

Please see community flyers below that might be of interest:

[Dare2BGreat Basketball Tryouts](#)

[Dare2BGreat Intensive Basketball Training Program](#)

[Champion Youth Cheerleading](#)



*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

May 26, 2017

*A tradition of
excellence with a
vision for
tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

One activity that I missed the most about being a superintendent is working daily in a school. Contact with students, teachers, support staff, and families is a tremendous gift. So this past week was especially satisfying. Having Robby Waxman shadowing the superintendent was enjoyable, as well as attending so many of the activities described in this newsletter.

The Memorial Day Weekend is a welcome time with family but it also an important time to remember friends and family like my dad, who sacrificed much in the service of our country.

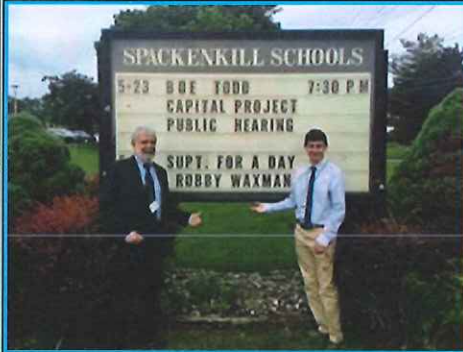
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Villanti".

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent for a Day

Robby Waxman won the Superintendent for a Day raffle and assumed his temporary post on May 23rd. Mr. Waxman's first executive order was to declare May 23rd as officially Robby Waxman Day throughout the Spackenkill Union Free School District. We followed the Chief through some of his activities, accompanied by our permanent Superintendent, Dr. Mark Villanti:



7:30 am Admiring the community sign at SHS

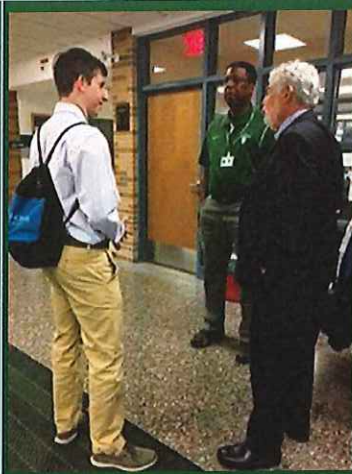


7:45 am Signing a decree declaring May 23rd Robby Waxman Day in SUFSD



8 am Consulting Superintendent schedule

8:10 am Chatting with staff before attending Junior Awards



9:30 am Enjoying Nassau in-school concert featuring students from both elementary schools



10 am Contributing observations at District Office biweekly meeting



1:30 pm Engaged in District-wide Safety Committee Meeting at District Office

NHS Earns Kudos

Dutchess Outreach honored the Spackenkill High School National Honor Society at their annual volunteer recognition reception at The Manor at Woodside on Thursday, May 18. President Robby Waxman received the award for the membership. Spack NHS was recognized for having collected and donated over \$100,000 since 1976.



Students to Attend American Legion Leadership Program

India Adolfsson has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Empire Girls State this July.

She is one of only eight girls from Dutchess County who have been selected. Candidates must be juniors in high school and be in the top third of their class.

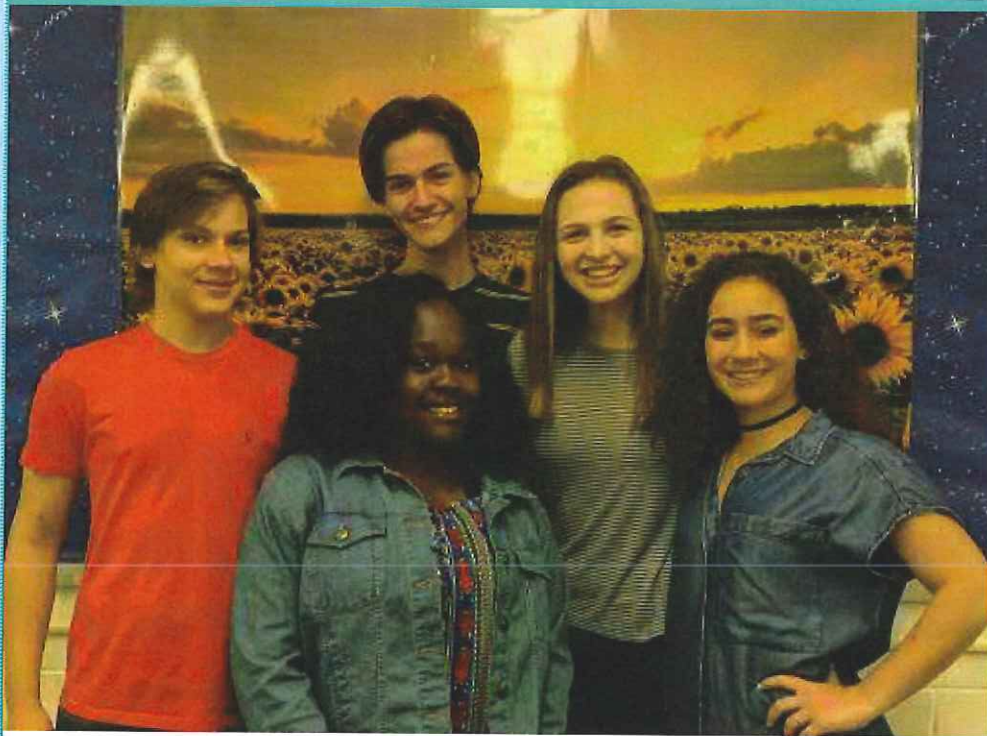
Consideration is given to scholastic achievements, leadership, character, honesty, and physical fitness. Girls are chosen by the local American Legion Auxiliary Units that work with their respective high schools through an interview process. **Tomas Herrera** will attend American Legion Boys State this July. made possible through American Legion Post 1302. This week-long program immerses high school juniors in citizenship and leadership training. They learn the practical aspects of government as it exists in New York State and come to recognize that the individual is integral to the character and success of government. They also participate in physical fitness, teamwork, and other activities. Congratulations to both students!

Junior Awards Recognize Achievements



On May 23rd in the Black Box Theater of Spackenkill High School, outstanding juniors were recognized for their talents and achievements. Pictured with Superintendent Mark Villanti and Superintendent for a Day Robby Waxman are award winners: **Jessica Cohen** (University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award); **Alex Ristic** (University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award); **Charlotte Palumbo** (University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award); **Corrado Mazzarelli** (University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology); **Andrew Wu** (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award); **Jeana Chun** (George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science Award); **Yan Lam Ko** and **Nyi-Rein Kyaw** (Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award); **Kerri Ravas** and **Tomas Herrera** (Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award); **Steven To** (Marist College Medal of Science Award); and **Adele Long** (2017 Fairfield University Book Award).

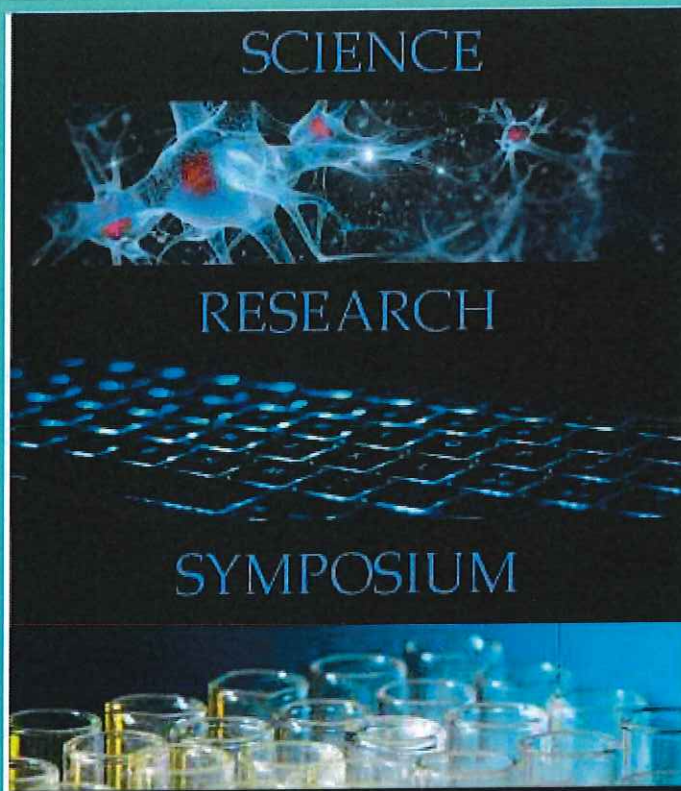
Sophomores to Develop Leadership Skills



The Poughkeepsie South Rotary Club is sponsoring five of Spackenkill High School's sophomores for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference to be held at Mount Saint Mary College at the end of June. The students are pictured left to right above: **Philip Rottkamp**, **Ayanfe Adebajo**, **Sean Lillis**, **Olivia Zykoff** and **Marcella Breglia**. The RYLA Conference is for students who have shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas, which if utilized, will strengthen and develop their leadership skills. The conference provides an environment where participants may feel comfortable discussing their ideas with other students from the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Science Research Symposium Is Tuesday!

SCIENCE
RESEARCH
SYMPOSIUM



Tuesday May 30th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Spackenkill High School Auditorium

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. John Long, Vassar College

SENIOR PRESENTATIONS
Vincent Li | Eileen Gao | Nathan Liang | Daniel Busaba

Spartans Are MHAL Champions



At the Mid-Hudson Athletic League Track and Field



Championship at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School on Saturday, May 20, **Kabongo Barry** (pictured above) took first place in the 100m dash and the 200m dash. **Kyiev Bennermon** (pictured at left) took first in the discus and third in the shot put. Congratulations to the athletes and Head Boys Track Coach Stan Garrant.

Hagan Students to Run for Charity



Hagan students have been getting excited about the sport of running, with participants from all grades training together after school. On May 22nd, about 85 students participated in a simulated 5K by running and walking seven times around the school. On June 4th, 45 of them will experience the real thing, The Mommy Dash, an event for Sparrow's Nest.

"We started with the idea that we wanted to do something that got the kids moving, didn't cost anything, and was connected to what most of



the teachers who are involved already do.



We have about 16 staff who are involved on a regular basis,” says teacher Brian Alwick, one of the volunteers who has been bringing momentum to the running initiative. “This has been a great endeavor for us, and we are already thinking about how to improve things next year.” To learn more about the run and Sparrow’s Nest charity, visit <http://www.themommydash.com/>

Teamwork Counts at Nassau

On May 19, second graders participated in Teamwork Counts, an event co-produced by teachers Carrie Spiegel and Dina Zanca. Students were divided into 18 teams and participate in various stations. Each station presented a different task that required them to follow directions and work together. For example, a blindfolded student had to walk through a maze guided by verbal prompts from others. Not only is it a great multisensory experience, but also the students from different classes have the opportunity to spend time with each other before they transition to Hagan Elementary. Thank you to the parent volunteers who worked so hard to make this fun activity a success!





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Mission: Inspired by a tradition of excellence and a spirit of continuous improvement, the Spackenkill School District will provide all of our students with the academic and social skills necessary to pursue their goals and become responsible citizens in an interdependent global community.

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 mary.forsell@sufsdny.org](mailto:mary.forsell@sufsdny.org)

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