If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share. W. Clement Stone

Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough. Oprah Winfrey

Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, November 13  Department Meetings, 2:25 p.m.
Tuesday, November 13  Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office
Thursday, November 15  Teacher Leader Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room
Thursday, November 15  HS Musical, 7:30 p.m., HS PAC
Friday, November 16  HS Musical, 7:30 p.m., HS PAC
Saturday, November 17  HS Musical, 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., HS PAC
Monday, November 19  BPT, (STA Only), 2:25 p.m., Conference Room
Monday, November 19  HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
November 21 – November 23  Thanksgiving Recess, No School
Saturday, November 24  Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Geneseo @ RIT, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, November 26  HS Business Honor Society Induction, 6:30 p.m., HS PAC
Tuesday, November 27  Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office
Wednesday, November 28  Varsity Bowling vs. Churchville @ Spencerport Bowl, 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 28  Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Notre Dame of Batavia @ Bill Gray’s Iceplex, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 29  HS Scheduling Information Night, 6:30 p.m., HS PAC
Thursday, November 29  Varsity Bowling vs. Thomas @ Spencerport Bowl, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, November 29  Boys Varsity Swimming vs. Hilton, 5:00 p.m., SHS
Thursday, November 29  Varsity Wrestling @ Saint Joseph’s Collegiate Institute, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, November 30  Boys Varsity Swimming Invitational @ Hilton, 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 30  Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament vs. Schroeder, 7:15 p.m., SHS
Friday, November 30  Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Arcadia @ Brockport, 6:00 p.m.

Student Updates
Congratulations to Emma Kane on being named a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program, sophomore Elisabeth Resch on completing the 2018 Summer Academy program of the Geva Theatre Center Conservatory and to senior Brianna Donnelly who completed a study in the School of Orchestral Studies of the New York State Summer School of the Arts which was held at Skidmore College and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, New York. We are very proud of each of these young ladies!
Congratulations to senior Olivia Wall who was selected as our October Student of the Month for October for Respect. As always, thank you to the Spencerport Lions for sponsoring this award!
On Friday, October 26, members of the CHOICES Program made their first visit to Cosgrove. The purpose of this visit was to meet the eighth grade students and start the mentoring program. This was also a chance for them to thank Mr. Dale for his support and guidance with the CHOICES Program and to congratulate him on his new position. The students centered the meeting on introductions, team building activities, and a self-reflective survey. The students also wanted to thank the newest member of the administration team at Cosgrove, Telcie Pincelli, for her hard work in scheduling and her support for them. It was a great start for the program!

On Saturday, October 27, seniors from Spencerport High School Volunteered at the Trunk or Treat Holiday Party at Ogden Baptist Church. This was the fourth year that students helped the youth program at the church. The students decorated and helped run the arts and crafts and fun activities for the children attending.
On Friday, October 19, members of the CHOICES Program volunteered to help members of the fifth grade class from Terry Taylor Elementary School at their annual outing in the Spencerport Nature Center. The Nature Center was established in 2003 and serves as an outdoor classroom. The 5th graders were met by the members of the CHOICES Program, and they did team building activities, self-reflection activities and went on a guided walk through the center with Terry Taylor teacher Marlene Benson. It was a great day of fresh air, fun and education.

Spencerport High School senior members of the Service Learning Internship Program volunteered at St. Peter's Soup Kitchen on Brown Street in Rochester. The day was spent preparing a hot lunch for those in need, learning about the historic neighborhood and making new friends. The students were responsible for preparing the day’s menu and prep work for the next day’s meal. All the students were excited to see how many lives they impacted on this day serving over 170 meals.
From Mark Rennie:

I was doing West Cafeteria duty one day when two female students (who I don’t know) asked to go to the Ranger Cub House. I gave them permission & jokingly told them that I love strawberry fruit roll ups. Well when the ladies return, they each had bought me a strawberry fruit roll up! As you can imagine, I was very impressed. Ended up finding out their names: Genesis King & Lauren D’Alessandro.

And then today I actually received an ice coffee from one of my students: Dominic Pecora. He actually bought Courtney Hoerner and I both drinks!

I’m loving this! Great students.

A “very well done” to 12th grader Nikki Jackson and the work she did on her senior project. I came into possession of a thank you note sent to her by the Executive Director of the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester thanking her for a $645 donation from her work on the senior project! Great job 😊.

**Course Selection Process**

The course selection process for the 2019-2020 school year is about to begin, and there are a few reminders and important dates to share. The 9th grade students will attend an Advisement assembly in the PAC on November 28, 2018, and the 10th/11th grade students will attend a combined Advisement assembly on November 29, 2018, which will explain the course scheduling process. The information night for parents will be held on November 29 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 30 and will close at 3:00 p.m. on December 3. All teacher recommendations must be completed in Infinite Campus by December 3, and counselors will begin meeting with students on December 4. The window for inputting teacher recommendations is open on November 26 so that teachers have options for when they input recommendations. We kindly ask that you reserve your conversations with students regarding recommendations for November 30 and December 3, as we have in year’s past. This will allow the conversations to occur simultaneously to the grade level assemblies.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Tim O’Connor.
Field Trips over 50 miles (19-20 school year)
Field trips over 50 miles for the 19-20 school year are due to my office (electronically) prior to Winter Recess (12/21). Please make sure all paperwork is filled out completely and is typed. The forms can be found in Schoology under Faculty Meetings 18-19 (Opening Day Documents). 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 12/21/18.

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

Staff Reminders
Please make sure to let Marlene and Joy know about any visitors that you have arranged to stop by during the day. You or one of your students should be available to greet your visitors after they have signed in. If there are other special arrangements needed, please let them know ahead of time. Both Marlene and Joy shared this has been much improved this year and they greatly appreciate the communication with them.

Please reinforce with any students who might ask you (or who you might overhear talking ☻️) that students should not be ordering food to be dropped off at the greeters desk.

Continue to be vigilant in wearing your IDs, approaching anyone who is not wearing an ID (or letting security know), and keeping all classroom doors locked when a teacher/staff member is not present. At no time should students be left unsupervised.

Wednesday, November 14, is “Wear Blue Day.” BPT would like to ask for your support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) by considering participating in our “Wear Blue Day.” Staff are encouraged to wear jeans (and anything else blue they would like) as a sign of support for this very worthy cause. We have a number of students and staff impacted by diabetes either directly or through family members and friends, and this is a great way to show them our support! There will be a donation jar in my office starting today where staff can donate however much they would like.
**Upcoming Faculty Meetings**

11/27: This meeting will be the first hosted by our Digital Conversion Team. There will be the opportunity to select a session that you would like to attend related to our work with the ISTE standards. Please see the email that Cory Allen sent out this morning (11/13). Thank you to all of our wonderful DCT members!

12/11: Hard to believe but this will be our one faculty meeting for December. In working with Jackie and Aurora, we are actually looking to turn this into another health and wellness activity (as opposed to our traditional Ranger Olympics). More information to follow on that. Immediately following this will be our staff holiday party so mark your calendars! This year we are going to hold the party at the high school, and we will have it catered. So right after you complete a healthy activity you can indulge in some fried appetizers :)! As Jackie advised me, “As long as it is in moderation.” We will also make sure there are some healthy snacks as well.

**Tuesday 11/20**

Please note there will be two staff events taking place on the day before Thanksgiving Break.

1) We will have our breakfast banter co-hosted by Administration and the Special Education department in the East Cafeteria starting at 7:00 a.m. Any leftover food will be moved to the 300 Hallway faculty lounge during 1st block.

2) Please remember our Health and Wellness Committee is hosting a salad bar for lunch on this day as well. Please remember to complete the slip that was put into your mailbox and return it to Jackie or Aurora with $2 by Friday, November 16.

**Principal’s Message**

With the academic year officially a quarter complete, there is much for Spencerport High School to be proud of so far this year. Below are just a few of OUR (students, staff, and community) accomplishments:

1) The one to one initiative (digital conversion) has gone extremely well. This is due in large part to the growth mindset of our faculty who have been open to exploring and researching best practices to integrate instructional technology into their lessons. In every class I have visited, I see Schoology being used to enhance learning opportunities for our students (this is just one example of instructional technology integration ((ISTE))). This did not happen overnight. This has been an ongoing effort over the past few years spearheaded by our colleagues who are members of the DCT team. It is also due to the collaboration between Cory Allen and the Technology Department and our entire staff. So very well done!

2) Our grading conversation continues to make real progress. We had a wonderful PD during our Superintendent’s Day in October during which many of our colleagues shared their approaches/best practices to various grading topics. As Jessica shared during our last faculty meeting, we also received some great feedback from the closure activity at the end of this PD. The vast majority of faculty who took the survey agreed with the draft philosophy Teacher Leaders and administration had created last year and also agreed with the best practices listed. We will use this feedback to
continue to move forward as a faculty with this discussion over the coming months. Again, this progress is due to a growth mindset of our staff.

3) We conducted numerous emergency drills during the 1st quarter to make sure students and staff know how to react to various scenarios. These drills will continue throughout the rest of the year.

4) Our staff continues to support our students outside of the classroom through a wide variety of extracurricular clubs and activities (as well as sports). None of these would be possible without staff being willing to take on these responsibilities.

5) We have had numerous “Peak Moments” for our school community this year. These have included Homecoming Week (with over 700 students attending the Homecoming Dance), Red Ribbon Week, incredible team and individual athletic accomplishments, volunteer work our students have taken part in across the community, our musical, Robotics, and the list goes on and on. I truly believe one of the key roles of our learning community is to provide our students with these “Peak Moment” opportunities. This goes hand in hand with the incredible academic opportunities each of you help to provide for our students.

I am looking forward to a great 2nd quarter of the school year. I truly believe in the words of Oprah at the beginning of this edition of the RANGER Report; Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough. To me, this also translates to being focused on all of the amazing things that our students and staff accomplish on a daily basis. Whether it be random acts of kindness, academic accomplishments, etc., there is so very much to be thankful for right here at Spencerport High School and each of you make this possible.

As always, please feel free to see me at any time with questions, comments or concerns. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends!