



## A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



**One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence**

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October 17, 2025

Dear Spackenkill Community,

It's School Board Recognition Week. At our last Board of Education meeting, we honored our board for all that they do. As you probably know, our Board members give freely of their time on a completely volunteer basis for the benefit of the students of the Spackenkill School District. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication! If you see a Board member, please thank them for their service to the District.

## EMPOWERING STUDENT FUTURES



THANK YOU SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS!

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

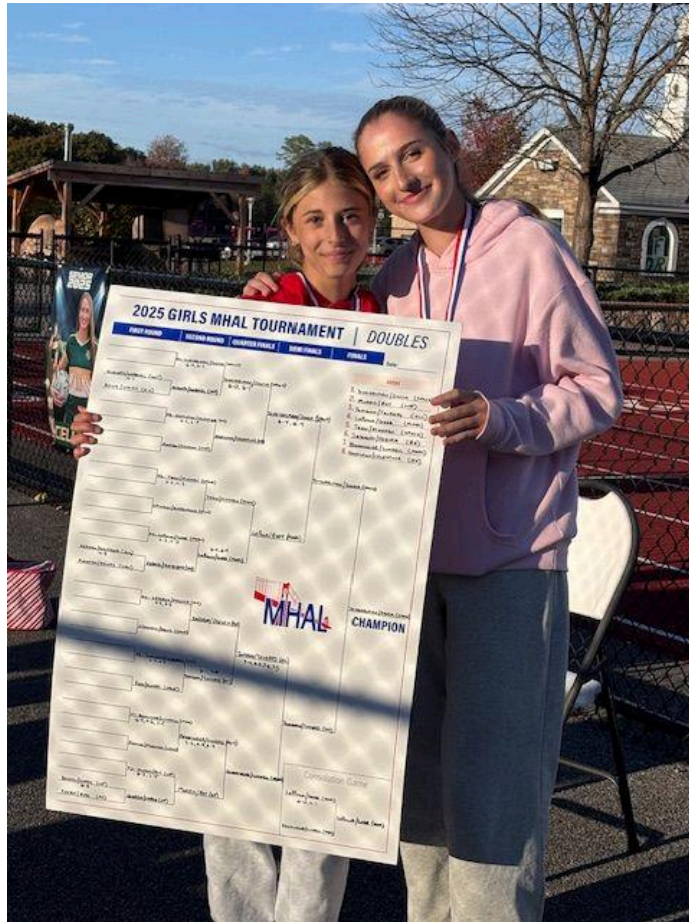
October 13 - 17, 2025



New York State School Boards Association

### Tennis Wins

The MHAL Girls Tennis Tournament was held on October 15th at FDR. Congratulations to Qadira Scheidelman and Vivian Zanca, who won the Doubles Championship, and to Vivienne Kurz, who finished second in the Singles Tournament!



Above: Congratulations to Qadira and Vivian!





*Above: Vivienne (second from right) with Coach Klein.*

# Winter Sports Registration!

**REGISTER NOW**  
Powered by FamilyID

Online registration for Varsity, JV, and Modified winter sports opens October 19<sup>th</sup> on Family ID.

Start dates for Winter Sports:

Varsity/JV – November 17, 2025

Modified – November 24, 2025

## **VARSITY SPORTS**

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

Cheerleading

Indoor Track (B&G)

Boys' Swimming (transportation to Beacon HS is not provided)

## **J.V. SPORTS**

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

Cheerleading

## **MODIFIED SPORTS**

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

Click on the link below to register:

<http://www.familyid.com/spackenkill-ufsd-athletics>

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## **Todd Student Government Elections**

Todd Student Government elections took place this week. Twenty-five students were running for office. Before voting, students gathered at an assembly in the gym. As Principal Doherty pointed out, it was a good opportunity for the student audience to practice the Other People Matter mindset by giving the speakers their full attention.

Student candidates talked about important qualities for a Student Government leader to have, such as working well with others and following through on promises. A common goal of the candidates was making it a great year for everyone.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **6th Grade Committee Chiefs**, Colin Glasscott, Dishen Mannan, Olivia Pidanick
- **Secretary**, Vincent Barker
- **7th Grade Committee Chair**, Liam Burns
- **8th Grade Committee Chair**, Annabelle Nesheiwat
- **Historians**, Gabrielle Adjei-Badu, Audrey Harper
- **Treasurer**, Yasmin Mah
- **Vice President**, Jose Samaniego
- **President**, Ariana Hernandez









*Three photos above:* Todd Student Government candidates made impressive speeches.

### **Admins Recertified in CPR/AED**

On Tuesday, district administrators received Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) training from a Nuvance Health team. As they did two years ago when they were first certified, administrators followed the curriculum of the American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED Program. They learned key differences between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest as well as treatment for opioid overdoses.

CPR/AED training is part of the Spackenkill culture. As you may recall, Spackenkill was recognized by [Project ADAM](#) (Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory) for the District's cardiac arrest preparedness.



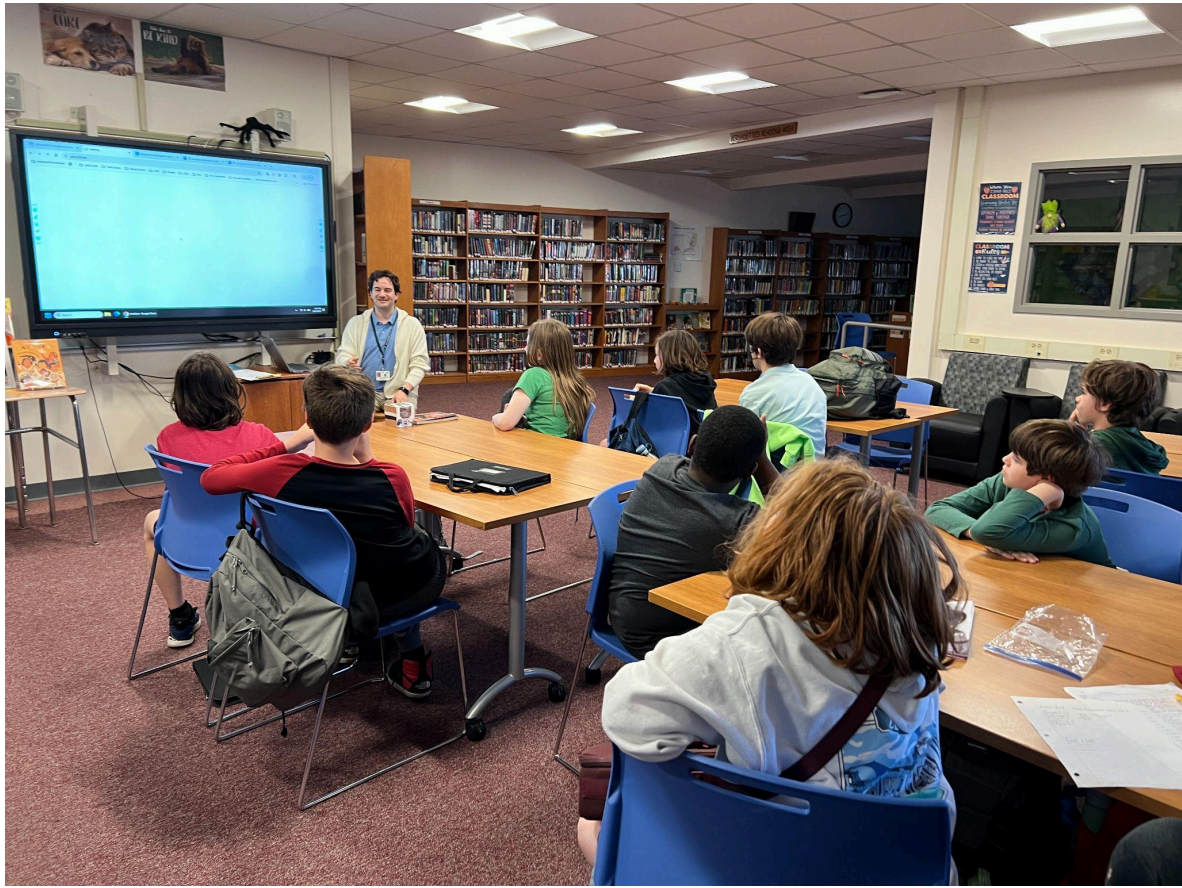


Above: Administrators were re-certified in CPR/AED this week.

### Todd Club Updates



Todd clubs are now in full swing. Led by Library Media Specialist Mr. Sarubbi, **Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)** continues to be popular. D&D is a lot of fun and very engaging for students, yet it also taps into the Positivity Project values – creativity, curiosity, enthusiasm, and more. At their first meeting, the club discussed etiquette, courtesy, expectations, and other important ground rules.





*Two photos above: Dungeons and Dragons Club meeting in the Todd Library.*



**Book Club** also continues to draw enthusiastic members at Todd. Last Friday, students met with advisor Mrs. Hutchinson to discuss the fun activities for the year ahead. The students look forward to reading and discussing pages together.







*Three photos above: Todd Book Club is off to a lively start.*

### **Hispanic Heritage Month at Nassau**

Last Friday, guest presenter Iris Hau visited Ms. Grande's first grade classroom to talk about Puerto Rico for Hispanic Heritage Month. This is the second year that Mrs. Hau visited Nassau, and the students have had a blast listening to her beautiful descriptions of Puerto Rico and its history. They learned about the island's bioluminescent bays, the native "coqui" frog, El Yunque rain forest, and Puerto Rican music and dancing traditions like bomba, salsa, and reggaeton. She also provided



maracas and other instruments for the students to play. "I want to go see Puerto Rico right now!" one student remarked.









*Three photos above: Iris Hau presented to first grade students about Puerto Rico and its history. The students loved trying out the instruments that she brought for them to play.*

**Recess Explorers at Hagan**

STEM teacher Mrs. Scoralick runs Recess Explorers at Hagan. This program is open to all children during recess several times a week. Activities are "advertised" on the lobby monitor announcements. These hands-on opportunities foster creativity and encourage children to embark on individual learning paths. During this time, the students practice working together, sharing, and communicating in respectful ways.







*Photos above: Fourth grade students working on VEX Robotics projects and making pillows.*

**Visit from the Arlington Fire District**

Nassau students enjoyed learning about fire safety this week. Firefighters talked about safety issues and the right way to evacuate a burning structure by staying low while getting to the exit. They also gave tours of a fire truck.



*Above: Mrs. West's kindergarten class prepares to watch a fire safety video. Superintendent Fanuele also visited.*





*Two photos above:* Mrs. Strapec's class with firefighters.







*Above:* Members of the Arlington Fire District show students around the fire truck.



If you are a parent or staff member, you automatically receive notifications for school closings and delays and newsletters on ParentSquare. However, if a person who is not part of the school district wants to receive these notifications, they can click [here](#) to sign up for a community group.

### **ZombieFest is This Saturday!**

ZombieFest is this Saturday, October 18th, from 6 to 9 pm at the high school. The event will take place inside this year, starting in the cafeteria. The theme is Coraline.

ZombieFest is LEO Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds go to the Adopt-a-Family Program. It is completely student created and run. There will be food and games as well as a haunted-house-style tour. Don't miss it!



### **Support Crop Hunger Walk**

The High School French Club is once again supporting the Crop Hunger Walk and raising funds to support global and local hunger relief. The funds provide more food, medical care, and education to families affected by conflict, displacement, and natural disasters worldwide. This cause also

supports local hunger relief, as 25% of funds raised stay right here in the Spackenkill community. Getting donations from community members also empowers the High School French Club to continue its mission of cultural learning and community engagement. **Although much of what they do as a club focuses on fun and community within the group, the CROP Hunger Walk stands apart as their most meaningful event as it allows them to contribute to something larger than themselves and make a tangible difference.**

Spackenkill High School French Club

# STOP WORLD HUNGER

DONATE NOW!



## WHY DONATE?

- **Global Impact:** Provide food, care, and education to families in crisis.
- **Local Impact:** 25% supports hunger relief in our own community.
- **French Club Impact:** Empower students' cultural learning and service.

Support us with a **donation** as we walk six miles in solidarity with those who travel long distances daily in search of food and clean water.



*Every step & every donation  
helps to end hunger.*



♥ *Help Us Bake Kindness & Hope!* ♥



**Families Helping Families- A Hagan Elementary School Community Service Project**

☀ **We Need Your Help!** ☀

We'd like to help supply ingredients to Sparrow's Nest, who will be baking pies to donate to bring joy to local families affected by cancer in our community.

**What We Need:**

- Flour
- White Sugar
- Brown Sugar

(The bigger the bags, the more pies we can make! 🧁)

**Drop Off Location:** Hagan Elementary School Main Lobby

**Please drop-off your donations by October 24, 2025**

Your generous donations will help bring comfort and joy to local families facing challenging times. Every cup of sugar and flour counts! 💖

*Thank you in advance for your kindness and support!*

**About Sparrow's Nest:** Supporting local families affected by cancer, one meal at a time.

*Together, we make our community stronger! Questions? Call Hagan 845-463-7840*



# SOCKTOBER

OCT. 1ST - 31ST

SPONSORED BY  
THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- NEW SOCKS OF ANY KIND & SIZE WILL BE ACCEPTED
- DROP OFF LOCATIONS IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AND MAIN LOBBY
- DONATED TO HOPE ON A MISSION, HELPING PEOPLE IN THE POUGHKEEPSIE AREA

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# CHILDREN'S HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO



## Trick or Treating



### FREE FAMILY FUN



Fire Safety  
Trailer



Pumpkin  
Decorating



School Bus  
Safety



Free Food  
& Drinks



Children's  
ID Station

**Saturday, October 18 | 10 AM – 2 PM**

**EMERGENCY ONE URGENT CARE**

2555 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY

Special Thanks: IHeart Media, Adam's Fairacres Farms, Medline, Price Chopper,  
Spackenkill School District, Town of Poughkeepsie Police, and DCRCC.





# SPACKENKILL VARSITY FOOTBALL'S **LITTLE SPARTAN NIGHT**



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Little Spartans walk the varsity team out onto the field



Sign-Making-Station-Create posters for your favorite player



Flag Football Players~Wear your team jerseys

# 24

OCTOBER

# 5:30

ARRIVE AT 5:30 TO GET IN  
THE WALK OUT LINE!

SPACKENKILL HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL FIELD

COME CHEER LOUD, SHOW YOUR SPARTAN PRIDE, AND BE PART OF AN  
UNFORGETTABLE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS EXPERIENCE!

Don't Need It Anymore?

*Don't Throw It Away!*

DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR



## USED CLOTHING DRIVE

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

**BSA TROOP 25**

### COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:

#### CLOTHING/SHOES

All Types / Styles of  
Used Wearable Clothing  
(Men, Women and Kids)  
All Sneakers and Shoes



#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Blankets  
Sheets  
Bedspreads  
Quilts  
Comforters  
Towels

Table Cloths  
Drapery/Curtains  
Bath Rugs  
Kitchen / Bath



**NO** Books/CD's, VHS Tapes, Kitchen Appliances,  
Outdoor Toys or Furniture, Please.

**PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.**

We are working with [clothingdrivefundraiser.com](http://clothingdrivefundraiser.com) and we'll receive  
a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect.



#### ACCESSORIES

Purses, Backpacks,  
Briefcases, Belts,  
Hats / Gloves,  
Under garments,  
Socks, Scarves / Ties &



### DATES / TIMES

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

**FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**

If you are unable to drop off your items on these dates and times, to make arrangements, please contact:

**CATHY QUIRK (914)456-0589**

### LOCATION

**ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT- RED OAKS MILL**

**213 VASSAR RD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603**

Items will be sent to support people in need of wearable used clothing via micro-enterprise programs around the globe.  
Items not suitable for reuse will be recycled.



LUSTGARTEN  
Pancreatic  
Cancer  
Research

WALK

JOIN US FOR  
THE 15th ANNUAL

# Hudson Valley WALK



FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

8:30 AM Event Village Opens

9:30 AM Opening Ceremony Start

10:00 AM Walk Starts

Home of the Hudson Renegades

Heritage Financial Park

1500 NY- 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

[lustgarten.org/hudsonvalley](https://lustgarten.org/hudsonvalley)



REGISTER FOR FREE! **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Make the most of fall this weekend!

Sincerely,

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



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Please see flyer(s) that may be of interest:

[Hudson Valley Pancreatic Cancer Walk with Sponsorship Form](#)

[Downstate North Boys Skills Development Program](#)

[Downstate North Volleyball](#)

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**Spackenkill Union Free School District**

**15 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; 845-463-7800**

*Established 1865*