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*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

May 18, 2018

*A tradition of
excellence with a
vision for tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Let me begin this newsletter with a shout-out to all of our student artists who exhibited at the district-wide art show last week at Hagan. What a great event--such talented students! And a special thank you to our art teachers: Roberto Romani, Mary Beth Romani, Sharon Ciccone, Alyssa Ketcham, and Janet Stong. Thank you families for attending the show and showing your support.

You may be wondering how the Capital Project is progressing. This summer the roofs at Hagan and Nassau will be completed. The remainder of the project is anticipated to begin during the spring of 2019. Thank you to everyone who voted. What a crazy weather day! On behalf of the Board of Education we thank you. Congratulations to Mary Sawyer, who will join the Board at our July 2 Reorganizational Meeting.

My best,

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

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Top Students Honored



On May 16th, the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents recognized outstanding students from the region at the 53rd Annual Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner in Tarrytown. SHS Valedictorian Andrew Wu and salutatorian Jeana Chun (pictured at the event with Principal Steve Malkischer) were among the honorees. Congratulations to both of these exceptional students!

District Art Show Dazzles

The halls of Hagan became a gallery on May 10th when the annual District Art Show took place. Hundreds of pieces of art by students in every grade were on display. Ceramics, prints, paintings, and drawings using a variety of media filled the gymnasium. It was a packed house as family members came to view the work. Students went on a scavenger hunt looking for clues in the artwork, which made the evening even more fun. Another one of the highlights was a printing room where high school art teacher Mrs. Stong guided students through a printmaking process. Inspiration was everywhere, as the walls were filled with amazing prints made using Photoshop. The evening was a great

success! Many thanks to our incredible art department, which made this possible. A sampler of scenes from the evening are below.







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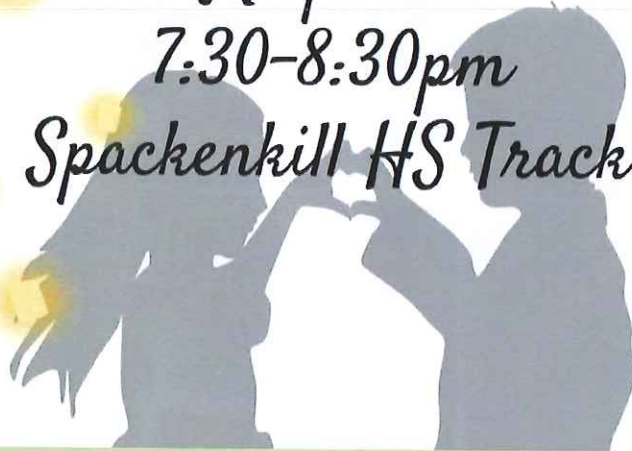
The Remembrance Walk

Join us as we walk, share our stories, and release lanterns in memory of those we have lost. Recent events both in our community and nationwide have impacted all of us. Please join us to recognize our loved ones together in a powerful way.

May 18th

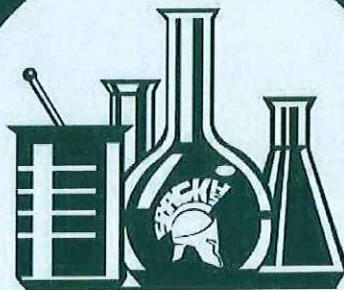
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Spackenkill HS Track



Spackenkill High School Science Research Symposium

**May 29 at 6:00
in the Auditorium**



Presenters: Vasvi Bhutani Jeana Chun Jessica Cohen
Sharon Devlin Isabel Hammond Anya Justin Nji-rein Kyaw
Rachel Li Adele Long Ian Nevers Alexandar Ristic Shinyee Su

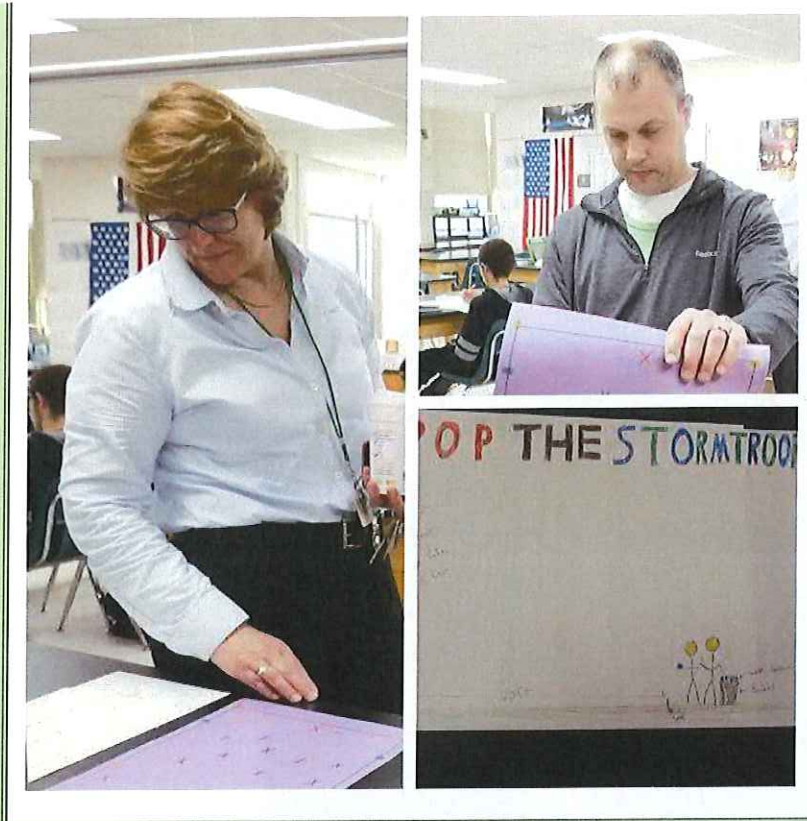
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Justin Hulbert
Bard College**

The Physics of Field Day

Putting principles they learned in class to work, Mrs. Franzik's physics students designed games and activities that could potentially be used for Nassau Field Day. The activities included a well-rounded mix of ball and balloon tosses, races, and obstacle courses. There was even a meditation area for students wanting to take a break. Nassau

Principal Nancy Ferrarone and physical education teachers Carrie Spiegel and Bill Murin stopped by the high school classroom to discuss the designs, which they found truly innovative!





Todd Musicians Excel

The recent middle school spring orchestra and band concerts exemplified why Spackenkill has earned a Best Communities for Music Education award for six years running. Additionally, last Friday, 7th and 8th grade orchestra, chorus, and band students attended Music in the Parks. The orchestra won first place in its division and won the overall middle school orchestra award. Chorus and band both took second place. Some scenes from these amazing musical performances and the students with their trophies are below. Kudos to the students and their teachers!



Above: Spring concert orchestra performances.



Clockwise from top: Orchestra students with their awards, band playing and rehearsing.

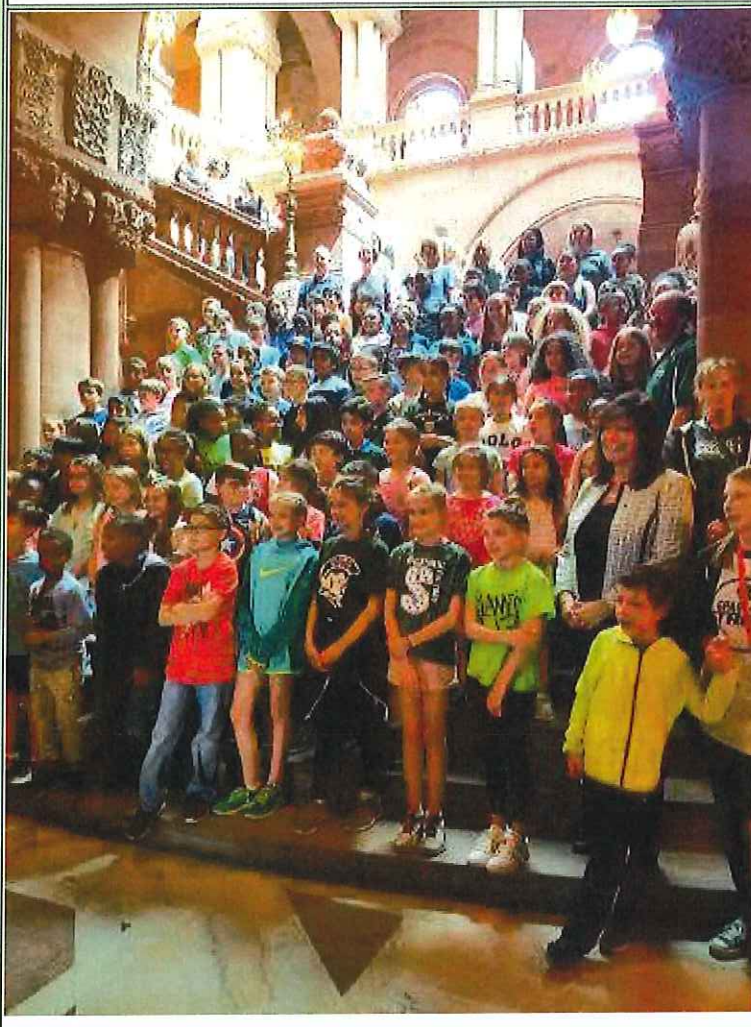


Clockwise from top: Chorus students and their chaperones. Awards ceremony for band and chorus.

A Vibrant Visit to Albany

The fourth grade went on a field trip last week to Albany. They visited Empire State Plaza and top cultural sites, such the Capitol Building. They are shown here on the famous Million Dollar Staircase with Senator Sue Serino. When asked about the best part of the trip way, a student told us, "Everything!" Thank you to all the teachers

and chaperones who helped make this an enriching experience.



Nassau Parents Share Career Stories

Three parents recently visited Mrs. Boyce's class to share their professional experiences. Ms. Lever spoke about being a college professor at Western Connecticut State University. She explained how she teaches three days a week, meets with students daily during office hours, and does research. She talked of the importance of being flexible and using technology. The students really enjoyed it when she shared her passion for English and fun facts about the university mascot.

Ms. Tarquinio talked to the students about being an IBM engineer. She builds mainframes and talked about the function of mainframes, as well as her love for math. She shared a bit on Watson (a computer system capable of answering spoken questions) and explained how she worked with others to design the language for it. Engineers make the mainframes safe for all climate conditions, exposing them to extreme heat and cold. Her favorite things to do at work are working with brilliant people, traveling to all parts of the world, and taking time to celebrate hard work.

Mr. Klein spoke about his profession as a lawyer. He explained how a courtroom works and how a judge listens to decide who is right. Students asked Mr. Klein if he is famous, and he said he is not, but he has been on the news—which the class found very interesting. Remembering Mr. Klein from when he visited earlier in the year and talked about his life as a musician (in addition to being a lawyer), they asked him if he has any other jobs. In fact, he is also a professor at Marist College, but his favorite job is being dad to his second grade daughter, Reagan.



Above top: Mrs. Lever spoke to Mrs. Boyce's class about being a college professor.

Above bottom: Mrs. Tarquinio told students about her work as an IBM engineer.



Above: Mr. Klein is a lawyer, college professor, and a musician.

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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.

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