Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. William Arthur Ward

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. Robert Louis Stevenson.

Upcoming Events:
November 27 – November 29
Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Monday, December 2
BPT Meeting, 2:25 p.m., Conference Room

Monday, December 2
HS Business Education Honor Society Induction, 6:30 p.m., PAC

Tuesday, December 3
Varsity Bowling vs. Hilton @ Pleasure Lanes, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3
HS Scheduling Information Night, 6:30 p.m., PAC

Tuesday, December 2
boys Varsity Basketball vs. Albion, 7:15 p.m., SHS

Tuesday, December 3
HS Vocal Concert, 7:00 p.m., PAC

Thursday, December 5
Teacher Leader Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

Thursday, December 5
HS Instrumental Concert, 7:00 p.m., PAC

Friday, December 6
Varsity Swimming vs. Churchville, 4:30 p.m., SHS

Monday, December 16
BPT Meeting, 2:25 p.m., Conference Room

Monday, December 16
HS National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 p.m., PAC

Tuesday, December 17
Department Meetings, 2:25 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17
HS Instrumental Concert, 7:00 p.m., PAC
Thursday December 19     Varsity Bowling vs. Brockport @ Spencerport Bowl 
Thursday, December 19    Boys Swim Holiday Relays, 4:30 p.m., SHS
Thursday, December 19    Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Irondequoit @ Lakeshore, 7:00 p.m.
**Friday, December 20**   **HS 15-week Progress Reports Available via Parent Portal**
Friday, December 20      Varsity Wrestling @ Schroeder, Time TBD
Friday, December 20      Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Notre Dame Batavia @ Bill Gray’s Iceplex, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 20      Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Gates, 7:15 p.m., SHS
Friday, December 20      Girls Varsity Basketball @ Gates, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, December 21    Varsity Wrestling @ Schroeder, Time TBD
December 23 – January 3  Holiday Recess, No School

**Student/Staff Updates**

On Tuesday, November 12, two members of the senior class presented as part of their Senior Projects. Mark Zicari and Carter Budziszewski are both enrolled in the Monroe II BOCES, WeMoCo HVAC Course taught by Mr. Dominic Corona. HVAC stands for Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning and is a two year program of study. Mark will follow up this year with a program at MCC to get his New York State Certificate. Carter will continue his apprenticeship/work in the field. Both students are able to take advantage of the Ralph Wilson Grant allowing them to take up to nine full credits in the HVAC advanced study program.

![Image of Mark Zicari and Carter Budziszewski with HVAC equipment]

On Monday, November 25, senior Abigail Keens completed her Senior Project with the presentation segment. Abigail researched proper nutrition and the impact and importance of eating a healthy balanced diet. For her product, Abigail wanted to create a local food drive and donate the nonperishable items to those in need. The beneficiary of her hard work was St. Andrew's Food Cupboard located on Portland Avenue. Abigail was supported by Tops Market in Spencerport, Big M Market in Gates, and St. John's Church in Spencerport. She was able to donate over 15 boxes/crates of food, one of the largest donations St. Andrew's Food Cupboard has received.
Senior Kathalina Quigley presented on Friday, November 22, for her Senior Project. Kathalina has been a student in the Cosmetology program for the past two years at WeMoCo - BOCES 2 program. As part of the program she has learned the essentials for hair care, facials and nails. Kathalina showed her skills performing a hair wash, cut and style. Her passion and knowledge was very apparent and she hopes to work in the field after passing her New York state boards.
Library during Advisement
When we return from Thanksgiving, the only students who will be permitted to go to the library during Advisement will be those students that have a pre-signed pass from one of their content area teachers. We want to clean up students just going to the library to “hang out” during Advisement. Advisement teachers, please do not issues passes to the library. We appreciate everyone’s help and cooperation with this. Any questions, let me know 😊.

Field Trips over 50 miles (2020-2021 school year)
Field trips over 50 miles for the 2020-2021 school year are due to my office (electronically) prior to Winter Recess (12/20/19). Please make sure all paperwork is filled out completely and is typed. The forms can be found on the Spencerport Intranet under District Resources and District/Staff forms. These proposals will then be presented to the schoolboard by Ty for approval in January/February. As you plan these trips, please keep the following in mind:

1) All overseas trips need to have travel insurance included in the cost.
2) For any overnight trip, there needs to be a plan in place for supervision of students at night. Either hotel security needs to be arranged to be in the hallways or there needs to be proctors in place to supervise hallways to ensure student safety.
3) A parent meeting must be arranged with me (Sean McCabe 😊) so I can review expectations for the trip related to the Code of Conduct. If I cannot attend the meeting, one of the Assistant Principals will.
4) All required forms must be completed by students and parents. This includes our medical form and the Code of Conduct agreement.
5) Approval for chaperones not employed by the Spencerport Central District must be given by me prior to 12/20/19.

If you have any questions related to this process, please schedule a meeting so we can talk live.

Upcoming Events for December
- **Winter Concerts**: Wednesday, December 18, (B Day 9th & 10th grade) and Thursday, December 19, (C Day 11th and 12th grade) during Advisement. There should be little to no impact on our academic day. Seating charts will be distributed to Advisement teachers and classes will be called down by announcement.

- **Concert Choir**: As in years past, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Mance and their students will be singing in the hallways before break. This year this will occur on Thursday, December 19, during third block.

- **Winter Spirit Week and Pep Assembly**: Winter Spirit Week will take place from Monday, December 16, until Friday, December 20. Our Winter Pep Assembly will take place on Friday, December 20 (D Day). We will have a modified schedule on this day to accommodate the Pep Assembly at the end of the day. All movement for the Pep Assembly will be by announcements. Please do not release students unless an announcement has been made. Morning announcements and the pledge will take place at the beginning of 2nd block.
### Period | Time | Length
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1 | 7:25 – 8:35 a.m. | 70 minutes
2 | 8:40 – 9:50 a.m. | 70 minutes
3 and Lunch | 9:55 – 11:40 a.m. | 105 minutes
4 | 11:45 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. | 70 minutes
PEP Assembly | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | 60 minutes
Return from Assembly & Dismissal | 2:00 – 2:10 p.m. | 10 minutes

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- **Elf Day: Friday, December 20, (D Day):** This will be our 12th Annual Elf Day. I will be meeting with the “elves” and their “owners” to explain the expectations for each. The overall expectation is that “elves” and their “owners” must follow the Code of Conduct and RANGERS’ Creed at all times. I think this is a wonderful event and would ask teachers to support it as much as possible. As always, it is up to each individual teacher to determine if an “elf” is allowed in their room, etc. Linda will send out a list prior to the 20th of all of the students participating. Thank you for your continued support of this event. This year only 12th grade students from the PAC and STUGO will be participating (trying to make it a little more special and meaningful for students).

### Course Selection Process
The course selection process for the 2020-2021 school year is about to begin, and there are a few reminders and important dates to share. Our 9th grade students will attend an Advisement assembly in the PAC on December 2, 2019, and the 10th/11th grade students will attend a combined Advisement assembly on December 3, 2019, which will explain the course scheduling process. The information night for parents will be held on December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

The Course Selection Process will be completely electronic again this year, as teachers will input all course recommendations in Infinite Campus. The window for course recommendations will be open on November 25 and will close at 3:00 p.m. on December 6. All teacher recommendations must be completed in Infinite Campus by December 6, and counselors will begin meeting with students on December 9. The window for inputting teacher recommendations is open on November 25 so that teachers have options for when they input recommendations. We kindly ask that you reserve your conversations with students regarding recommendations for December 3 thru December 6. Please note, we added two additional days for course recommendations this year based on teacher feedback.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Jessica Silsby.

### Upcoming Faculty Meetings
12/10: This will be our only faculty meeting in December. Like last year, we will have health and wellness activities to choose from, and then we will have our holiday party in the East Cafeteria ☺️. Please refer to the email from Aurora Brannigan that was sent out on Sunday, November 24, at 10:00 p.m. (there is dedication for you!!).
**Staff Reminders/Updates**

- Please continue to reinforce our building-wide expectations with students signing in and out of classrooms. Another point of emphasis is that during Advisement, honor passes are not in effect for any students. Students must have pre-signed passes to visit teachers. In talking to teachers who have hall duty during Advisement, this continues to be an issue for a few students/teachers. We will continue to complete modified hall sweeps during Advisement to reinforce this expectation. 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). If you ever encounter someone in the building without an ID, badge please let security and administration know immediately.

- Be vigilant in locking classroom doors when you leave a room. We have been doing spot checks of empty classrooms and have found rooms occasionally unoccupied and not locked. This is an issue. At no time should students be left unsupervised, and we must make sure we are not allowing this to occur by rooms being left open.

**Principal’s Message**

So very much to be thankful for!!! On a personal level over the last few years, I have made a concerted effort to take time every day to reflect on what I am thankful for and recognizing how lucky I am. What a difference that has made for me in my outlook on each day! I will not bore with you with what I am grateful for in my personal life (there is a lot and I am blessed), but I will share with you a few things that I am grateful for in my professional life:

A learning community made up of adults who care very deeply about our students and overall community. Whether you are a teacher, a secretary, a custodian, a bus driver, etc., I am grateful on a daily basis that our students get to interact with each of you. There is not a day that goes by when I do not smile to myself over multiple random acts of kindness and caring that I witness between our staff and students.

A learning community made up of students that are truly wonderful young adults who are excited to be able to give back to each other and the larger community. In my position, I am blessed to be able to interact with students in classrooms, hallways, sporting events, field trips, really all aspects of the daily happenings in a comprehensive high school. And again, there is not a day that goes by when I do not smile to myself over multiple acts of kindness and caring that I witness between our students and other students and staff. It is so very powerful and uplifting. It truly is.

A learning community that supports each other when things do necessarily go as planned/expected/wanted. As a learning community of 1,200 students and 150 adults, not everything will always go smoothly. That is life. But when a student might make a mistake, we rally around that student to support them and help them learn from that mistake. When there is loss or sadness that a student or staff member is dealing with, we rally around that person. When I witness examples of this, I not only think about the present impact of those interactions but also the long term impact and the positive “ripple” that is being made in the future. Might sound a little overboard but I really do.

A supportive and caring greater community of parents, guardians, neighbors, and friends of the district. One need only attend one of our extra-curricular activities (Robotics, Musical, Athletics, etc.) to find a multitude of the above lending a hand and supporting our students and staff. So much of what we do with our students would not be possible without this partnership, and I am truly grateful and proud of it.
A dedicated and supportive school board and central office. In my position, I have the opportunity to interact with school board members on a fairly regular basis. Their dedication to our students and learning community is truly extraordinary. Not every district has this level of commitment and we are truly fortunate. And a Superintendent and central office staff that is always focused on what they can do to support the schools and our students and staff. If there is ever an issue that I need help on from a high school perspective, the response is immediate. Truly grateful and blessed.

And so these are just a FEW things I am thankful for professionally. As we return from Thanksgiving next week, I look forward to continuing to work with each of you on all of our important work and most importantly working together to support our students and each other.

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