



## A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



**One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence**

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May 3, 2024

Dear Spackenkill Community,

The Board of Education will hold a Budget Hearing at the BOE meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at Todd Middle School, beginning at 6:30 pm. In the days afterward, you will be receiving your 2024-2025 Budget Brochures in the mail. The Brochure is also posted on the District website under the Business Office [here](#).

The date of the subsequent BOE meeting is Tuesday, May 21st, the day of the Budget and Trustee Vote. That meeting will take place at 7:30 pm in the Spackenkill High School Library. All meetings are aired by livestream on the District website homepage, [spackenkillschools.org](https://spackenkillschools.org).

At the BOE meeting on April 23, 2024, Hagan teaching assistant Mon Winn was recommended for tenure. Congratulations!

I also wanted to let you know that we are aware of reports of caterpillars causing allergic reactions when they come in contact with skin, resulting in welts and rashes. We are keeping an eye on the situation and are monitoring our buildings and grounds. If necessary, we will limit outdoor activities next week.



Above: Mon Winn with the Board of Education and administration at the April 23rd BOE meeting.

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**Budget Vote/Capital Reserve Proposition/Trustee Vote**

**Tuesday, May 21st, 7 am - 9 pm**

**Spackenkill High School**

**BOE Meeting in SHS Library, 7:30 pm**

**Read about Board Candidate Daniel G. Koehler [here](#).**

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### **Athletics News**

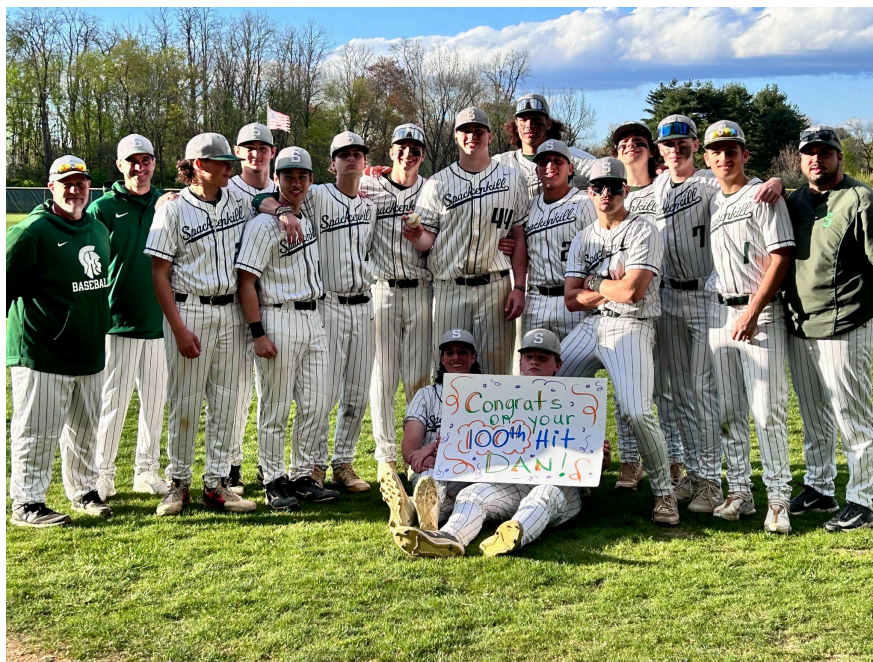
#### ***Baseball Milestone***

Senior Dan Collins joins Justin Etts as the only players in Spackenkill baseball history to amass 100 career hits. This is an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations to all!





*Above: Dan Collins with his family.*



Above: The Varsity Baseball Team congratulates Dan Collins.

### ***NLI Signing***

On April 26th, senior Chris Slack signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at Hartwick College. Congratulations, Chris and family!



Above: Chris Slack with his family.



Above: Chris with Coach Riley and teammates.

### ***Athletic Season Roundup***

Our spring athletic season is underway. The varsity teams are having some success and preparing for the postseason. All game schedules can be found here:

<https://www.sectionixny.org/public/genie/1336/school/134/>

Varsity Lacrosse - Spackenkill merged with FDR for Varsity and Modified Lacrosse and we have five female athletes participating on their teams. The Varsity Girls Team has a record of 2-4.

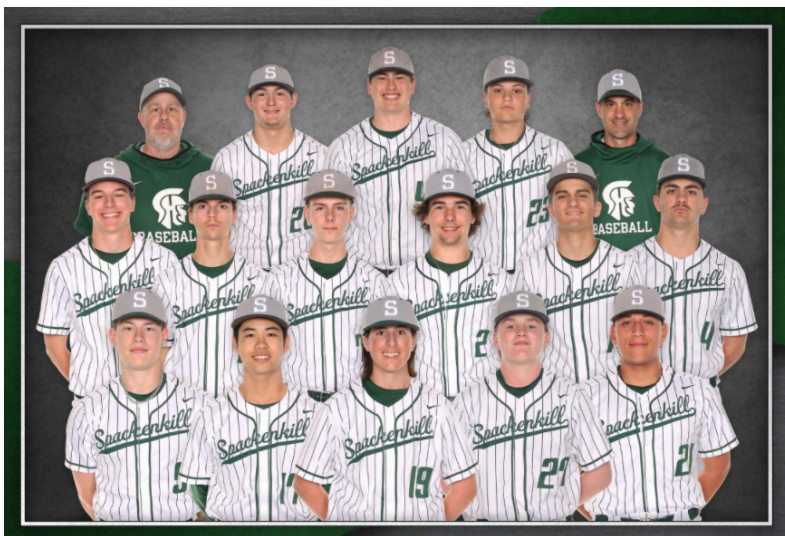




Varsity Softball - The team has a record of 5-2 and is currently in first place in their division. The MHAL Championship is scheduled for May 11th in Highland and sectional play will begin the week of May 18th.



Varsity Baseball - The team has a record of 10-0 and is currently in first place in their division. The MHAL Championship is scheduled for May 11th in Saugerties and sectional play will begin the week of May 18th.



Varsity Crew - The team will compete in the NYSSRA Championships on May 11th and 12th. Upcoming schedule: May 3rd Novice Triangulars and May 4th Varsity Triangulars @ HRRRA in Poughkeepsie.



Varsity Boys Tennis - The team has a record of 6-2. The MHAL Championship is scheduled for May 14th at FDR and the Section 9 Championship is on May 22nd.





Varsity Girls & Boys Track and Field - The MHAL Championship is May 16th at Rondout and the Section 9 Championship is May 23rd.



**Spring Sports Post-Season Dates:**

MHAL Baseball Championship @ Cantine Memorial Complex on May 11<sup>th</sup>

MHAL Softball Championship @ Highland High School on May 11<sup>th</sup>

MHAL Tennis Championship @ FDR on May 13<sup>th</sup>

MHAL Track and Field Championship @ Rondout HS on May 16<sup>th</sup>

Crew NYSSRA Championships @ Saratoga Springs on May 11<sup>th</sup>

Varsity Lacrosse Sectional play begins May 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Todd Welcomes IBM Engineers**

The IBM Engineer Team visited Todd Middle School last Friday to mentor students. The volunteers spent the day visiting classrooms while students worked in engineering teams, designing fling planes using notecards, straws, paper clips, and tape as their construction materials. The engineers worked with the students similar to the “flying duck” airplane at Hagan in last week’s newsletter, but this time, the students had to stick with a “budget” for their materials. The goal for each plane was to make a safe landing with the duck upright. At the end of the session, students enjoyed testing their designs.

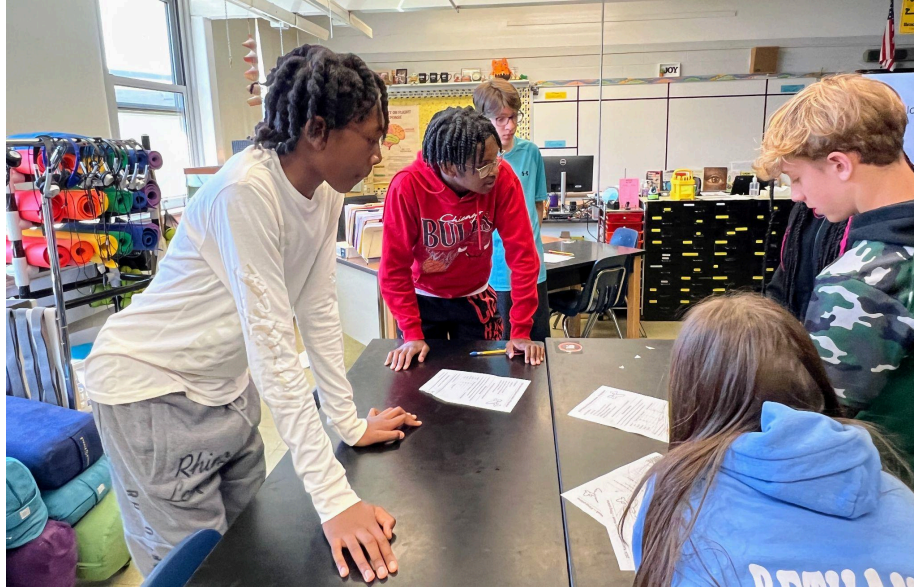


Above: Engineers in Mrs. Joy's classroom described the steps of the project.









*Three photos above: Students worked in teams.*

### **Gatsby Comes to Life**

Mrs. Oakley's 11 AP Language and Composition classes embarked on an unforgettable literary journey as they attended a mesmerizing performance of "The Great Gatsby" on Broadway last week. Immersed in the roaring 20s atmosphere, students gained a deeper understanding of the text's nuances and significance, sparking lively discussions and enriching their literary comprehension when they returned to the classroom.









*Four photos above: Students had a lovely day at the theater.*

### **Summer Jobs Program**



Spackenkill Union Free School District is now accepting applications from college students who are graduates of the district and high school juniors and seniors for the Summer Jobs Program, which runs from June 27 to August 23, 2024. Must have valid NYS driver's license. [Applications for positions to assist custodians and grounds are available for download by clicking here.](#)

Applications should be submitted to:

Mrs. Deirdre Caamano

Spackenkill District Office

15 Croft Road

Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

Applications can also be dropped off in the mailbox outside of the District Office.

Deadline: May 17, 2024

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# **GIVE BACK TO SPACK**

## **DOLLARS FOR SENIORS FUNDRAISING DRIVE**

For the last 20 years, the PTSA  
has collected donations to give  
awards to graduating seniors!

**DRIVE ENDS MAY 3**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE**



**CHECKS CAN BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE  
HIGH SCHOOL, PAYABLE TO SPACK PTSA 6-12**



# Dia:

## Dia Teens apply now for Summer 2024!



Photo: Don Stahl

"Dia Teens is a place to make art, be creative, learn, and have new experiences with friends."

— Rowan, Dia Teens 2023

Dia Teens takes place at Dia Beacon, Tuesdays–Fridays, July 9 – August 16, 2024, 11 am–3 pm. The program is free, and all participants receive a stipend at the completion of each semester. To learn more about the program, visit [www.diaart.org/teens](http://www.diaart.org/teens) or @diateens on Instagram.

### Applications due Sunday, June 9, 2024



Dia Beacon, Riggio Galleries  
3 Beekman Street Beacon New York 12508  
[www.diaart.org](http://www.diaart.org)

# Young Writers Programs

## Summer 2024

The Hudson Valley Writing Project brings young people together to find their voices, share their ideas, and experience the joy of writing.



### AGES 7-9

#### MAKING BOOKS

SUNY New Paltz  
July 8-12 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### EXPLORING NATURE THROUGH ART & WRITING

SUNY New Paltz  
July 15-19 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### NATURE WRITERS & EXPLORERS

Environmental Cooperative  
at Vassar Barns  
July 22-26 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### EVERYONE IS A WRITER

SUNY New Paltz  
July 29-Aug 2 | 9am-1pm | \$295



### AGES 10-12

#### SPARKS FOR WRITING

SUNY New Paltz  
July 8-12 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### CREATING COMICS

SUNY New Paltz  
July 15-19 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### BOOKMAKING FUN

SUNY New Paltz  
July 22-26 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### CREATIVE EXPERIMENTS

SUNY New Paltz  
July 29-Aug 2 | 9am-1pm | \$295

### AGES 12-14

#### WORLDBUILDING & STORYTELLING, D&D

SUNY New Paltz  
July 8-12 | 9am-3pm | \$375

#### WRITING & ROLEPLAYING, D&D

SUNY New Paltz  
July 15-19 | 9am-3pm | \$375

#### WRITING SCI-FI & FANTASY

SUNY New Paltz  
July 22-26 | 9am-1pm | \$295



### AGES 13-17

#### TEEN WRITERS INSTITUTE

Vassar College  
July 8-12 | 9am-1pm | \$295  
SUNY New Paltz  
July 29-Aug 2 | 9am-1pm | \$295

#### AUDIO STORYTELLING & PODCASTING

SUNY New Paltz  
July 15-19 | 9am-3pm | \$350

#### NATURE & WRITING FOR CHANGE

Vassar College  
July 22-26 | 9am-1pm | \$295

### AGES 15-17

#### THE PEN & THE SWORD, D&D

SUNY New Paltz  
July 29-Aug 2 | 9am-1pm | \$375

#### RIISING JUNIORS & SENIORS

WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY  
Vassar College  
July 8-12 | 9 am-1pm | \$295  
SUNY New Paltz  
July 22-26 | 9am-1pm | \$295  
PACE University Westchester  
July 29-Aug 2 | 9am-1pm | \$295



#### HUDSON VALLEY WRITING PROJECT

newpaltz.edu/hvwp | hvwp@newpaltz.edu | 845.257.2836  
Tuition assistance is available.

We wish to acknowledge our institutional partners: SUNY New Paltz | Vassar College | Vassar Barns | Pace University

The month ahead looks very busy in our schools!

Sincerely,

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



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

[Internet Safety for Parents Presentation](#)

[E.R.C. Sports Outdoor Summer Camps](#)

[Dia Teens Summer 2024](#)

[Hudson Valley Young Writers Programs](#)

[Dollars for Seniors Fundraiser](#)

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