A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent

One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence

October 27, 2023

Dear Spackenkill Community,

It was wonderful to see students getting outside this week to take advantage of the warmer weather, whether for the Great Pumpkin Run at Nassau or the junior class trip to Marist College. Enjoy stories and photos below.

Spack Onstage Presents

Spack Onstage is presenting *Almost, Maine,* a heartfelt story told from many different perspectives in a small town in Maine. It will be performed in the Black Box Theater on October 27th (tonight!) at 7pm, October 28th at 7pm, and October 29th at 2pm. Click on the image below for tickets or visit https://www.showtix4u.com/events/15341. Some photos appear below.


SPACK
PRESENTS
Almost,
MAINE
BY JOHN CARIANI
OCTOBER 27, 7PM
OCTOBER 28, 7PM
OCTOBER 29, 2PM
Spackenkill High School
Black Box Theatre
$10 - students, seniors
$15 - general public
For more information about tickets,
please visit us online www.spackonstage.com


SPACK ONSTAGE
MAINE







Four photos above: The cast and crew of *Almost, Maine,* on stage and behind the scenes.

The Great Pumpkin Run Returns!

Nassau students enjoyed participating in the Great Pumpkin Run again this year. This fun event involves students running a course on the field behind the school at their own pace. It is not a race, but rather a fun exercise to complete and high-five with Sparty the mascot at the end. Students enjoyed cheering each other on. Thank you to Ms. Spiegel for organizing the day and providing the upbeat music, as well as to all of our parent volunteers for helping and supporting the students.



Above: At the starting line, Ms. Spiegel explains the rules and sets the runners in motion.





Two photos above: First graders run the quarter-mile course.




SPARTY



Three photos above: High-fives with Sparty at the finish line.



Above: Ms. Bornstad's class with Superintendent Fanuele and Sparty.



Above: Mrs. Strapec's class with Sparty.



Click on this link or the image above to see first graders dancing with Ms. Spiegel to celebrate their Great Pumpkin Run.

Athletics News

The Varsity Girls Tennis Team defeated Section IV champion Maine-Endwell 3-2 on October 23rd to advance to the State Regional Championship. They will play against the Section I winner on October 30th.


2023 NYSPHSAA SUBREGIONAL
TEAM TENNIS CHAMPS
SECTION IX VS IV → DIVISION II
OCTOBER 23rd 2023 AT SPORTS COMPLEX
GOSHEN
SCHOOL: SPACKENKILL COACH: JACKIE KLEIN
SCHOOL: MARIST-ENDWELL COACH: JEN L'AMOREAUX
SINGLES
1ST
2ND
3RD
DOUBLES
1ST
2ND
SECTION IV COACHES:
JUDGE:

Above: Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Tennis Team. Best wishes for the State Regional Championship!

Winter Sports Registration!

REGISTER NOW
Powered by FamilyID

Online registration for Varsity and JV (High School, grades 9-12) open October 15th and Modified (Middle School, grades 7-8) Winter Sports opens October 20th on Family ID.

Start dates for Fall Sports:

Varsity/JV – November 13, 2023

Modified – November 20, 2023

VARSITY SPORTS	J.V. SPORTS	MODIFIED SPORTS
Boys' Basketball	Boys' Basketball	Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball	Girls' Basketball	Girls' Basketball
Cheerleading		Cheerleading
Indoor Track (B&G)		
Boys' Swimming		

Click on the link below to register:

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

Todd Environmental Club Takes Action

Todd Environmental Club members took advantage of nice weather to remove invasive weeds from the grounds. Following the direction of their advisor, Ms. Rogers, they bagged porcelain berries that were creeping up on their Pollinator Pathway Garden.

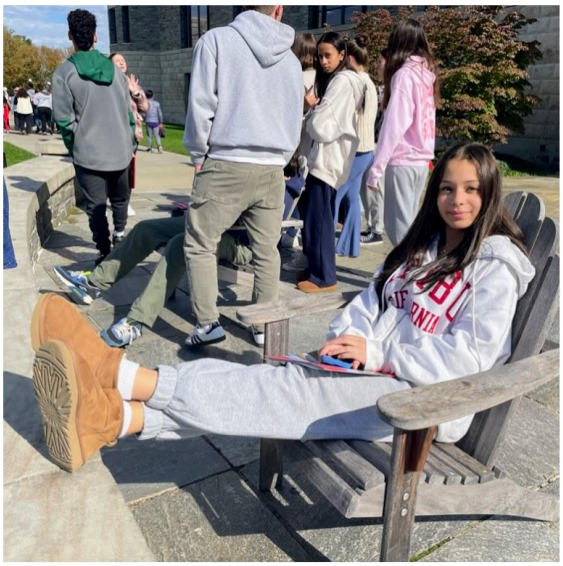


Above: Todd Environmental Club at work.

Junior Class Trip to Marist

On Tuesday the junior class visited Marist College here in Poughkeepsie. Students were treated to lunch in the main dining hall and given a tour of campus. It was a beautiful day to experience a lovely campus. Thank you to Adam Hammond for arranging the trip and Janet Stong for accompanying students.






MARIST





Above: Juniors enjoy a tour of Marist College.

NYSED Digital Resource Survey



Spackenkill Union Free School District is assisting the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in collecting data related to student internet and digital device access at home. Both the district and NYSED are committed to ensuring digital equity for every student in our community and across the state. This data will be collected annually to help identify technology needs and target resources and funding opportunities when they become available.

Your participation is important!

Here's what you need to know:

- Beginning Monday, October 23, the survey will be emailed to you with a link for each child in your household.
- Watch for the email from Spackenkill with the subject line 2023-2024 School Year: Digital Resource Survey.
- The survey is brief and takes about 1 minute to complete.
- The survey will be emailed to you regularly until you complete it for each child.

- Please complete the survey for each child by Tuesday, December 5.

  Click here for more information.

Halloween Safety

Today, SRO Steve Doughty visited Nassau Elementary classrooms to review safety rules for Halloween. The students watched a short video about Halloween safety that emphasized basic ground rules: walking, not running; standing out in the dark using a flashlight, glow sticks, or reflectors; traveling in groups in well-lit areas with an adult; checking candy for choking hazards or tampering; and making sure drivers see you. Officer Doughty reviewed these points in detail, asking many questions. The students were very excited about the upcoming holiday.



Above: SRO Doughty discusses Halloween safety with kindergartners.

SPACKENKILL
SOFTBALL

PITCHING CLINICS

Featuring: Kiley Myers- Pitcher at Marist & Megan Pillus-Pitcher at SUNY Plattsburgh (2022 Graduate of Spackenkill)



NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY

Any 7th-12th grader interested in pitching

WEDNESDAYS

Time 6:00 - 7:00pm **Location** Nassau Elementary Gym

Dates November 1, 8, 15, 29 December 6, 13, 20
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28

Price *$15 per pitcher per dates that are underlined.*
(college pitcher instructors dates)

To attend our Wednesday pitching clinics (both pitchers and to catch), simply express your interest by filling out the form that will be in your email every Monday.

Materials to Bring: glove, sneakers, water

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL COACH ABRAMS: RACHEL.ABRAMS@SUFSDNY.ORG


SPACKENKILL
SOFTBALL
IS YOUR CAR OR TRUCK IN NEED OF A GOOD WASH?
We Got You!
BY DONATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00AM-2:00PM
AT SPACKENKILL HIGHSCHOOL
Please come on out and support!
All proceeds to go to the Spackenkill Softball Program!



EMERGENCYONE



Calling all Goblins, Witches, and Ghouls for the return of the

CHILDREN'S HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO

DATE: *Saturday, October 28th* **TIME:** *10:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

PLACE: *Emergency One Urgent Care 2555 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY*



Hey Kids!

Parents!



Trick or Treating
Free Food and Drinks!
Children's ID's



Thanks to our sponsors: Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerse, Adam's Fairacre Farms, Ulster Savings Bank & Medline

Also special thanks to: Spackenkill School District, the Town of Poughkeepsie, and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department

HEALTHY KIDS
(SPACKENKILL SCHOOL NURSES)

HEALTH CHOICES
(EMERGENCY ONE)

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
(SPACKENKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION)

PARENTS TIPS
(CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE)

CHILD SEAT SAFETY CHECK
(TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE)

CHILDREN'S ID
(TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE POLICE)





Croft Corners Fire Company's annual Halloween parade and costume contest

Come join us!

It's that time of year again for our annual Halloween parade and costume contest. Parking and line up will be at Orville Todd Middle School on Croft Road. The parade will march down Croft Road to Schoolhouse Lane ending at the firehouse.

DATE: Saturday, October 28, 2023

TIME: **Line up—12:30 pm** at Orville Todd Middle School on Croft Road

Step off—1 pm down Croft Rd to Schoolhouse Lane, ending at the firehouse

COSTUME CONTEST will start once the parade is completed. Prizes,for age groups 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and 13-16.





This is the last newsletter for October, and now we are truly entering the heart of the school year.

There's a lot going on this weekend, from *Almost, Maine,* at the high school to Trunk or Treat at Hagan Elementary at 3 pm tomorrow! Hope that you get out and enjoy these great activities!

Sincerely,

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



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

Croft Corners Fire Company's Halloween Parade

Children's Halloween Health & Safety Expo

Music Boosters Parents Night Out

Softball Car Wash Fundraiser

Spackenkill Softball Pitching Clinics

Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive

Spackenkill Union Free School District

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

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