The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. Hellen Keller

Change your thoughts and you change your world. Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 10
- Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Brockport @ Bill Gray’s Iceplex, 7:00 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Canandaigua, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, January 13
- Varsity Bowling vs. Rush-Henrietta @ Bowl-A-Roll Lanes, 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 14**
- Varsity Bowling vs. Churchville @ Spencerport Bowl, 4:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Swimming vs. Brighton, 4:30 p.m., SHS
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Batavia, 7:15 p.m., SHS
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Geneseo, 7:15 p.m.
- Varsity Wrestling @ Brockport, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 15**
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Arcadia, 7:15 p.m., SHS

**Thursday, January 16**
- Varsity Bowling vs. Arcadia @ Spencerport Bowl, 4:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Swimming @ Brockport, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball @ Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, January 17**
- Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Aquinas @ Bill Gray’s Iceplex, 7:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Schroeder, 7:15 p.m., SHS
- Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament, Time TBD

**January 22 – January 24**
- Varsity Wrestling vs. Canandaigua, 7:00 p.m., SHS
- Varsity Bowling vs. Gates Chili @ Spencerport Bowl, 4:00 p.m.
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Lake Placid
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Schroeder, 7:15 p.m., SHS
- Boys Varsity Basketball @ Irondequoit, 7:30 p.m.
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Lake Placid

**Monday, January 27**
- Girls Varsity Basketball @ Eastridge, 7:15 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Honeoye Falls-Lima, 7:15 p.m., SHS
- Varsity Bowling vs. Olympia/Odyssey @ AMD Dewey Garden Lanes, 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 31**
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Genesee Valley Park, 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball @ School of the Arts, 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Churchville, 7:15 p.m., SHS

**Regents Exams, Attendance for students with exams only**

**Faculty Meeting, 2:25 p.m., PAC**

**Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office**

**In-class Exams**

**BPT Meeting, 2:25 p.m., Conference Room**

**HS Second Quarter Reports Available via Parent Portal**
Student/Staff Updates
Senior Amber Zemaitis, as part of her Senior Project and her WEMOCO Child and Family Development class, helped put on a Breakfast with Santa. This was much more than just a gourmet breakfast though. There was a food basket to take home for each family, and the students collected coats for winter and distributed them to those in need. Children could pick out handmade positive affirmation canvas prints for their parents as gifts, and they received gifts for themselves also. Santa himself arrived on a Heavy Equipment Bulldozer! Amber shared during her presentation that it was many hours of work but well worth it when she saw the faces of the children and their families.

Prior to Winter Recess, while at St. Peter's soup kitchen, members of our high school community became aware that St. Peter's wanted to give every child in their neighborhood a blanket during their holiday celebration. At that time, St. Peter's was short of its goal. Through administration, teachers, students and student government the high school, close to 100 blankets were donated to help St. Peter's reach its goal.
**Regents Exam Week**
During the week of January 21-24, Regents Exams will be administered. On Tuesday January 21, only students who are taking the English Language Arts Regents Exam, or re-taking LOTE B or Living Environment will be reporting to school at their testing time. All other High School students should not report to school.

The rest of the week classes will be held as usual. Students who signed up to re-take any Regents exam will be notified as to when and where they will report to complete their re-takes. On Wednesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23, we will be utilizing three classrooms to administer Regents exams in the 100 Hallway. Teachers affected by room changes have already been notified. **The bells will also be turned off on these days as to provide minimal disruptions to students taking exams, and we ask that teachers use their classroom clocks to dismiss students from their class.**

Exams on Friday morning will be held at District Office with transportation provided. The Regents Exam schedule was mailed home in December and is also available on the High School website.

**Wednesday January 22**
Please be aware that on Wednesday, January 22, there will be an unusually high number of substitute teachers that are needed to cover classes. This is due to the grading of the ELA exam by some of our Special Education and ELA teachers as well as a Professional Development offering taking place. The wonderful Linda Pelin is already working on finding coverage for this day and mapping out “who goes where.” With that being said, if you are interested in covering classes during a free period or planning period (and don’t normally) please let Linda know. Thanks!

**Staff Reminders/Updates**
- Classroom attendance should be taken within the first five minutes of class. Please be as consistent as possible in taking timely and accurate attendance for every class. If you ever have a question regarding a student’s attendance, Deb Ferris is simply awesome and would be happy to answer any questions you might have about individual students/situations.

- Please continue to reinforce our building-wide expectations with students signing in and out of classrooms. Everyone’s consistency with this expectation is appreciated.

- Please continue to make sure you have your ID badge displayed in a manner in which it makes it easy for anyone to see it. If you lose you ID badge, report this immediately to Toby Toscano (ext. 5197).

- Please be vigilant in locking classroom doors when we you leave a room.

- Please continue to let our awesome greeters, Joy and Mary Jane, know if you are expecting any guests during the school day. Please plan on meeting any classroom guests at the greeter’s desk if at all possible.

- During Advisement, the only students who should be sent to the library are those that have pre-signed passes from one of their content area teachers. Students should not be sent directly to the library by their Advisement teachers. We want to reinforce with students the library is a place for focused school work.
Educational Foundation
Thank you to Lori Eichas and Sara Snarr for stopping by our faculty meeting on Tuesday and providing us all an update on the Education Foundation. What a great resource for our school community! I would highly encourage everyone to consider using this resource for any classroom needs/special projects etc. The application form can be found at:

https://www.spencerporteducationfoundation.org/awards

Deadline for this round of applications is January 24!!! The application process is very straightforward and easy. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by and we can discuss! 😊

Upcoming Faculty Meetings
1/21/20: Only students who are taking the ELA regents exam will report to school on this day. With the exception of our ELA teachers and some Special Education teachers, this will essentially be a conference day for us (so there will be no faculty meeting at the end of the day occurring). A separate agenda will be sent out with specific times and locations for our various activities on this day.

2/11/20: The focus of this faculty meeting will be on Social Emotional Education. Please plan on this meeting lasting until approximately 3:15. We will be working in small groups, and a more detailed agenda with room locations will be sent out to faculty prior to the faculty meeting.

Breakfast During Advisement
Starting Monday, January 13, students should not be allowed to travel to the cafeteria during Advisement for breakfast. We are running into an issue with unsupervised students in the West Cafeteria (many of whom were in school at 7 a.m. for breakfast ;-)). If there is a student that has missed breakfast, please just let their administrator know and we will make sure they get it; we do not want any students to be hungry. Again, we just want to make sure students have a legitimate reason for being where they are and that they are supervised.

Student Microwave
Thanks to the efforts of Katie Wyant and STUGO, we now have a microwave dedicated for student use. This will be in the East Cafeteria starting next week. Mr. Mou and the French Club have agreed to look after the microwave for use in terms of making sure it is clean, etc. A big thank you to them for their willingness to take this on!! 😊

Principal's Message
I hope everyone has had a great start to 2020! As all of the veteran staff members know, the next few months will feel like they are flying by.

As I have continued to complete observations in a variety of departments I am impressed with our use of Schoology and instructional technology. Not that it (instructional technology) is simply being used but that it is serving to enhance and enrich student learning in very meaningful ways. I really appreciate and respect the growth mindset that I see on a daily basis where teachers are open to taking a “risk” and trying something new to support student learning through the ISTE standards. During my observations, I have also seen some great examples of Blended Learning. As you all know, this is one of our instructional focuses as a district and again I have been very impressed with people’s willingness to experiment with this instructional approach in their classes. One of my favorite quotes, as many of you know, is “Don’t let perfection stand in the way of better.” Teaching is an inexact science. It will never be perfect, and there will never be the perfect lesson. But if we are always open to new ideas and approaches, we will continue to be better every day. Whenever I met with a teacher during the pre-observation process and they are
nervous about trying something new during a lesson, I tell them I am just so excited that they have that growth mindset and willingness to try something new. Some of the best lessons I have ever observed have been this type of scenario (with a teacher trying an instructional practice that is new to them).

As always, please feel free to email me or stop by with any questions, concerns or comments! ☺ I hope everyone has a great weekend! All the best. Sean