future Innovators

Brooke Zerbe and Rachel Munshower

Ohio State Lima and the OSU Extension Office teamed up for Engineered 4(H) Success. Fourteen 8th grade took part in activities to learn more about robotics, magnetism, leadership, engineering, and career aptitude. By giving the students the chance to do some hands-on activities in these areas, the hope is that it will spark an interest in a career opportunity when they get older. This experience also gave these students the opportunity to see what the engineering program has to offer as well as job opportunities that are local.



Christmas at Roselawn - Spencerville Middle School's Annual Hygiene Drive

Every Christmas, the Spencerville Middle School Student Council organizes a Hygiene Drive, inviting students and staff to contribute items for the residents of Roselawn Manor. This year, with encouragement from their teachers, our middle school students broke all previous records by collectively donating over 1,000 hygiene items!

The Student Council, led by Rachel Munshower and Rachel Bohyer, assisted in organizing and packing the items into gift bags for approximately 60 residents. Thanks to the support of our amazing 6th-grade helpers, the gift bags, along with an abundance of hygiene items, were successfully delivered to Roselawn.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our students, families, and teachers who participated in this event. The residents and staff at Roselawn truly appreciate and look forward to this special event each Christmas!



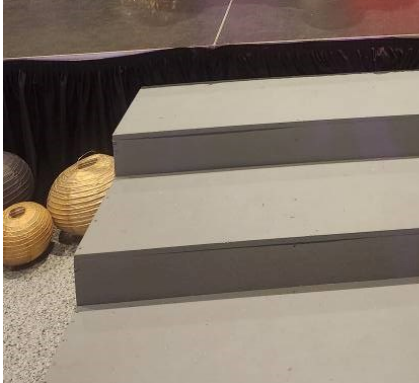
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2025-2026 School Event Calendar

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July
4 Independence day

August
7 New Teacher Work Day
19 Staff Workday
21 Staff Workday
25 Back to School Fair (12:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:30)
27 First Day of School

September
1 No School - Labor Day

October
1 Two-Hour Delay for Teacher PD
24 End of 1st Quarter (42 Days)
27 No School - Professional Development Day

November
20 1 Hr Early Dismissal - P/T Conferences (4:00-7:30)
24 No School - P/T Conferences (8:00-7:30)
25 No School - P/T Conferences (8:00-2:00)
26 No School - Staff Workday
27-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December
19 1 Hr Early Dismissal
22-31 No School - Christmas Break

January 2026						
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January
1-2 No School - Christmas Break
5 First Day of 2026
7 Two-Hour Delay for Teacher PD
16 End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)
19 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February
4 Two-Hour Delay for Teacher PD
16 No School - President's Day

March
4 Two-Hour Delay for Teacher PD
27 End of 3rd Quarter (48 Days)

April
2 1 Hr Early Dismissal
3 No School - Easter Break
6 No School - Easter Break

May
24 Graduation
25 No School - Memorial Day
28 End of 4th Qtr (41 Days) - 1 Hr. Early Dismissal
29 Teacher Workday

June
175 Student Days
8 Staff Workdays
183 Contracted Days