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***What's Right with  
Spackenkill!***

***March 31, 2017***

***A tradition of  
excellence with  
a vision for  
tomorrow***

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Just wanted to remind you that this Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, our architects will be presenting in the Spackenkill High School Library on the proposed Capital Project under discussion. This presentation will be in cooperation with the PTSA and focus on the field and track area. Hats off to our science students, who continue to challenge themselves in an out of the classroom. Well done! I want to thank the foreign language department for inviting me to their International dinner. The food was great, the company was enjoyable, and the service by our teachers and Mr. Doherty was congenial. Finally, the BOE will be meeting this Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to review its final budget recommendations. That meeting will be held at Todd Middle School Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Villant".

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## ***Staff Walks for Colleague***



This past weekend, Tim Molon, Carrie Spiegel, Concetta Lanza, Deb Ravas, Marybeth O'Herron, and Pam Collishaw participated in an American Heart Association Heart Walk at Marist College in support of a district staff member.

## ***Victories for HS and MS Science Olympiad Teams***

### **HS Named Best Small School and Ranks 5th Overall in New York State**

The Spackenkill Science Olympiad Team earned "Best Small School" and Fifth Place overall at the State competition March 10-11 at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

Fifty-five of the state's top teams competed of the over 400 teams in New York State.

#### **Individual Medal Events:**

**1st place:** Chemistry Lab    **Vincent Li and Tomas Herrera**

**2nd place:** Experimental Design    **Jacqueline Hannan, Leona Lau, Andrew Wu**

**3rd place:** Hydrogeology    **Eileen Gao, Jacqueline Hannan**

**3rd place:** Invasive Species    **Rachel Li, Jacqueline Hannan**

Congratulations to the team and advisors Amy Matts and Kathy Prisco!

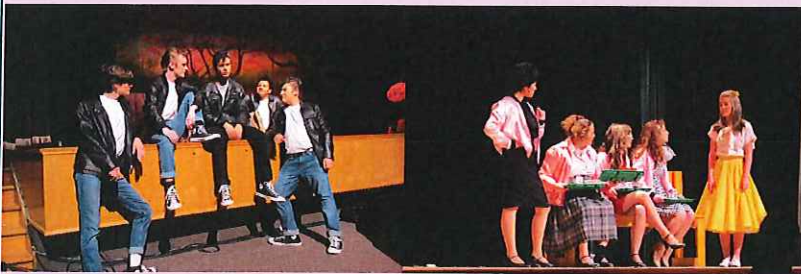
## ***Middle School Places 3rd in Region***



On March 4, Todd Middle School competed in the Mid-Hudson Regional Science Olympiad competition. This was the first year the Middle School competed with two teams. The teams were very successful and put in a great deal of time studying and building for their competition events. The A team, which consisted of 7th and 8th graders, placed 3rd in the region. Kudos to the team and coach-advisors

John and Michelle Pink!

## ***THIS WEEKEND: Grease Is the Word!***



Spack Onstage, the Spackenkill drama club, is proud to present the musical *GREASE* **this weekend** at the Spackenkill High School auditorium. Come see the Pink Ladies and all your other favorite characters take the stage and bring you back to the 50s. The show takes place on the following dates:

Friday, March 31 @ 7pm

Saturday, April 1 @ 2pm and 7pm

Sunday, April 2 @ 2pm

Visit the drama club on [Facebook at Spack Onstage Spackenkill High School Drama Club](#) to reserve tickets.

For those attending the Friday and Saturday 7 pm shows, Shuttle Service is available from Hagan Elementary School to the HS. Shuttle will pick up between 6:15 and 6:50 at Hagan in 5- to 10-minute intervals. Shuttle service will resume back to Hagan after the performance. Enjoy the show!

## Todd OM Team on a Roll



At the Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on March 4 in Goshen, the Todd teams made everyone proud!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ready, Build, Balsa: **Anthony Hoyt, Josh Webster, Abigail Straus, Emily Cohen,**

**Youseff Haddad, Tobey Pelton.** Mr. Colon (Coach)

**7<sup>th</sup> Place:** Super Hero Cliffhanger: **Carter Usher, Alexandra Sharp, Kyle Schmitt, Tim Schmitt, Maggie Schmitt, Sanad Sahawneh, Tobey Pelton.** Mr. Smith (Coach)

## *Todd International Dinner Brings Out a Crowd*

On Thursday, March 30, Todd Middle School hosted an International Dinner that was well attended by families and faculty alike. The food was prepared by 8th grade Foreign Language



students and  
served by staff  
and administration.

"Last night, people whose ancestors come from countries world-wide sat down and ate together. That's diversity!"

*Gaetana Webster, foreign language teacher*



### District Well Represented at Vassar Art Show

This past week, students from both of the elementary schools and Todd Middle School had their work showcased at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Iyoya Children's Art Show at Vassar's Palmer Gallery. The exhibition, "A Celebration of Children's Art," highlights children's interest in the visual arts and encourages their use of the arts to express

themselves. Congratulations to the students and their teachers! Some highlights of the opening reception are below.

**A Celebration of Children's Art**

**The 32nd Annual John Iyoya Children's Art Exhibit**

MARCH 26TH THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2017  
CREATING EXHIBITION  
MARCH 26TH 10:00 - 3:00PM

JAMES W. PALMER III '90 GALLERY  
MAIN BUILDING  
VASSAR COLLEGE

Lucy Perry Lopez 1st & 2nd  
Marion Elementary

Samuel Mark 1st & 2nd  
Ford Middle School

Chloe Berman 1st & 2nd  
Ford Middle School

Alexis Neelands 1st & 2nd  
Waring Elementary

Julian Tashiro 1st & 2nd  
Waring Elementary

Sam Lerner 1st & 2nd  
Waring Elementary

Roger Rowell 1st & 2nd  
Ford Middle School

Matthew Joseph 1st & 2nd  
Ford Middle School

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**Vision:** All Spackenkill graduates will be lifelong learners who are inspired to pursue their dreams and contribute to the global society.

[Please submit story ideas to](#)

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