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[Spring Writing Workshop](#)



*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

February 2, 2018

*A tradition of
excellence with a
vision for tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

One of my favorite museums is the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. His famous works *The Four Freedoms* are on display, so it was interesting for me to learn that Mrs. Ciccone's Art Club is creating a student interpretation of President Roosevelt's famous vision for a post-WWII world, *The Four Freedoms*. Can't wait to see the completed works.

I was asked the other night at a PTSA meeting what efforts the district was making to deal with the flu epidemic. Our primary mission as a district is education. In two of our mailings, our school nurses have included information to parents in attachments about health-related issues. I realize that some of the attachments may not interest many of you, but I urge you to review the titles and open any attachments that are health related. We are passing on information about the flu and vaccinations in this newsletter.

Sometimes the contributions of our Vo-Tech students attending the BOCES CTI center are overlooked because they attend off-site. So I am very pleased that in this issue we are including recognition of 10 our high school students who qualified for the Honor Roll. Congratulations!

Congratulations, Kyiev! Keep racking up the points.

The Middle School play is this weekend. I plan to attend and greatly enjoyed last year's production!

This Monday in the Todd library at 7 PM, the Board will be learning more about the energy savings accrued in our energy performance contract, budget reserves, and our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative.

Sincerely,



**Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools**

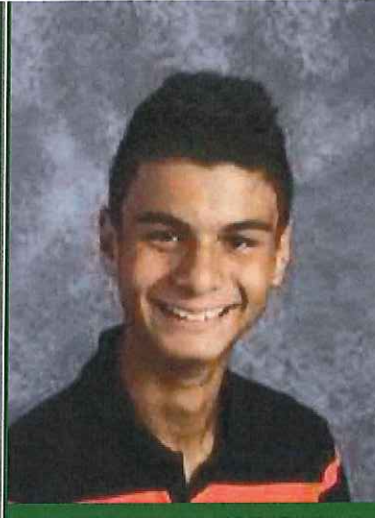
***SHS Students Nominated for
Prestigious Program***

Kudos to high school seniors Jessica Cohen and Cory Mazzarelli, who were selected as candidates for the US Presidential Scholars Program. They are among the only 600 semifinalists invited to apply nationwide, based on outstanding performance on their ACT/SAT exams.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES.](#)



Jessica Cohen



Cory Mazzealli

Olympic Medalist Offers Real-Life Advice



On Monday, January 29th, two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Meghan Musnicki spoke to Todd students about her rowing career, which began when she was a student at Ithaca College. Prior to rowing, she had only played basketball and soccer.

"Had I not given rowing a try, I wouldn't have two Olympic gold medals right now," she said. "Don't limit yourself. You have no idea where you might be able to go when you try something new."

Ms. Musnicki showed a video of a 2014 race in France in which it looked as though the American team (of which Ms. Musnicki was

a member) was about to lose, but pulled ahead in the final stretch. She talked about the role of teamwork, as well as the importance of pushing negative thoughts out of your head and thinking positively. Students then asked plenty of questions, asking her about her most favorite and least favorite aspects of rowing ("they're the same thing: all the work and training"), if she had she ever met Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps (several times), and why she started rowing in college ("to try something new"). She encouraged students to follow their dreams and remain open to new possibilities. Thank you to the Spackenkill Rowing Team for bringing this inspirational speaker to Todd and to Dr. Richard Whalen for financially underwriting the assembly.

"I encourage all of you to have a lot of dreams, because if you don't have a lot of dreams, then you don't have a lot to choose from."

- Meghan Musnicki

To learn more about the Spackenkill Rowing Team visit:

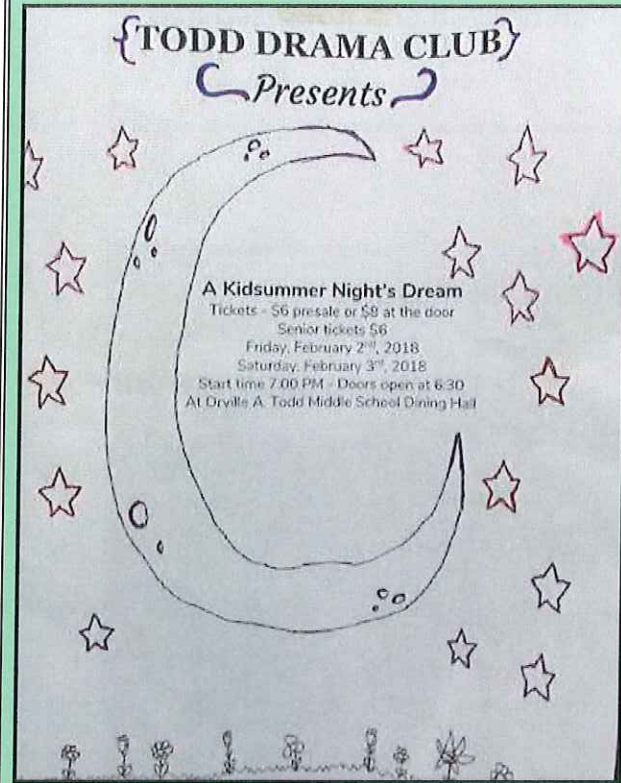
www.spackenkillrowingclub.org

www.facebook.com/SpackenkillRowingClub

Todd Drama Production Is This Weekend

Don't miss A Kidsummer Night's Dream tonight and tomorrow (2/2 and 2/3) at Todd

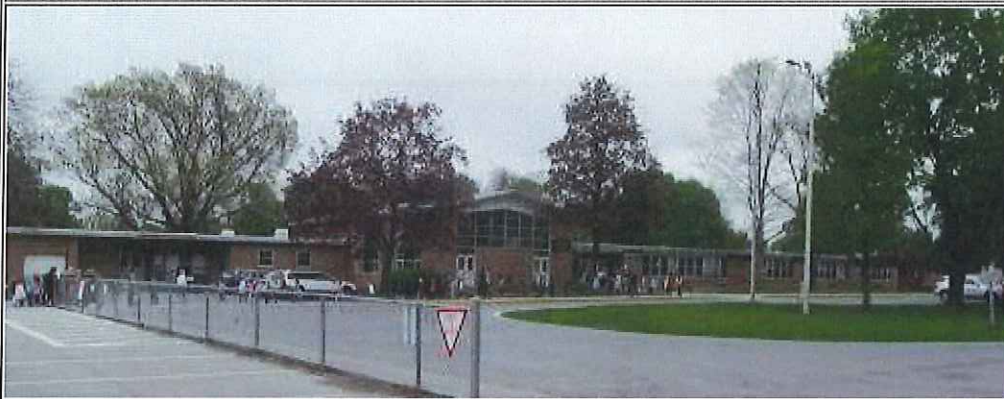
{TODD DRAMA CLUB}
Presents



A Kidsummer Night's Dream
Tickets - \$6 presale or \$8 at the door
Senior tickets \$6
Friday, February 2nd, 2018
Saturday, February 3rd, 2018
Start time 7:00 PM - Doors open at 6:30
At Orville A. Todd Middle School Dining Hall

*Middle School at
7 pm. Doors
open at 6:30.
Tickets are \$8 at
the door; \$6
seniors.*

Kindergarten Registration Is Coming Up



Mark your calendar: Kindergarten registration will take place at Nassau Elementary School on Wednesday, February 21st and Thursday, February 22nd between the hours of 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

For your convenience the kindergarten registration packet is available on our website at

<http://www.spackenkillschools.org/nassau>.

We recommend that the packet be completed and notarized and brought to registration day.

Monitor Position Open at Nassau



There is currently a part-time monitor position available at Nassau Elementary School. The hours are 11 AM to 4 PM (5 hours), which includes lunch, recess, and additional duties. If interested please contact Deirdre Caamano at the District Office at 845-463-7800.

Flu Update: Changes Parents Need to Know

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed an executive order to combat the flu epidemic in New York. The executive order allows pharmacists to administer flu vaccines to children ages 2 to 18, increasing access and convenience for New Yorkers seeking the flu vaccination as the number of reported cases across the state continues to rise. "With flu cases reaching epidemic proportions in New York, we must do everything in our power to fight this virus and keep New Yorkers safe," Governor Cuomo said. "Once again, I urge all New Yorkers to help us combat this quick-spreading strain of flu and make sure they and their loved ones are vaccinated."

The Executive Order suspends the section of state education law that limits the authority of pharmacists to administer immunizing agents to anyone under age 18 to allow vaccines to be administered to anyone age 2 and up. Parents and guardians are encouraged to call pharmacies ahead of their visit, to ensure they are ready to receive patients in this age group. Parents and guardians with children between the ages of 6 months and 24 months (2 years) are still encouraged to see their primary care provider for the flu vaccination.

To receive a flu shot, contact your local healthcare provider or pharmacy, or find information about vaccination clinics by contacting the Department of Behavioral and Community Health at 486-3535. Flu shots may also be found through the HealthMap Vaccine Finder at www.vaccinefinder.org.

PLEASE NOTE:

Rite Aid Pharmacy will be running a flu immunization clinic for children ages 5 and up on Thursday, February 8 from 5 pm until 6 pm in the Health Office at Spackenkill High School.

Please contact Joan Dwyer RN at joan.dwyer@sufsdny.org if you are interested in having your child or self immunized at this voluntary clinic. Rite Aid will need to have an accurate count of immunizations to be administered prior to arrival on that evening. Most insurances will cover the cost of the vaccine.

Once you email Joan Dwyer, she will send you the necessary insurance paperwork. This paperwork needs to be submitted by Wednesday, February 7 so that Rite Aid can verify the insurance coverage.

If you have any questions please contact Joan Dwyer at 463-2043 or via email.

CTI HONOR ROLL

Listed at right are SHS students who met honor roll requirements at CTI for the 2nd marking period. Congrats!

Antonio Curatolo	Autobody Collision & Refinishing	Honor Roll 85-89
Amir Marji	Computer Hardware Tech/Technician	Honor Roll 85-89
Yerelee Romero Perez	Cosmetology	Honor Roll 85-89
Vincent Zheng	Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management	Honor Roll 85-89
Bobbi-Sedarhi	Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management	Honor Roll 85-89
Thomas	Occupations	Honor Roll 85-89
Oluwabukunola Adebajo	Introduction to Health Occupations	Honor Roll 85-89
Matthew McSpedon	Security & Law Enforcement	Honor Roll 85-89
Casandra Neshelwat	Security & Law Enforcement	Honor Roll 85-89
Kaleigh Sheftic	Veterinary Science	Honor Roll 85-89
Taylor Ostle	Introduction to Health Occupations	High Honor Roll 90-100

Sports News

Kyiev Bennermon scored his 1,000th career point in Tuesday's victory over Pine Plains. He is the 8th basketball player in school history to reach this milestone!



Spackenkill Sports @SpackSports · 16h

Kyiev Bennermon scores his 1,000 career point on January 30, 2018 against Pine Plains.



[CLICK HERE FOR A SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES AND TRACK MEETS.](#)

Online Sports Registration Available

REGISTER NOW

Powered by FamilyID

The Spackenkill Athletics Department is now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID

(www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for sports, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile and you only have to enter your information once. You can upload sports physicals and check your profile to see if your son/daughter is cleared for participation.

Spring Sports registration opens February 5, 2018 for all high

school sports (JV and Varsity) and February 12, 2018 for all middle school (modified) sports.

Click on the link below to register:

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

DCMEA Festival Features District Musicians



On Saturday, January 27, students from Todd Middle School and Spackenkill High School participated in the Dutchess County Music Educators Association 2018 Junior High All-County Festival, held this year at FDR High School in Hyde Park.

Congratulations to the following students and their teachers!

Andrew Chun, Emily Cohen, Sydney Fitzgerald, Julia Gill, Emily Jea, Amanda Johnson, Soumya Kamada, Emily Ma, Amanda Moore, Natalia Murphy, Xavier Nohara, Udaya Rattan, Jeet Shahani, Abigail Straus, Shinrea Su, Edison Sung, Eric Sung, Anoushka Swain, Nordelis Vega, Amalia Work, and Alexander Zhu.



Above: Emily Cohen and Andrew Chun were featured soloists in the orchestra performance. They are pictured with conductor Amie Vredenburg.

Science Teachers Unpack New Standards

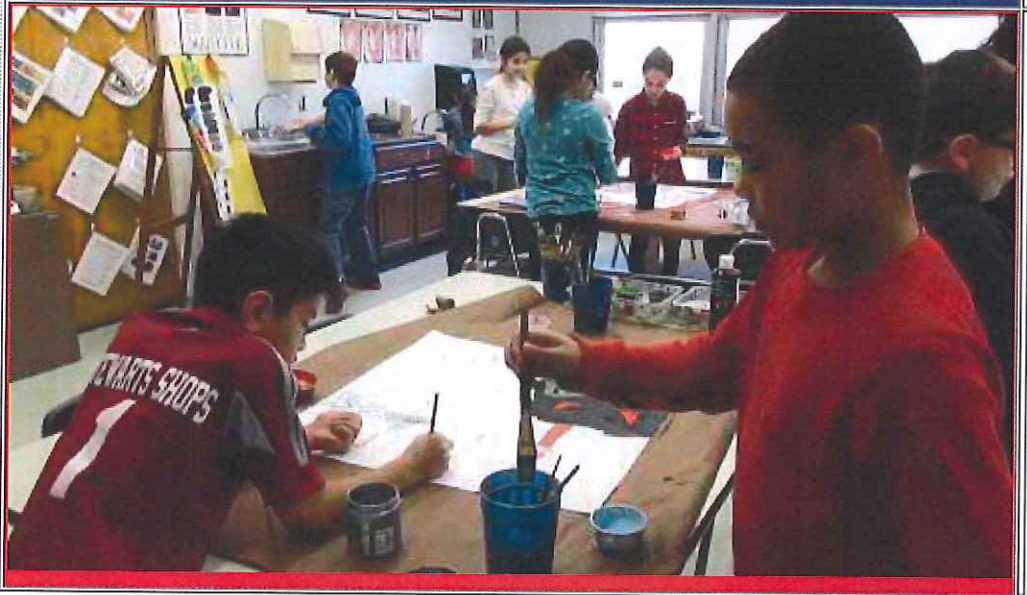
Last Friday, Spackenkill and Pawling middle school science teachers attended professional development at Hagan Elementary. Dr. Helen Pashley helped the teachers learn more about the recently adopted New York State Science Standards. The teachers participated in hands-on experiments.



Painters Explore Concept of Freedom

The Hagan Art Club is working on large-scale paintings for an upcoming show at the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site. The work is in response to the famous Four Freedoms speech by FDR and inspired by the work of Norman Rockwell. The students meet weekly on Wednesdays before school with art educator Sharon Ciccone. "The students are depicting their own beliefs about freedom and what that means in our world today," said Mrs. Ciccone. The show will run from April 1 to May 31 at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park.





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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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