

Please see flyer(s) below that might be of interest:

[Elementary PTA Golf Outing](#)



*What's Right with
Spackenkill!
June 15, 2018*

*A tradition of
excellence with a
vision for
tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

As we approach the last week of school, we encourage all of our students to make the extra effort to finish strong, Spackenkill Strong. Seniors, we will miss you. The Class of 2018 has left a profound imprint on the district.

On June 18 the Board will recognize a few students and thank publicly our retiring teachers and staff. This Celebration starts at 7 pm following a presentation by BOCES on their proposed capital project.

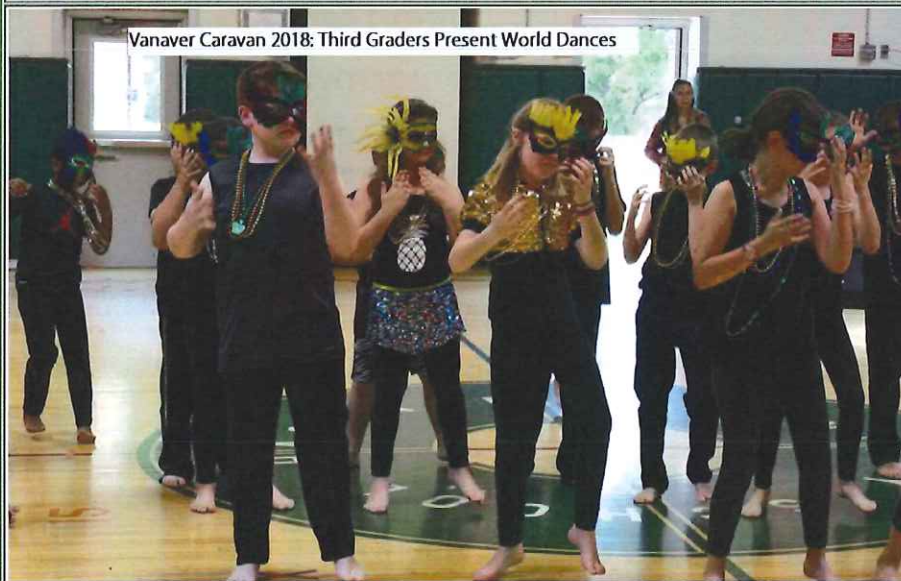
My best,

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

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Dancing Around the Globe

On June 11, third graders took part in the Vanaver Caravan tradition, learning dances from around the world and performing them first for other students at an afternoon show and later for family members. At the afternoon show, Principal John Farrell talked about how much the students enjoyed learning about different cultures and how they were “excited and nervous” for their first full dress rehearsal. Students performed dances from Japan, Poland, Israel, Pakistan, and Brazil, wearing traditional costumes from those countries. Each troupe introduced their dance with a cultural sketch of each country and tradition. In the process of learning the dances, the students also came to realize that dance is one tradition that unites all cultures.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM THE PROGRAM](#)

HS Band Tops Competition

SHS Band Music in the Parks 2018



Band Director Victor Catanzaro tells us that the Spackenkill High School Band recently participated in the Music in the Parks competition in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They received a first place finish and were named overall best band. Outstanding achievement for all involved! [Please enjoy some pictures from the day by clicking here.](#)

Three Fun Field Days

From our graduating seniors to kindergartners, Spackenkill students recently enjoyed field days. At the high school's Senior Field Day, students got outside for friendly competition: Volleyball, inflatables, Ultimate Frisbee, sack races, and other fun field games were on the schedule. All the food donations were well organized and coordinated by Pat Cordner and her team leaders: Tricia Barefoot, Krista Ackert, Susan Jenkins, Herman Lo, Karen Smith, Maria Mazzarelli, Kristina Mancini, Doris Conti, and

Jackie Moreira. Many thanks to the PE department and senior class advisors Janet Stong and Sheri Lynch!

At Nassau Field Day, students rotated through varied stations based on the designs of high school physics students, as reported in a previous issue of this newsletter. Water features, bowling pins, and balloons were among the high points. Mrs. Riehl also taught a yoga class. At Hagan Field Day, students dashed through relay races with pizza boxes and cups of water, tried to hit targets with balls, and zigzagged through obstacle courses. Thank you to the PE teachers and volunteers for creating such amazing events!

SENIOR FIELD DAY 2018



[Click here for more Senior Field Day pictures.](#)

Hagan Field Day 2018



[Click here for more Hagan Field Day pictures.](#)



[Click here for more Nassau Field Day pictures.](#)

***Students to Attend Summer
Leadership Program***



Pictured above from left to right are Chris Piatek, Madeleine McCall, and Justin Moore.

Madeleine McCall has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls' State this July through American Legion Post 37.

Justin Moore and Chris Piatek will attend American Legion Boys' State during the last week of June, made possible through American Legion Posts 37 and 1302, respectively.

The prestigious week-long Girls' State and Boys' State residence programs immerse 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 all!

Seniors Honored



SPACKENKILL HIGH SCHOOL

RECOGNITION & AWARDS PROGRAM

"Building a proud tradition"

The High School recently
recognized the best and the
brightest among our
graduating seniors.

[Please click here to read the
program.](#)

Fall 2018 Sports Registration Information

Click on the link below to register your child for a fall sport under Intent to Play. The fall season starts August 13th for all JV and Varsity sports and September 6th for Modified sports.

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

District Childcare Provider Recognized



Honeybee Child Care, which serves the Spackenkill community at Hagan

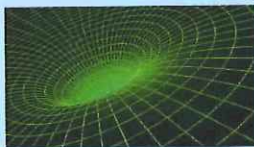


and Nassau schools, was recently honored as Dutchess County

School Age Program of the Year for 2018 by the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam. Staff shown

accepting the honor are (left to right) administrator Kathy D'Aprile, site directors Dana Coker and Emily Perkins, and administrator/director Mary Rokitowski. "We continue to strive to offer quality care for our Spackenkill community," says Mrs. Rokitowski. For information about the before- and after-school options for your child, please call (845) 214-0402.

Science Learning Ahead



Todd Assistant Principal Anchala Sobrin has been invited to participate in the NYS Science Education Consortium Summit XVII in August at the Schenectady Campus of Clarkson University. The summit will focus on assessment of the NYS P - 12 Science Learning Standards. Congratulations on this honor!

Happy Ending



Senior Erik Stauderman finished 5th at the Boys Golf NYSPHSAA Championship on June 4th. This qualified him to play in the Federation Tournament at Bethpage State Park in Long Island this past Sunday. The Federation Tournament includes the top six golfers from the Catholic High School Athletic Association, six from the Association of Independent Schools, and six from the Public Schools Athletic League.

Erik shot a 74 to force a playoff with State Champion Adam Xiao from Manhasset High School. Erik won the championship on the second playoff. Congratulations, Erik, on a great way to finish your high school career!

Math Team Celebrates Seniors



Pictured are seniors from left to right:

Front: Adele Long, Anya Justin, Cynthia Ma, Jeremy Webster

Middle: Jessica Cohen, Yanlam Ko, Jeana Chun, Sharon Devlin

Back: Zachary Johnson, Karthik Dusi, Andrew Wu, Tomás Herrera

Members of the Mathematics Team recently gathered for a dinner to thank and honor their graduating seniors. The dinner was organized by President Cynthia Ma, while Emily Ma made a team-related refrigerator magnet for each senior to take to college. Cynthia thanked her teammates and offered the following thoughts:

"Thank you for everything you have taught me. No other experience has taught me the joy and pleasure of teamwork and working with other people like this one has. Witnessing the cohesiveness of such a group of people while problem-solving has been a truly amazing experience and I hope that you have been able to experience the same. While doing math can be a struggle, please realize the lessons it brings: the logic, perseverance, and elation of problem solving. Your own

ability to conquer the world more successfully is nurtured by math."

Virtuoso Performances at Strings Concert



The High School String Ensemble Recital on June 5th was an inspirational evening that showcased the accomplishments of our students. "Each of you is a terrific young person that I am honored to have spent the last several years with," Director Marissa Kaczynski wrote in the program. Thank you to the parents and Music Boosters of Spackenkill for their support.

[Please click here to read the full program.](#)



Do the Math!



MATH CARNIVAL

HAGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2018

The fourth and fifth grade enrichment students presented a math carnival outdoors on June 8th for the whole school. The goal was to build math skills while having fun playing games designed by the students. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

Kindergarten Concert



The Nassau gymnasium was packed on Monday for the Kindergarten Spring Concert. The concert began with a video in which students explained concert etiquette to the audience. Impressively, the district's youngest students learned quite a few songs and performed them with gusto for family and friends, incorporating plenty of movement. Everyone especially enjoyed music teacher Kody Andreas's "The Dancing Robot" song, in which the students imitated various robot moves. Everyone was taking pictures, so this event is sure to go down in Spackenkill history as an event to remember!

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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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