



What's Right with Spackenkill!

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Dear Spackenkill Families,

My wife and I attended Friday night's production of *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen at Spackenkill High School. Congratulations to Director Mary Ruvolo and the entire cast and crew! The acting, staging, and costuming were outstanding. Today, I also enjoyed a heart-warming performance of a Thanksgiving play by Andrea Davis's class at Nassau Elementary School. In this week's newsletter, we also put the spotlight on PTA and STA fundraising efforts and show some scenes from the Stuff the Bus fundraiser.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.

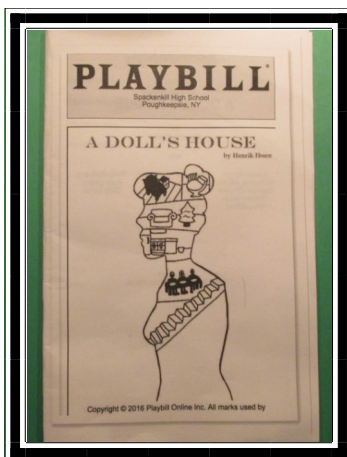
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Cast members from *A Doll's House* take a final bow, above.

Spack Onstage Fall Production

On the weekend of November 18 through 20, Spack Onstage presented *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen to rave reviews.



CAST		CREW	
Cast Members		Crew Members	
Torvald Helmer	Peter Staten	Stage Manager	Sean Lillis Megan James
Nora, his wife	Leah Mozeshtam	Stage Crew	Andrew Santivenero Sarah Roklowski
Doctor Rank	Cody Usher	Props	Sarah Roklowski Sean Lillis Eliza Gifford
Christine Linde	Ariella Hyman-Fessler	Sound	Chris Platek
Nils Krogstad	Mahmoud Almady	Hair	Leah Mozeshtam Danielle Chrysier Monica Rivera
Anne, the nurse	Eliza Gifford	Makeup	Grace Katz Sean Lillis
Helen, a housemaid	Grace Katz	Beards	Sean Lillis Danielle Chrysier
A Porter	Philip Rottkamp	Costumes	Skylar Galioto Kara Struput Ariella Hyman-Fessler
Emmy, Nora's child	Danielle Chrysier	Program	Grace Katz
Ivar, Nora's child	Apurbo Abedin	Program Cover & Poster Design	Andrew Santivenero
Bob, Nora's child	Winnie Nyakoojo		
Nora's Father	Sharon Devlin		
Young Nora	Harriet Luongo		
Production / Creative			
Director	Mary Ruvolo		
Set Design	Mary Ruvolo Vinton Pierce		
Lighting	Frank Kane		
Assistant Director	Skylar Galioto Vihny Pierce		
Understudies			
Torvald Helmer (US)	Cody Usher		
Nora Helmer (US)	Grace Katz		
Dr. Rank (US)	Sharon Devlin		
Christine Linde (US)	Skylar Galioto		

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Stuff the Bus Food Drive



Students from across the district participated in the 19th Annual Stuff the Bus to help stock food pantries and soup kitchens

of the Hudson Valley. Students wrote and read announcements and made boxes and signs to promote the food drive. Hagan students headed over to Stop and Shop to deliver the donations and meet Q92 radio host Joe Daily. A big thank you to the many teachers and the school social workers—Joanne Shaffer, Tracie Phillips, and Joann Klein—who organized the event.

Clockwise from top left: Nassau Principal Nancy Ferrarone and teaching assistant Michele Antonelli with students;



Transportation Director Doreen Wright lends a hand to two Nassau volunteers; radio personality Joe Daily greeted Hagan students and teachers Kate Stout and Brian Alwick; high schoolers packing up donations.

“Thank you on behalf of the families who are going to have something to eat for Thanksgiving because of all of you.”

Joe Daily, radio host, speaking to Hagan students

Good Works

→Kudos to the Spackenkill Elementary PTA and community for raising \$1783.60 in the Yankee Candle fundraiser.

→The Spackenkill Teachers Association raised \$448 for the STA Scholarship Fund through their recent Darby's Fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who participated!

→Students donated over 350 books to the Book Swap. Thank you to Kate Stout, Jen Rubin, Marianne Turner, Cathy Robinson, and Ellie Robinson for generously volunteering!

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play

On Tuesday just before the holiday break, kindergarten teachers at Nassau Elementary School held a variety of Thanksgiving-related events. We're highlighting a skit with songs put on by Mrs. Davis's class.

The kindergarteners named all the things for which they are thankful. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and pets were among the top choices! Mrs. Davis told parents and guardians she is thankful for all their efforts.



Above: Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sherilla served up a full Thanksgiving feast donated by families. Right: Students told the story of the first Thanksgiving and even sang for the enthusiastic audience of family and friends.



Please email newsletter submissions to Mary Forsell at mary.forsell@sufsdny.org. Issues of the newsletter are available on the home page of the Spackenkill website: www.spackenkillschools.org

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.