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Spencerville Local Schools – The Tradition of Excellence Continues

To our Bearcat families, neighbors, and friends–thank you for another outstanding year. Spencerville's tradition of excellence is alive and well, and we're proud to share what your support makes possible.

This year's Ohio School Report Card confirms sustained, high-quality learning across our district. For the **third year in a row**, Spencerville Local Schools earned **4.5 out of 5 stars**. Our youngest learners continue a remarkable streak as **Spencerville Elementary earned five stars for the third straight year**. We're equally proud that **Spencerville Middle School and Spencerville High School each earned four stars**, reflecting strong academics, growth, and student support at every level.

Here's the bigger picture: across Ohio, only about **8% of districts** earned a full **five stars**, and the next **15%** earned **4.5 stars**. Closer to home, among Allen County schools, **only Spencerville and Bluffton** reached the **4.5-star** mark. That context underscores how special our results are–and how hard our students and staff work to achieve them.

Behind those ratings is a simple truth: our students aren't just meeting expectations–**they're growing**. We exceed state standards in overall achievement and student progress, and we're closing gaps for learners in all groups. **At the high school, the College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness component earned a full 5 stars**, showing that Bearcats graduate with the academic preparation, real-world experiences, and planning they need for life after high school. Our overall graduation results remain among the very best. In early literacy, we meet state standards and are doubling down on the reading and math foundations that set students up for long-term success.

Looking ahead, we're proud of this track record–and we're not done. **We are striving for five stars districtwide** by continuing to meet the needs of every student. Our focus is clear and rooted in our one purpose: **to ensure all Spencerville students are prepared for life-long success**. That means making sure they have strong **academic skills**, confident **technology skills**, healthy **social-emotional skills**, and that they are truly **career-ready**. You'll see this in our daily instruction, in how we use data to personalize support, and in the real-world learning and career exploration we provide from elementary through high school.

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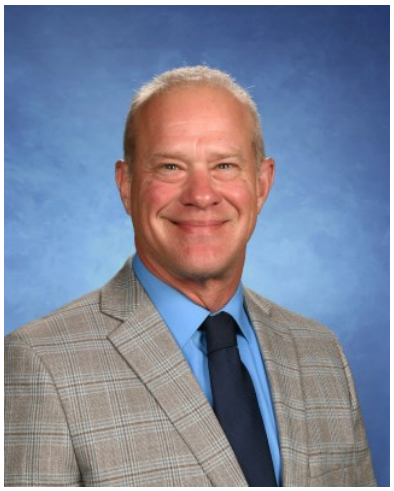


This consistency doesn't happen by chance. It comes from a community that believes in its schools. **Our teachers, aides, counselors, drivers, food service teams, custodians, coaches, and office staff** give their best for kids every day. **Families partner with us**—showing up, volunteering, and encouraging learning at home. **And our students bring the heart of Bearcat Country**: they are kind, respectful, and ready to work hard.

Good stewardship also fuels our tradition. **Strong, stable finances and well-maintained facilities** keep the focus where it belongs—on great teaching, safe and modern spaces, and rich opportunities in the arts, athletics, STEM, clubs, and career pathways. When schools and community pull together, **excellence becomes the expectation** year after year.

A third straight year at **4.5 stars** districtwide, **five stars** again at the elementary, **four stars** at both the middle school and high school, and a **5-star** rating in **College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness** at the high school—these results show what a committed community can do. Thank you for believing in Spencerville. Our tradition of excellence truly continues.

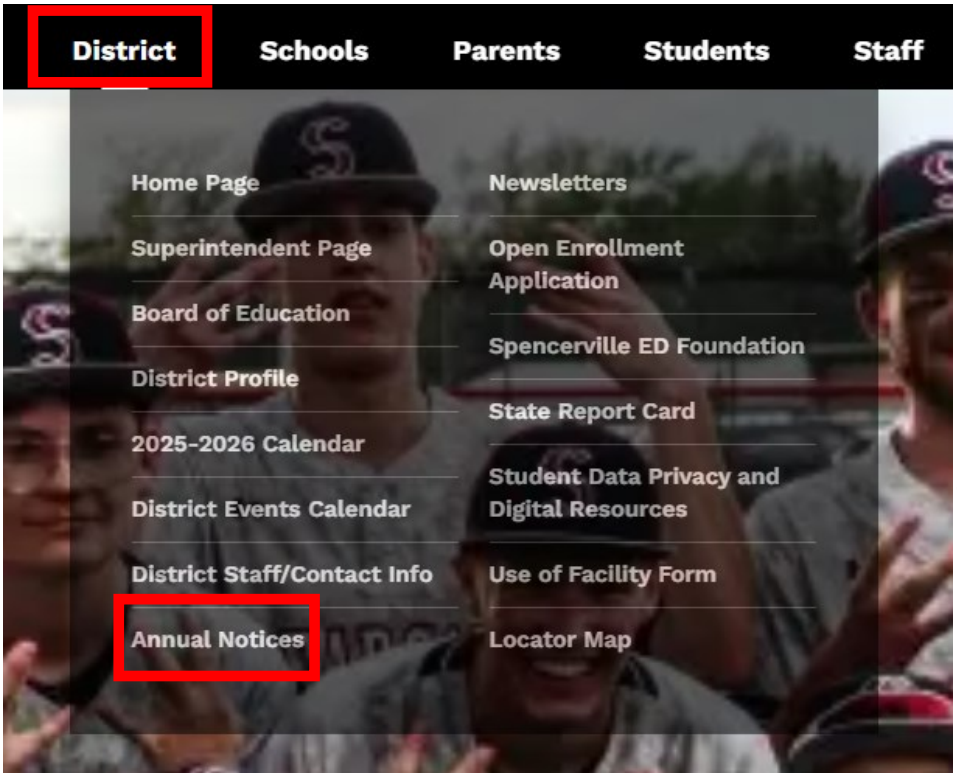
Thank you for the many ways you support our kids and schools. Together, we're building bright futures—right here in Spencerville. **#ProudToBeABearcat**

Sincerely,

Brian Woods

Superintendent,

Spencerville Local Schools



REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTICES:

As the list of required annual notices we are required to provide our parents and community grows, we have decided to make them available year-round on our school website.

This feature will allow us to add and update notices as needed to provide you with the most accurate and current information.

Visit: www.SpencervilleBearcats.com, click on the **District Menu** and select **Annual Notices**.

If you have any questions, please call (419) 647-4111 x3201.

4.5
Exceeds state standards

Overall Rating

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of up to six rated components.

Print

Achievement
The Achievement Component is a measure of how well students performed on state tests.

★★★★☆
Exceeds state standards in academic achievement

View More Data

Progress
The Progress Component is a measure of the growth students are making based on their past performance.

★★★☆☆
Evidence that the district met student growth expectations.

View More Data

Gap Closing
The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student groups.

Gifted Data

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps

View More Data

Graduation
The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates

View More Data

Early Literacy
The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.

★★★☆☆
Meets state standards in early literacy (K-3).

View More Data

College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness
The College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness Component is a measure of how prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college.

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in college, career, workforce, and military readiness

View More Data

View all the data for our 202-2025 district report cards at the following link:
https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/045807

The Spencerville PTO is excited for this school year, and we are looking forward to all the activities that we have planned for the students this year. Activities that the PTO pays for, supports or sponsors throughout the school year include:

Field Trips: We are happy to once again pay for all elementary field trips this year. Students will be going to Crossway Farms, Allen County Children's Museum, OSU Children's Theater and Johnston Farm this fall. Already scheduled trips for the spring include a trip to the Fort Wayne Zoo as well as the Ohio Caverns.

Trunk-Or-Treat: PTO will be joining in at Trunk or Treat hosted by the High School Student Council on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6-7:30 PM. Make sure to come see us!

Hero Cart: Following each quarter, students who missed 1 day or less (6.5 hours) will be able to pick out a snack or trinket item. A name will be drawn for a Nintendo Switch Lite at the end of the 2nd and 4th quarter for students who have good attendance in quarters 1 and 2 and/or quarters 3 and 4.

Teacher Conference Meals: We will be providing meals and snacks for the elementary teachers during parent/teacher conferences in November.

Fall Book Fair: The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be coming in November during parent/teacher conferences. More info will be coming soon so keep an eye out!

National Reading Month: In the month of March, we will be doing themed Fridays again to celebrate National Reading Month.

Spring Book Fair: The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held during the K-12 Art Show. This is currently scheduled for April 18th. More info to come.

Teacher Appreciation: May 4th—May 8th. We are planning on ways to show our teachers how much they mean to us.

Laps for Learning: This is our one and only fundraiser each year and is held in May. More information will be sent out as we get it planned and organized again this year.

Spencerville-Jennings PTO is a non-profit organization, and we rely on the support of donations from parents, teachers and community members.

Box Tops for Education and Kroger Community Rewards are both easy ways to help support the PTO all year long. For Box Tops, just download the app, add Spencerville Jennings as your school and scan your receipts. Or connect your retailer accounts to earn for your school every time you purchase participating products without scanning receipts.

For Kroger Rewards, visit, www.krogercommunityrewards.com, sign into your account and link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc. Org#: XB857).

These are such simple ways to give back! Thank you, shoppers!

If you would like to be a part of the PTO or have suggestions; please reach out to us. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in room 202 at 4:00 PM.

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO
Email: spencervillepto@yahoo.com
Spencerville School District Webpage: Departments, PTO

Spencerville Local Schools

Permanent Improvement (PI) Levy — Renewal

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025

Renewal (not a new tax)
Renews the existing 1.4-mill PI levy

Estimated annual revenue
$137,951 dedicated to capital needs

Tax impact
≈ $22 per $100,000 of appraised value

Term & timing
5 years • Commences 2026 • First due 2027

What PI Funds Can Be Used For

- Long-life (5+ years) improvements
- Roofs, HVAC, electrical, plumbing
- Security: entrances, cameras, access control
- Site & grounds, paving/sidewalks
- Buses and maintenance equipment
- Technology infrastructure & classroom displays

Planned Projects If Renewed

- New student computers
- New elementary & middle school classroom furniture
- Geothermal heat pump replacements
- K–12 building brick repair & renovation — Phase III

PI funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits, utilities, or routine classroom supplies.

Ballot Language: "A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Spencerville Local School District for the purpose of providing funds for permanent improvements that the county auditor estimates will collect $137,951 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $22 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027."

Questions? Contact the Superintendent's Office at woodsb@svbearcats.org or 419-647-4111 x 3205. Thank you for staying informed and voting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

SPENCERVILLE CLASS OF 2026 - PROM

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH | 5-9PM
3292 ELIDA RD, LIMA, OH, 45805

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **WRRY94Z**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

Screen shot this flyer to share and show at Chipotle!

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. $150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

SPENCERVILLE JUNIOR CLASS – 2026 PROM SPONSORSHIP

The Spencerville Junior Class is excited to announce our Prom to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center on April 25, 2026.

As we prepare for this memorable event, we are looking for sponsors to help offset some of our expenses. In exchange for your sponsorship you will receive the recognitions listed below. We will also list all of our sponsors on our school's Facebook page. ***All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Receipts are available upon request.***

We do realize you receive numerous requests for donations and truly appreciate your consideration in helping us to make this a successful prom hosted by the junior class for our 2026 Senior Class. Your donation will go directly to costs (venue, security, decorations, DJ services, royalty awards). Any overage will stay with the junior class as they move on to their senior year.

I/we would like to help sponsor the 2026 Spencerville Schools Junior & Senior Prom:

1. **Platinum Sponsor - $300 or more**
   - Recognition on all promotional materials
   - Announcement of sponsorship during the event
2. **Gold Sponsor - $200 - $299**
   - Recognition on select promotional materials
   - Acknowledgment during the event
3. **Silver Sponsor - $100 - $199**
   - Name listed on promotional materials
   - Acknowledgment during the event
4. **Bronze Sponsor - $50 - $99**
   - Name listed on promotional materials

Name/Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Amount:
Platinum $_____
Gold $_____
Silver $_____
Bronze $_____
Cash or Checks payable to SHS Junior Class.

Thank you,
Spencerville Junior Class – Kim Ekis, Advisor
(419) 647-4111 x3201 – ekisk@svbearcats.org
Please mail before 12/1 to: Spencerville Junior Class
600 School St
Spencerville, OH 45887

Spencerville High School Building Report

Narrative: The employees of Spencerville High School made one commitment, to provide each student with an opportunity to receive an education that not only meets his/her current needs but also their needs in years to come. This is accomplished through a wide variety of educational opportunities, a caring and qualified staff, an energetic and thorough maintenance crew, and a supportive administration.

School Day: School begins at 7:45 am and ends at 2:45 pm. School was to be in session one hundred seventy-five (175) days. School was not in session six (6) days due to inclement weather.

Attendance: There were three hundred thirty-two (332) students enrolled in Spencerville High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Fifty-seven (57) students attended Apollo Career Center.

The Curriculum: Credits offered in the following areas: agriculture (8), art (6), business education (5), computer (3), English/Language Arts/Speech (9.5), foreign language [Spanish] (4), health/PE (1.75), mathematics (9), music (3), science (6), social studies (7), work and family life (5)

College Credit Plus Curriculum offered at Spencerville: Accounting I & II, Computer Applications I, Advanced English III, Advanced English IV, Personal Finance, and American Government, American History, Speech

Advanced Curriculum: Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Calculus, Advanced Senior English, Advanced Junior English, Advanced Sophomore English, Advanced Freshman English

Fine Arts Curriculum: Art I, II, III, IV, V; Instrumental Music/Band; Vocal Music/Choir; Music Theory; Speech; Photography, Technical Drawing, Yearbook

Extra/Co-Curricular & Clubs: The high school offered a wide variety of extra-curricular programs and activities including football, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, track, softball, and baseball. Clubs included SADD, FCCLA, FFA, FCA, Art, Scholastic Team, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Choir, Varsity Singers, All-School Musical, Flag Corps, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Spanish, and Yearbook.

Special Services: The high school is assisted by a school psychologist, speech therapist, and county special education supervisor.

Credits Required for Graduation:

21.5 (4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, ½ Health, ½ PE, ½ Financial Literacy, 1 Fine Arts, 5 Electives)

The Grading Scale:

A 94 - 100 B+ 87 - 89 C+ 77 - 79 D+ 67 - 69 F 0 - 59

A- 90 - 93 B 83 - 86 C 73 - 76 D 63 - 66

B- 80 - 82 C-70 - 72 D- 60 - 62

GPA: Calculated at the conclusion of each semester

Class Rank: Based on total GPA - total grade points divided by total credits attempted. (Does not include Spencerville Digital Academy students or classes)

Honor Roll: Merit 3.6 - 4.00, Regular 3.00 - 3.59

Testing: PLAN (optional for sophomores), PSAT (optional for sophomores and juniors), ACT (all juniors will take in 2026), End of Course Exams: English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, Government

End of Course Testing Results 2025:

· English II – 93 tested with 62% proficient or higher; State Average 57%
· Algebra I – 105 tested with 67% proficient or higher; State Average 54%
· Geometry – 77 tested with 57% proficient or higher; State Average 44%
· Biology – 75 tested with 69% proficient or higher; State Average 64%
· American History – 87 tested with 79% proficient or higher; State Average 70%
· American Government – 88 tested with 81% proficient or higher; State Average 71%

****ACT 2024-2025:*** Average: 18.9 Composite (includes all juniors)

Graduates: Post-Secondary Plans: 2-yr institution 7%

[2025 graduates] 4-yr institution 38%

Military 4%

Employment 36%

Other/Unknown 15%

Student Data 2024-2025:

	Male	Female	Total
9th Grade	37	32	69
10th Grade	39	47	86
11th Grade	44	49	93
12th Grade	49	35	84
	169	163	332

Apollo - only		Male	Female	Total
10th Grade	1	0	1	
11th Grade	25	10	35	
12th Grade	15	6	21	
	41	16	57	

Mr. Scott Gephart
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Spencerville Middle School Annual Building Report

Narrative

Regular attendance and strong work ethic are essential if students are to meet with the desired success level in school. Middle school students need, and in most cases prefer, defined expectations for regular attendance, discipline, and school work. Teachers and parents need to make a concerted effort to encourage pupils to be in attendance each day with their work completed and with a sincere interest in learning.

The Spencerville Middle School has a clearly defined discipline policy that promotes a strong learning environment as well as teachers who insist that students complete reasonable assignments. A clean, orderly environment with a sense of purpose is evident in our building. It is a place where all students are expected to learn.

Some Accomplishments of Middle School

1. Academic Success – over 60% of students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 make the yearly merit or regular honor roll.

2. There were fifteen eighth grade students who were honored for academic excellence by receiving the President's Education Award. The award requires students to maintain a 3.6 or better GPA throughout Middle School. This special award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is signed by the President. Students receiving this award were Lauren Clement, Alexander Coulter, Boston Goecke, Averie Hollar, Makswell Jurek, Grant Layman, Isabella McMichael, Kinsley Myers, Amelia Pohlman, Alexzander Ricker, Nolan Schroeder, Shelby Solomon, Leah Stemen, Connar Sunderland, Krew Williams.

3. Some of the ways middle school students were being rewarded for academic achievement and/or good citizenship – Students of the Month, Rewards for Honor Roll Students, and Positive Progress Reports to Students.

Staff Data – Middle School (5-8) 2024-2025

1. 1 full – time Administrator
2. 1 full-time Secretary
3. 1 Guidance Counselor
4. 1 Social Worker
4. 2 Teacher Aides
5. 20 full- time academic and special education personnel

Female 13

Male 7

Average years of experience, 22 years

Student Data 2024-2025

Grade	Male	Female	Total
5th	35	45	80
6th	32	35	67
7th	41	44	85
8th	41	39	80
	149	163	312

Curriculum and Testing

Greater emphasis has been placed on improving growth for all students, specifically gifted and low performing students. Solving story problems and using manipulations are strategies being used by teachers to enhance students' reasoning skills. Providing support to help ensure students' access to their grade level curriculum. A select group of students take Algebra in the eighth grade and perhaps will subsequently have more opportunity for advanced math in high school.

Competency-based education tests are a state requirement for grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and are used as a tool for parents, teachers, and students to identify strengths and weaknesses of performance in the areas of reading, math, and science and social studies. We have state achievement tests in the following areas: 5th grade – reading, math, and science; 6th grade – reading and math; 7th grade – reading and math; 8th grade – reading, math, and science. For further information, the link for the Ohio Department of Education is listed below.

https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/061960

John Zerbe

Middle School Principal

Spencerville Local Schools Permanent Improvement (PI) Levy Renewal

The Spencerville Local School District is seeking the **renewal** of its five-year permanent improvement levy on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

While we are seeking the renewal of the PI levy, **we are not asking for a renewal of the Classroom Facilities Levy that was passed in 2003 and expired in 2025.** That levy was required as part of the new school construction.

In One Minute: What this renewal does

- **Renews the existing 1.4 mill Permanent Improvement levy**—it **does not increase** the current millage rate.
- Continues to provide approximately **$137,951 per year** dedicated to **capital needs**, which include improvements and maintenance for school facilities...
- Costs about **$22 per year for every $100,000** of county auditor **appraised value** (per the ballot language).
- Funds are **restricted by law** to projects and purchases with a **useful life of five years or more**.

What is a Permanent Improvement (PI) levy?

A PI levy is a voter approved, **capital only** fund for school districts. By Ohio law, PI dollars can only be used for **permanent improvements**—items or projects that will last at least **five years**. PI funds help a district maintain buildings, grounds, safety systems, and equipment.

Allowed uses of PI funds (examples)

- **Facility repairs and replacements:** roofs, windows, boilers/HVAC, plumbing, electrical, masonry, doors, and building automation controls.

Safety and security: secure entrances, door hardware, cameras, alarms, public address systems, and exterior lighting.

Site and grounds: paving and resurfacing of parking lots and drives, sidewalks, playground and athletic facility improvements.

Transportation and equipment: school **buses**, maintenance equipment, kitchen equipment.

Technology and infrastructure: network wiring, servers, classroom display panels, long life devices and infrastructure.

Not allowed with PI funds

Salaries and benefits of employees.

Routine operating costs: utilities, classroom supplies, or consumables.

Short term items that do **not** have a useful life of five years.

What would this renewal cost?

Per the ballot language, the county auditor estimates the levy will collect **$137,951 annually** at a rate **not exceeding 1.4 mills**, which **amounts to $22 per year for each $100,000 of appraised value**.

- Example: $100,000 appraised value → about **$22/year**.
- Example: $200,000 appraised value → about **$44/year**.

Note: "Appraised value" is the county auditor's market value estimate; this is different from "taxable value." The ballot language already converts the rate to a per $100,000 appraised value figure for your reference.

What's the timeline?

Election Day: Tuesday, **November 4, 2025**.

If approved: The renewed levy **commences in 2026** and is **first due in calendar year 2027** (as stated in the ballot language).

Planned capital projects if renewed

If approved, PI dollars would be directed to the following priority projects:

New student computers.

New elementary and middle school classroom furniture.

Geothermal heat pump replacements.

K-12 Building Brick Repair & Renovation – Phase III.

Accountability and transparency

PI funds are held in a **separate, restricted account** and may only be used for **capital improvements**.

The district regularly reviews and updates a **multi year capital plan** and reports projects to the Board of Education in public meetings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a tax increase? No. This is a **renewal** of the current 1.4 mill PI levy. The current millage rate **does not increase**.

Can PI funds pay for salaries or classroom supplies? No. By law, PI funds cannot be used for salaries/ benefits or everyday operating costs.

Why ask for five years? A five year term aligns with a rolling capital plan, allowing the district to schedule major repairs and replacements efficiently.

Ballot language (for reference)

"**A renewal of a tax** for the benefit of **Spencerville Local School District** for the purpose of providing funds for **permanent improvements** that the county auditor estimates will collect **$137,951 annually**, at a rate **not exceeding 1.4 mills** for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to **$22 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value**, for **5 years**, commencing in **2026**, first due in calendar year **2027**."

Learn more / questions

Please contact Mr. Woods in the Superintendent's Office woodsb@svbearcats.org or 419-647-4111 x3205. We welcome your questions and are committed to providing clear, accurate information.

Spencerville Elementary Building

Annual Progress Report from the 2024-2025 school year

I. Narrative

The purpose of education at Spencerville Elementary is to provide students with competent continuous instruction, sequential learning activities, and personal guidance whereby each child may develop to the maximum of his/her ability.

Students should be given opportunities to develop a sense of social and civic responsibility. The emotional maturity of the student may be improved by self discipline, a sense of belonging, and by finding satisfaction in his/her development.

In elementary education there is the permanent responsibility to help students explore their abilities and interests in order for them to discover and develop their goals, purposes, and direction in life.

The goal of education in the elementary grades of the Spencerville schools is to assist children in mastering the basic tools of learning. These tools, including reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies, are needed to help students become clear thinking individuals capable of solving everyday problems. The years of elementary education are also designed to provide opportunities for each child to develop mentally, physically, and socially. Strong efforts are also made to encourage each child to respect law and order, to respect the rights, opinions, and property of others, and to practice tolerance and self control. The teachers work hard to teach a knowledge of, and appreciation for, the people of other lands, a loyalty to America and the American way of life.

We are very fortunate at our elementary school to have an outstanding Parent-Teacher Organization. The Parent-Teacher Organization has purchased many items for our school over the years, as well as fund our field trips.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to visit our schools and to become an active part of our volunteers and Parent-Teacher Organization.

II. Staff Data:

In 2024-2025 the elementary school (K-4) had:

1. 21 full-time equivalent classroom personnel and special education personnel and a pupil/teacher ratio of 17 to 1
2. 2 full-time equivalent other personnel (Title One)
3. 1 full-time equivalent administrative personnel
4. 1 Guidance Counselor
5. 1 full-time equivalent paid aid (Playground Supervisor)
6. 1 part-time instructional aide.
7. 1 part-time TESOL instructor.
8. 4 part-time elective teachers (PE, Music, Art and Technology)
9. 5 part-time equivalent volunteers
10. Average teaching experience, 16 years.

    Homeroom teachers:

    4 personnel with five years training (Bachelors +)

    21 personnel with Masters Degree
11. 100% of teaching staff was Caucasian.
12. 80% of the teachers were women.

III. Pupil Data:

1.

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
Kdg	34	24	58
1	48	29	77
2	39	39	77
3	32	29	61
4	33	26	58
	186	146	332

2. 157 (46.6%) of total enrollment received free or reduced price lunches.

IV. Standardized Test Data:

The Readiness Assessment was given to kindergarten students as required by the state. Grades K -4 were administered diagnostic tests for reading and math. Grades 3 and 4 students were given Ohio State assessments for both reading and math.

All students in grades K-3 who were determined not "on track" were put on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan, which included parental input, and were progress monitored. Progress monitoring is done to help to ensure that students are making adequate gains toward grade level expectations. On track means that students were reading at or close to grade level. Spencerville Elementary held a parent night in February that enabled parents to partake in a fun STEM activity. The families had to design a home to keep the 3 little pigs safe from the wolf. A wind force was used to test their house.

Students in grade 2 were also given Cognitive Abilities Test in the fall. All students are given the iReady benchmark assessment. These tests determine a basic level of aptitude and ability in Science, Math, English Language Arts, and Social Studies. These tests also help identify students who are gifted and may need additional services.

Spencerville Elementary received an overall rating of 5 stars. Explanations and details for the grade card can be found at https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/035337. This is an interactive site on Ohio Department of Education's web page.

Susan Wagner, Principal

SPENCERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 25/26 WINTER SCHEDULE

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday	11/28	St Henry	Away	5:00/6:00pm
Friday	12/5	Elida	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday	**12/6**	**Fort Jennings**	**Home**	**5:00/6:00pm**
Friday	12/12	Crestview	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday	12/13	Ottoville	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Friday	**12/19**	**LCC**	**Home**	**6:00/7:30pm**
Tuesday	**12/23**	**St Marys**	**Home**	**5:00/6:30pm**
Saturday	12/27	Lima Sr High School/Woodward	Away	1:00pm
Tuesday	12/30	Perry	Away	5:00/6:30pm
Friday	**1/2**	**Minster**	**Home**	**5:00/6:30pm**
Saturday	**1/3**	**Kalida**	**Home**	**5:00/6:30pm**
Friday	1/9	Lincolnview	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday	1/10	Bath	Away	4:30/6:00pm
Saturday	10/17	Arlington	Away	5:00/6:30pm
Friday	**1/23**	**Columbus Grove**	**Home**	**6:00/7:30pm**
Saturday	**1/24**	**Delphos St. John's**	**Home**	**5:00/6:30pm**
Friday	1/30	Bluffton	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday	**1/31**	**New Knoxville**	**Home**	**5:00/7:30pm**
Friday	**2/6**	**Allen East**	**Home**	**6:00/7:30pm**
Saturday	**2/7**	**Marion Local**	**Home**	**5:00/7:30pm**
Saturday	2/14	Van Wert	Away	4:00/5:30pm
Friday	2/20	Delphos Jefferson	Away	6:00/7:30pm

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday	**11/21**	**Celina**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Tuesday	11/25	Ottawa-Glandorf	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Tuesday	**12/2**	**Elida**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Thursday	**12/4**	**Jefferson**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Tuesday	**12/9**	**Van Wert**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Thursday	**12/11**	**Crestview**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Tuesday	12/16	Marion Local	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Thursday	12/18	LCC	Away	5:30/7:00pm
Saturday	12/20	St. Johns	Away	11:00/12:30pm
Monday	**12/22**	**Lima Senior**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Saturday	1/3	Fort Jennings	Away	12:00/1:00pm
Tuesday	1/6	St. Marys	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Thursday	**1/8**	**Lincolnview**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Saturday	1/10	St. Henry	Away	12:00/1:00pm
Saturday	1/17	Parkway	Away	11:00/12:30pm
Tuesday	**1/20**	**Coldwater**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Thursday	1/22	Columbus Grove	Away	5:30/7:00pm
Tuesday	**1/27**	**Kalida**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Thursday	**1/29**	**Bluffton**	**Home**	**5:30/7:00pm**
Saturday	1/31	New Knoxville	Away	11:00/12:30pm
Tuesday	2/3	Bath	Away	6:00/7:30pm
Thursday	2/5	Allen East	Away	5:30/7:00pm

VARSITY WRESTLING

Saturday	12/13	Lincolnview	Away	9:00am
Saturday	12/20	Bath	Away	9:00am
Sunday (C	12/21	West Liberty Salem	Away	10:00am
Saturday	12/27	Parkway	Away	9:00am
Sunday (C	12/28	Tinora	Away	10:00am
Saturday	1/3	Lima Senior	Away	10:00am
Saturday	1/10	Crestview	Away	9:00am
Saturday(	1/17	Patrick Henry	Away	9:00am
Tuesday	**1/20**	**Jefferson/Lincolnview**	**Home**	**5:30pm**
Tuesday	**1/27**	**Crestview**	**Home**	**6:00pm**
Friday	1/30	LCC	Away	5:30pm
Saturday	1/31	LCC	Away	9:30am
Saturday	2/7	Ada	Away	9:30am
Sunday (C	2/8	Gibsonburg	Away	10:00am
Saturday	2/14	Columbus Grove (NWC)	Away	10:00am

SPENCERVILLE JUNIOR HIGH 25/26 WINTER SCHEDULE

JH BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	**12/1**	**Crestview**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	**12/4**	**Lima Sr**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Saturday	12/6	Fort Jennings	Away	10:00am
Tuesday	12/9	LCC	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	**12/11**	**Perry**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	**12/16**	**Lincolnview**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	**1/3**	**Parkway**	**Home**	**10:00am**
Monday	1/5	Kalida	Away	5:00pm
Tuesday	1/6	Columbus Grove	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	**1/8**	**Wapakoneta**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	**1/13**	**Bluffton**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	1/20	Allen East	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	1/22	Van Wert	Away	5:00pm
Saturday	1/24	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA
Saturday	1/31	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA
Tuesday	**2/3**	**Kenton**	**Home**	**5:30pm**
Thursday	**2/5**	**Jefferson**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Saturday	2/7	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA

JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday	**11/13**	**Delphos St. John's**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	12/2	Crestview	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	12/4	Ottoville	Away	5:00pm
Tuesday	**12/9**	**LCC**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	12/11	Perry	Away	5:00pm
Monday	**12/15**	**Kalida**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	12/16	Lincolnview	Away	5:00pm
Thursday	12/18	Fort Jennings	Away	5:00pm
Tuesday	**1/6**	**Columbus Grove**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	1/8	Wapakoneta	Away	5:30pm
Saturday	1/10	Parkway	Away	10:00am
Tuesday	1/13	Bluffton	Away	5:00pm
Tuesday	**1/20**	**Allen East**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	**1/22**	**Lima**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Thursday	1/29	Shawnee	Away	5:00pm
Saturday	1/31	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA
Tuesday	2/5	Kenton	Away	5:30pm
Thursday	2/7	Delphos	Away	5:00pm
Saturday	2/9	NWC Tournament	Away	TBA

JH WRESTLING

Saturday	**12/6**	**Spencerville Invite**	**Home**	**9:00am**
Saturday	12/6	Allen East	Away	9:00am
Tuesday	12/23	Coldwater	Away	10:00am
Saturday	1/17	Ottawa-Glandorf	Away	10:00am
Tuesday	**1/20**	**Spencerville**	**Home**	**5:00pm**
Tuesday	**1/27**	**Spencerville**	**Home**	**6:00pm**
Saturday	1/31	Elida	Away	10:00am

TRUNK OR TREAT

SHS Student Council 2025

22 OCTOBER

Join us in the west parking lot at Spencerville Schools from 6-7:30 for a night of Halloween fun!

All businesses, organizations, and families are welcome!

Contact Joy Baumgartner at baumgartnerjoy@svbearcats.org with any questions

See you there!

SUB / TRIP
DRIVERS NEEDED

IMPORTANT

Preferred candidates would possess a valid Class A or Class B CDL.

PAID TRAINING FOR UP TO 40 HOURS.

This substitute position has the potential to become a full-time position.

CONTACT BRIAN WOODS, SUPERINTENDENT:

419-647-4111 x3205

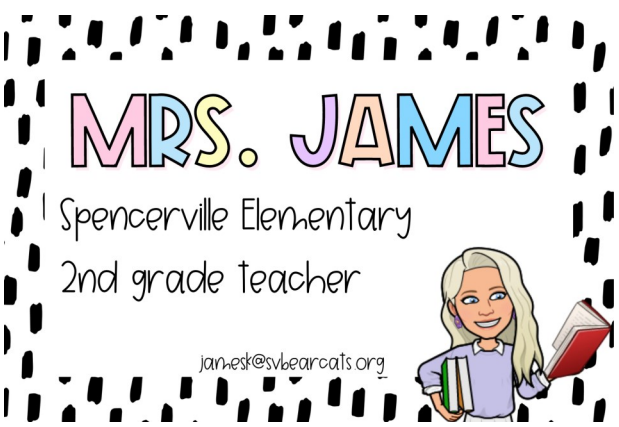
600 School St, Spencerville, OH 45887

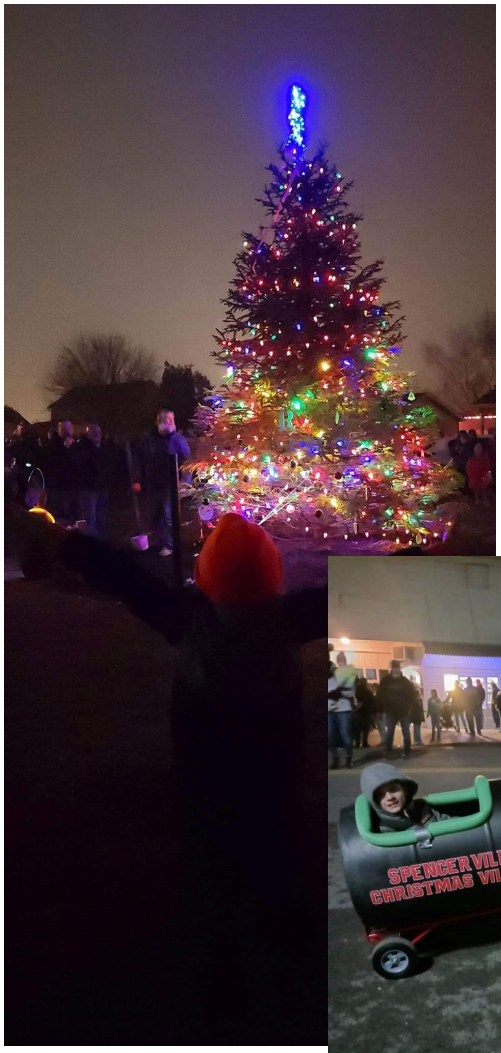
woodsb@svbearcats.org

JOIN OUR TEAM

A 2-Hour Cook Position is becoming open with our fabulous cafeteria staff! **Please contact Abby Stemen, Food Service Supervisor** at stemena@svbearcats.org or (419) 647-4111 x3206 for more details.

Our second grade class is off to a great start, earning class rewards because of our great teamwork. We have voted on 2 class rewards -- cookies & popsicles.





SPENCERVILLE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6,2025

Please join us in the celebration with an ice skating rink, barrel cart rides, a horse and buggy ride, food, crafts, games and so much more. **All events held from 3:00pm to 7:00pm with the Christmas tree lighting at 7:00 pm.**

Come join us for this FREE event – many new activities added this year!

How to get involved:

*Please consider signing up to be a part of the craft show (all ages).

*We will also be bringing back the gingerbread house contest and need participants. If you would like to decorate your own gingerbread house and bring it to be judged give us a call.

*We will also be doing a Spencerville Village light contest. Anyone in the city limits can register their house to be judged on your spectacular light display, prizes will be given to the winners.

Volunteers needed:

We are in need of adults or older children to help run events during the festival such as someone to help with the crafts, direct people where to go, to keep track of people going in and out of the bounce houses, etc.

Call or text Kelly at (419) 905-9126 with inquiries or to register for any of these events.

Spencerville Cheerleaders Wrap Up a Strong Season!

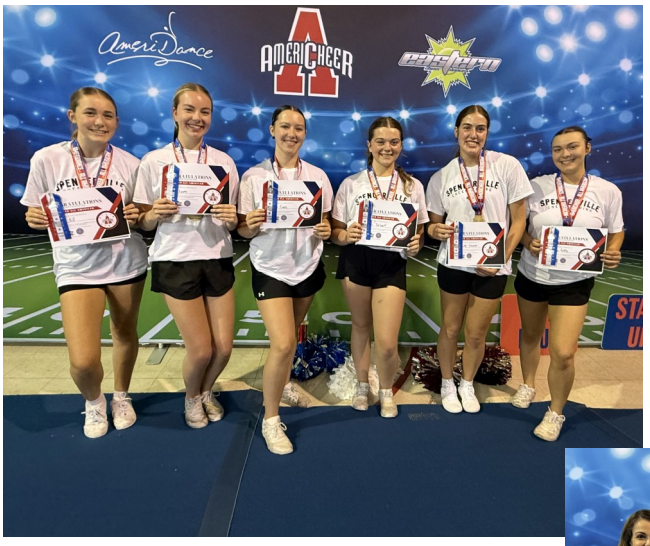
The Spencerville Varsity Cheerleaders kicked off their season at the AmeriCheer Camp in Westerville, where they earned top honors for their hard work and dedication. The team received an overall Superior Rating and a special bid to both AmeriCheer Nationals and the Ohio Grand Cheer and Dance Championship.

Several cheerleaders were recognized individually for their sharp motions, strong jumps, and spirited energy. Six team members were also named All-Americans, earning the opportunity to perform with other top athletes from across the country.

Since that exciting start, the Bearcats have carried their enthusiasm throughout the football season—cheering proudly on the sidelines, supporting their team, and bringing energy to every game.

At Bearcat Cheer, we strive for excellence, not perfection—and this season, our athletes truly showed what teamwork and heart can accomplish.

Coach Stemen & Coach Lyons



WE ARE BEARCATS

RETIREE BREAKFAST

Front Row (L to R): Pat Bowers, Judy Osting, Karen Shafer, Pam Smith

Second Row (L to R): Diane Binkley, Georgia Keller, Dee Dickrede, Karen Schwark, Verna Howell, Linda Yahl, Judy Coil

Superintendent Brian Woods welcomed our retired staff back this month for our 52nd annual Retiree Breakfast on Thursday, September 25th. The delicious breakfast was prepared by Miss Purdy and the FCCLA.

If you are a retired staff member of Spencerville Local Schools and you did not receive an invitation this year, please contact Kim Ekis at (419) 647-4111 x3201 or ekisk@svbearcats.org to be sure you are first on the list for next year! Thank you!

Congratulations to our 2025
Homecoming Court and
our new
Queen Jewel Stemen
and King Grady Smith!