

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence



September 8, 2023

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer and am excited about what's ahead this school year. From the look of things, students are also optimistic about the new school year. Visiting our schools, I could feel the upbeat vibe! Our youngest students, in particular, were bursting with energy on day one.

As many of you may know, Nassau Elementary School had a power outage today. While the school was initially on a two-hour delay, we needed to close the school when it became clear that the outage would not be resolved in a timely manner. Receiving such late notice about the school delay and closure made for a difficult morning for many of our Nassau families, and we thank you for your understanding.

Despite these complications, we had a great opening week. A few scenes follow:



Above: Crossing guard Joanne Van Ness and School Resource Officer Steve Doughty greeted families on foot as they returned to school.



Above: Superintendent Fanuele, Principal Erik Lynch, and Assistant Superintendent Lori Mulford were on hand to welcome students to school and calm first-day jitters.



Above: Staff warmly greet students.



Above: Principal Lynch chats with returning students.



Above: Dr. Fanuele wishes a student a great school year.

Summer News

Over the summer, trustee JoAnne Prairie joined the Board of Education.



Above, left to right: Board of Education members Sasha Barnes, JoAnne Prairie, Jeff Cohen, Vice President Richard Horvath, and President Dan Koehler.



Above: BOE President Dan Koehler addressed 12-month staff at a summer luncheon.



Above: Administrators met in the Todd cafeteria after the luncheon to discuss the school year ahead.

Welcome New Staff

We are happy to welcome new teachers and support staff in our buildings. They are:

District

Murphy Boney, School Bus Driver
Stacie McIntyre, Central Registration

Nassau Elementary School

Brittany Farrell, Social Worker
Michelle Kornrich, 1st Grade
Nicole Pastre, Special Education

Hagan Elementary School

Jeremiah Blake, Monitor
Lydia Cannistra, Monitor
Christine Mangiamele, Music
Diana Miller, Monitor
Alena Pidala, Teaching Assistant

Orville Todd Middle School

Jonathan Albertson, Teaching Assistant
Antonio Alioto, Custodial Worker
Jacquelyn Harbison, Teaching Assistant
James Laudano, ENL (Todd and SHS)
Norma Catalina Mahoney, Foreign Language Leave Replacement
Amanda Odendahl, Social Worker
Meira Terzian, Secretary
Wendy Wasserman, Math Teacher Leave Replacement

Spackenkill High School

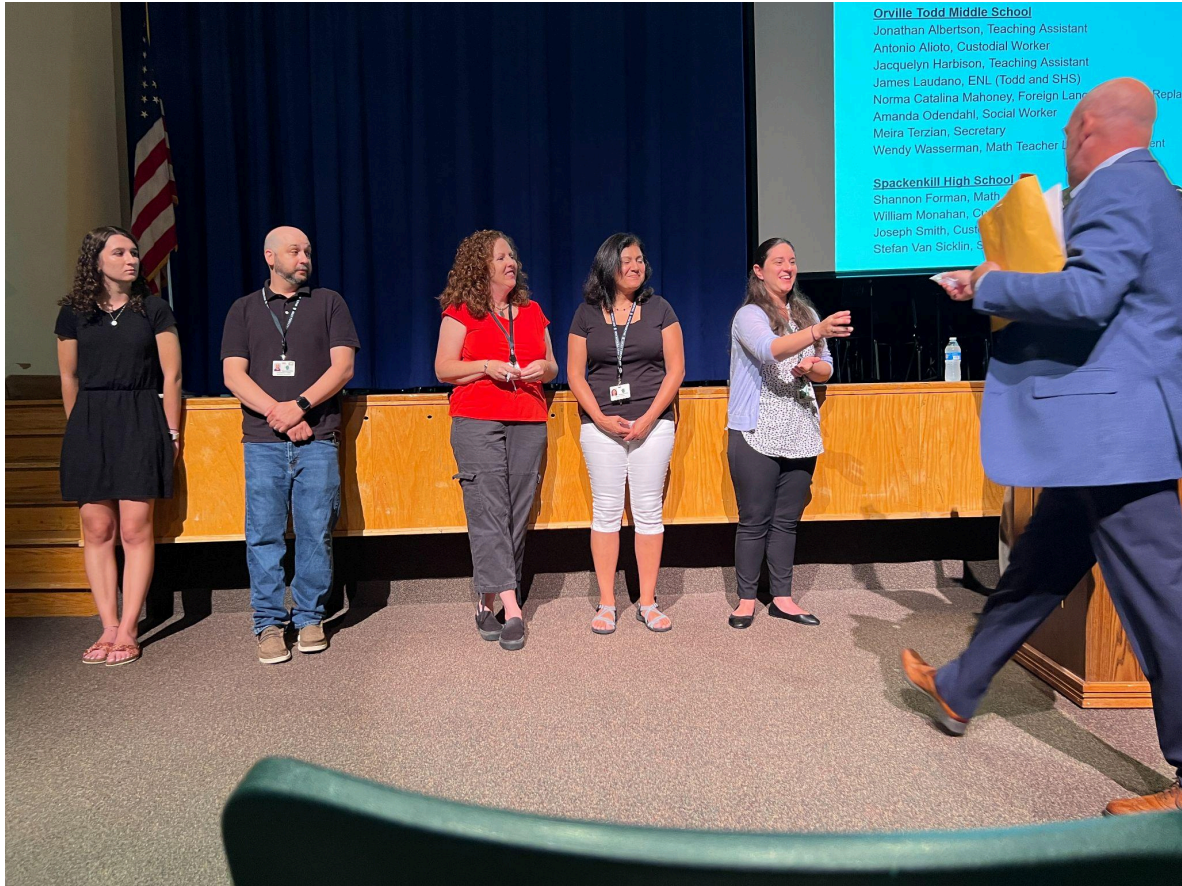
Shannon Forman, Math
William Monahan, Custodial Worker
Joseph Smith, Custodial Worker
Stefan VanSicklin, Special Education



Above: New staff orientation took place in late August. Administrators and new teachers and staff shared thoughts, learned about Spackenkill, and met with mentors.



Above: Accompanied by Dr. Lori Mulford, Superintendent Paul Fanuele, and Hagan Principal Clinton DeSouza, new staff took a district tour in a Spackenkill mini-bus.



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Joseph Smith, Custodial Worker
Stefan Van Sickle, Social Worker



Two photos above: Assistant Superintendent John Farrell presents new staff with Spackenkill pride pins on Superintendent's Conference Day.

Capital Project Update

You might have noticed that a lot happened at our schools over the summer—especially, in their parking lots! As part of Phase 5 of the Capital Project, all four building lots have been repaved, with upgraded lighting. Crews have been working on the lots since June to give everyone a safe, smooth

ride for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, the high school has new bleachers in the gymnasium!



Above, clockwise from top left: Before paving at Todd, SHS, Hagan, and Nassau.



Above, clockwise from top left: After paving at Todd, SHS, Hagan, and Nassau.

SHS Recognized by US News



US News just released its 2023-2024 Best High Schools rankings. Spackenkill High School is ranked #1,270 in the [National Rankings](#), from a pool of 18,000 schools, with an overall score of 92.82/100. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation, and how well they prepare students for college. Congratulations to our staff and students! Read more [here](#).

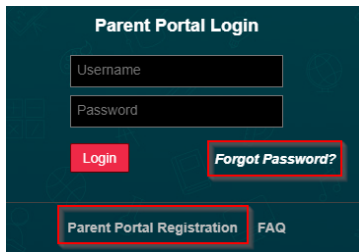
Important Parent Portal News

The Parent Portal provides parents and guardians access to your child's academic information, including report cards and attendance for the current academic year. With a Parent Portal account, you are able to view your student's information at any time with a working Internet connection.

If you are new to our district, you should have received credentials for a Parent Portal account by email when your online registration application was accepted. You must have a valid email address to have a Parent Portal account.

If you do not have an account, parents and guardians should have received an email on Thursday, September 7, with the subject "Your Spackenkill Parent Portal Account." It contains username and temporary password information. Please click [here](#) for instructions to complete the registration process. Once this is done, you can log in to the Parent Portal. You do not need to request an account. ***Please check your SPAM or Junk folder if you do not see the email.***

If you have a Parent Portal account but do not know your Parent Portal login information or if you are unsure if you have an account, please click Forgot Password on the Parent Portal login screen found at <https://parentportal-mhric.eschooldata.com>. This will send you a password reset along with your Parent Portal username. If you do not seem to have an account, you can request an account by clicking on **Parent Portal Registration**.



For complete instructions on how to use the eSchooldata Parent Portal, please visit the links on our website at https://www.spackenkillschools.org/parents/parent_portal.

If you have any issues accessing your Parent Portal, please contact:

Hagan: Pat.Sample@sufsdny.org

Nassau: Kara.Koehler@sufsdny.org

Todd: Amanda.Tierney@sufsdny.org or Diana.Petrocca@sufsdny.org

HS: Melissa.Thompson@sufsdny.org

OR parentportal@sufsdny.org

Looking forward to the first full week of school and more comfortable weather ahead!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Fanuele, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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