

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

[Prospective Board Members Workshop](#)

[Cub Scout Flyer](#)



*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

February 23, 2018

*A tradition of
excellence with a
vision for tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

In this newsletter I want to highlight one item that has been circulating on social media, and that is the Niche ratings for our schools. This website is intended to help families assess the quality of school districts and buildings through in-depth reviews and analysis. Someone contacted my office to let us know that in Dutchess County, Spackenkill High School is rated #1 of 13 schools. Todd is also #1 out of 15 county middle schools. There are 43 elementary schools in Dutchess County, and Nassau and Hagan are rated #1 and #2, respectively. I'm very appreciative of the work our students and staff, as well as parental support, in creating this outstanding achievement.

We're also including an updated list of college acceptances, and I'm very proud of the achievements of the senior class as they prepare to make some important decisions regarding their future.

In this week alone, I've heard three different rumors that have been brought to my attention that were unfounded. I really appreciate it when parents or community members contact me directly for the facts. I will always answer candidly and honestly, so if you hear things that seem negative, please contact me. As much as I want to celebrate the positives in this newsletter, I'm not ignoring the challenges. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,



Mark Villanti, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Students & Teachers Compete at Charity Volleyball Tournament

Last Thursday, February 15th, the Spiking for Sparrow's Nest Volleyball Tournament raised an amazing \$2,200 to support this worthy charity! The funds will help numerous families in our area. Teacher organizers Kim Rogers, Karin McGuire, and Lisa Papo would like to thank the community for their support. The students were victorious yet again over the teachers. Congratulations to the 2018 winning team, SUPREME!



SUPREME, the winning student team.



Teachers made a great showing!



Teams competed from afternoon into the evening.

NICHE Puts Spack on Top

Check out the latest Niche rating for Spackenkill Schools. It was a clean sweep with an overall A rating for all of our schools. Spackenkill High School was rated #1 out of 13 high schools in Dutchess County. Todd was rated #1 out of 15 county middle schools. Nassau was rated # 1 elementary school in Dutchess,



followed by Hagan at # 2 in a list of 43 elementary schools.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE NICHE LINK FOR THE 2018 BEST SCHOOLS IN DUTCHESS](#)

Leo Club Gets the Job Done!

In the Black Box Theater at the high school this past Tuesday, more than 100 members of Leo Club turned out to stuff and label a Dollars for Seniors donation mailing for all residents of Spackenkill. The mailing should begin to arrive in community members' mailboxes in early March. Please consider donating to this worthy cause, which helps graduating seniors pay for college.



Leo Club advisor Adam Hammond works with officers to supervise the mailing. Shown from left to right in green officer shirts are Isabel Hammond, Ian Horvath, Mia Eng-Kohn, and Caitlin Speranza.



Members cheerfully and enthusiastically stuff and label.

Flu Epidemic Grows

Each week the Health Department updates us on the flu epidemic. Below is a link to the weekly report. Flu is still widespread throughout the state and the number of cases continues to grow. There is still time to get a flu shot if you haven't already done so. Experts are predicting that this flu season may go in to May. As always, hand washing is one of your best defenses. Rest, exercise, and good nutrition also will help you from getting too run down and becoming more susceptible to getting sick.

[Click here for the Health Department Flu Update.](#)

STEAM DAY IS TOMORROW!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROGRAM](#)

STEAM Day will take place on February 24th

STE+AM DAY

Saturday February 24th

10 AM - 1 PM

Science



Technology

Engineering



Art

Math

*From Stem
to Steam*



Hands on Activities & Amazing Demonstrations

Orville A. Todd Middle School

11 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603



at Todd Middle School. This year, there is an art component (the "a" in "steam"), so it should be more amazing than ever!

FIRST LOOK

& SONGS FROM SHOWS WE MIGHT NEVER DO?



March 2, 2018

7:30pm

SPACK ONSTAGE & THE BEACON PLAYERS

Invite you to a wonderful

Sneak Peek of Our Upcoming Productions:

“Les Misérables” & “Jesus Christ Superstar”

& “other” songs

Our Middle Schools will be joining us

Performance at Spackenkill H.S.

112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie

ADMISSION IS FREE

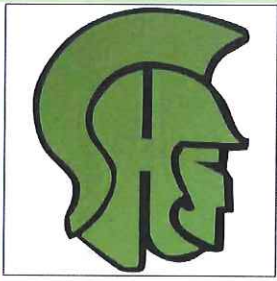
Post Season Athletic Schedule

Indoor Track - State Qualifier at West Point

Saturday, February 24th at 1 PM

Basketball - Section IX Class B Quarterfinals both at Spackenkill High School

Tuesday, February 27th



GIRLS host Onteora at 5:30 PM
BOYS host Rhinebeck at 7 PM

2018 SECTION IX Boys Basketball CLASS B



2018 SECTION IX Girls Basketball CLASS B



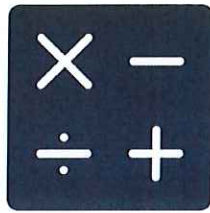
For daily game schedules:

<http://roia.ouboces.org/spackenkillschedulepage.html>

For daily game results:

<https://twitter.com/SpackSports>

Math Victories Keep Adding Up



Congratulations to the following students for their scores on the NYML contest: Rachel Li, Adele Long, and Jonathan Waxman each scored a 5. Anya Justin and Jeana Chun each scored a 4.

Congratulations to the Mathematics Team members who qualified for States: Jeana Chun, Tomas Herrera, Zachary Johnson, Anya Justin, Rachel Li, Adele Long, Cynthia Ma, Emily Ma, Andrew Wu, and Qihang Yao.

Cynthia Ma and Andrew Wu tied for second in the 4-county DUSO league.

We have the largest contingent, beating out Arlington, John Jay, and Kingston!

College Acceptance News

Please see this impressive list of college acceptances:

**Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Amherst College
Babson College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Bryant University
Champlain College
Clarkson University
Cornell University (College of Engineering)
Drexel University
Dutchess Community College
D'Youville College
Elmira College
Elon University**

Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Fordham University
Fordham University (Fordham College at Rose Hill)
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Hartwick College
Hofstra University
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)
Johnson & Wales University (North Miami)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Le Moyne College
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Mercy College
Moravian College
Mount Saint Mary College
New England College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Pace University, New York City (Lubin School of Business)
Providence College
Queens College of the CUNY
Quinnipiac University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Michael's College

Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Siena College
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher College
St. John's University - Queens Campus
St. Thomas Aquinas College
State University of New York at Albany
State University of New York at New Paltz
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Alfred State College
SUNY Buffalo State College
SUNY College at Brockport
SUNY College at Cortland
SUNY College at Oneonta
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
Temple University
The College of Saint Rose
The University of Texas, San Antonio
University at Buffalo The State University of New York
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami (School of Business Administration)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Utica College
Villanova University
Washington College
West Virginia University

Western New England University
Wingate University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania

Hagan Seeks Science Fair Judges

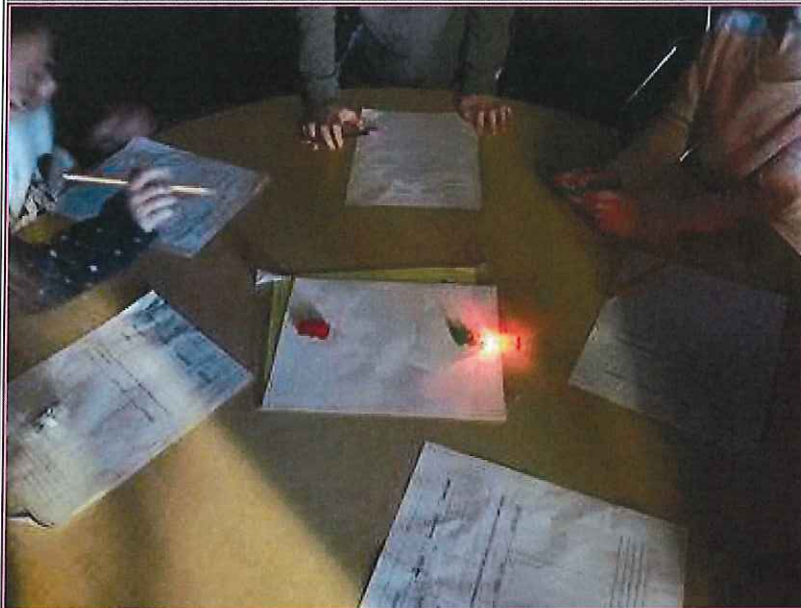
Hagan's 5th grade science fair is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 6th, from 9 am until 1 pm. We are still in need of judges to rate and talk with 5th grade students about their projects. If you are available and interested in participating, please call Mrs. Pat Sample at 463-7840. Please note that if you are the parent of or have a close relationship with a current 5th grade student, we would not be able to allow you participate in judging.

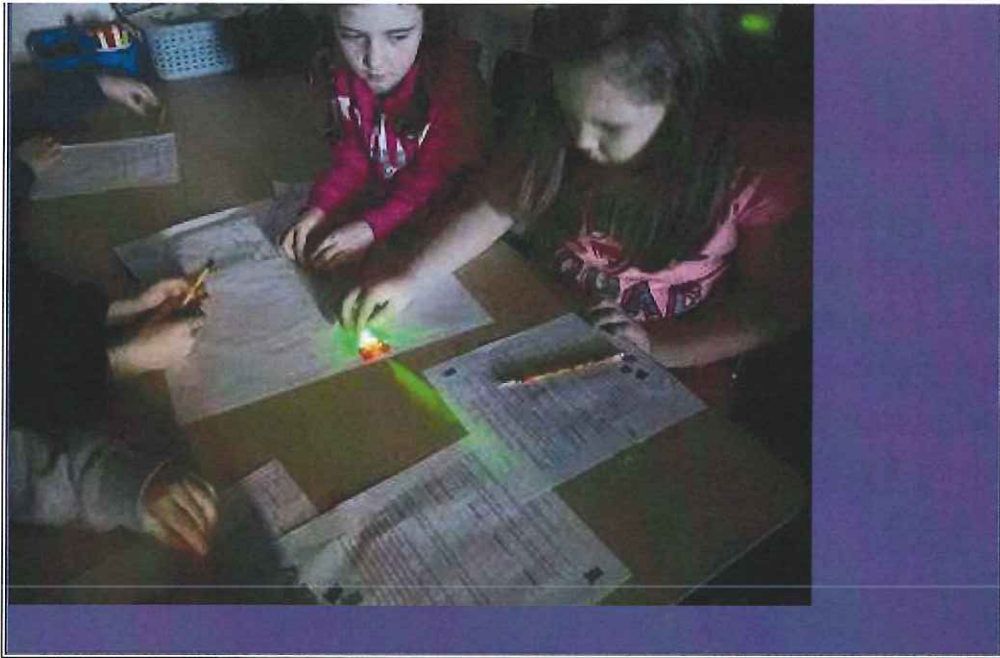


Judge at a past science fair congratulates a Hagan student.

Second Graders Light Up the Classroom

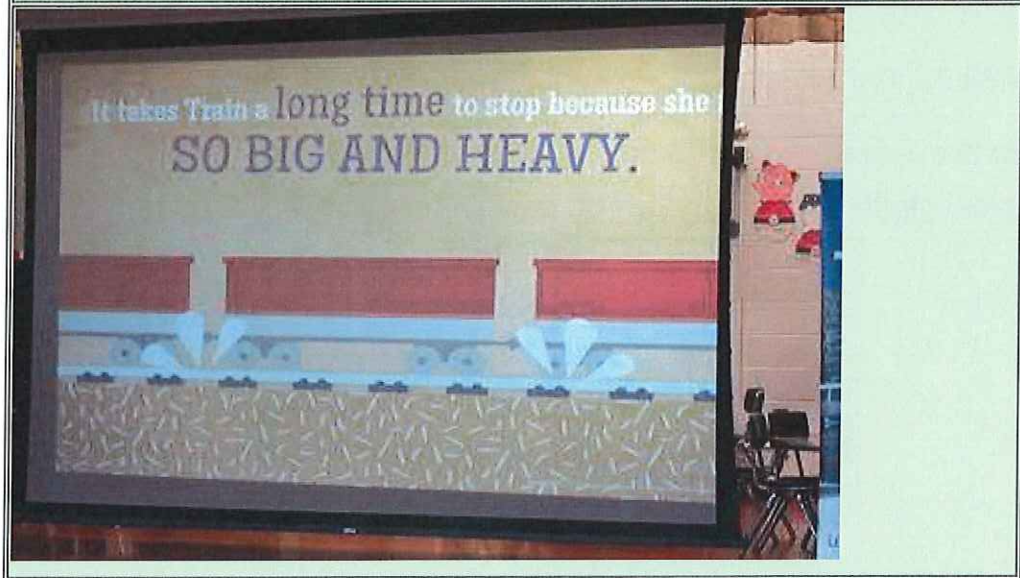
Mrs. Zanca's 2nd grade class is wrapping up its unit on light energy. One of the topics is *how and why* an object either reflects or absorbs colored light. The class used green and red gummy bears placed on white paper to experiment. Students tested each row of gummy bears using white, red, and green lights. Each student completed a write-up using the scientific process.





All Aboard to Safety

On Thursday, February 15, Deidre Mitchell, a representative from Metro-North Railroad's TRACKS safety education outreach program, visited Nassau school to teach students about safe behaviors at railroad grade crossings and tracks. The students learned that they should never play on or around train tracks: Not only is it dangerous, but it's also against the law! Students also found out that it takes a train the length of 18 football fields to come to a stop, so it's especially important not to walk on the tracks! Students also received comic books that reinforce train track safety.



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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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