

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence

September 25, 2020

Dear Spackenkill Community,

We've had a very successful kickoff of our Hybrid 1 plan. High school Principal Steve Malkischer said, "The students I talked to are very happy to be back." Athletics Director Marco Lanzoni also gave a good report: "It was kind of neat for me to see the kids logged on from home and stand behind students interacting with remote students."

At the middle school, Assistant Principal Dustyn Cormier said that "students seemed happy and excited to be in school. There were a few tech issues but I think we got them sorted." Teacher Jonathan Shanks commented about his remote students, "I want them to have the same high standard of teaching as the kids in the classroom do."

Hagan Elementary had positive orientations for all grades over the last two weeks. "It was a gradual buildup, and each day it gave us an opportunity to figure things out," said Principal John Farrell. "It's been a really productive time for teachers, and we built in time for them to work and plan."

Nassau Principal Erik Lynch put it this way: "Each day we make changes and get better."

Schedules

Our Hybrid 1 in-person schedule continues. [The schedules are below and on our COVID-19 website:](#)

Elementary Hybrid 1 Schedule	Elementary Full Remote Schedule	Todd MS Hybrid 1 Schedule	Todd MS Full Remote Schedule	SHS Hybrid 1 Schedule	SHS Full Remote Schedule

[Elementary Hybrid 1 Schedule](#)

[Elementary Full Remote Schedule](#)

[Todd MS Hybrid 1 Schedule](#)

[Todd MS Full Remote Schedule](#)

[SHS Hybrid 1 Schedule](#)

[SHS Full Remote Schedule](#)

Just a reminder that Monday, September 28, is Yom Kippur and there will be no school. Because of this holiday, the Return to School Committee has recommended utilizing **Wednesday, September 30**, as a day of in-person learning for Nassau and Hagan Cohort A because they will not be in school on Monday. We want to get the kids in whenever we can and keep both cohorts on the same academic course.

Sports Update

For the fourth consecutive year, Spackenkill has earned the [New York State Public High School Athletic Association](#) (NYSPHSAA) School of Excellence Award. That means 75% of our Varsity teams maintained a 90% or better in-season average for the 2019-20 school year.

Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, and school community!



Above: On display at the high school: Four years of NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team School of Excellence Awards.

Niche Rating

Spackenkill

#1 in Best Places to Live in Dutchess County

A Overall Grade • Town in New York

Good news! Niche ratings have placed Spackenkill at the top of 2020 “best places to live in Dutchess County.” This distinction is largely driven by the school district and all of its teachers, students, and support staff. Ranking

based on crime, public schools, cost of living, job opportunities, and local amenities.

[Click here for the link.](#)



Overall Niche Grade

How are grades calculated?
Data Sources



Public Schools



Housing



Good for Families

Wellness App

Beginning Tuesday, 9/29/2020, Spackenkill will be using a new wellness screening app called EdVistas EduForms.

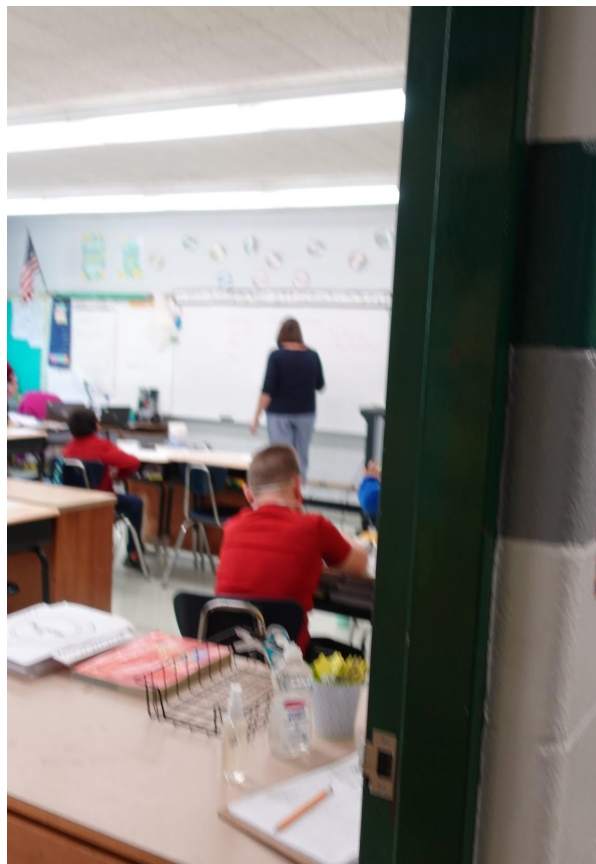
It will be very similar to the wellness survey we had been using but now each survey will be pre-populated with your child’s information.

Parents/Guardians will get one email with multiple links for each of their children and a separate text message (if opted in) for each child at 5:30 am. For more information, please be on the lookout for an email and/or text from your school.

Photos from This Week



Above: Kindergartners learn about the month of September at Nassau.



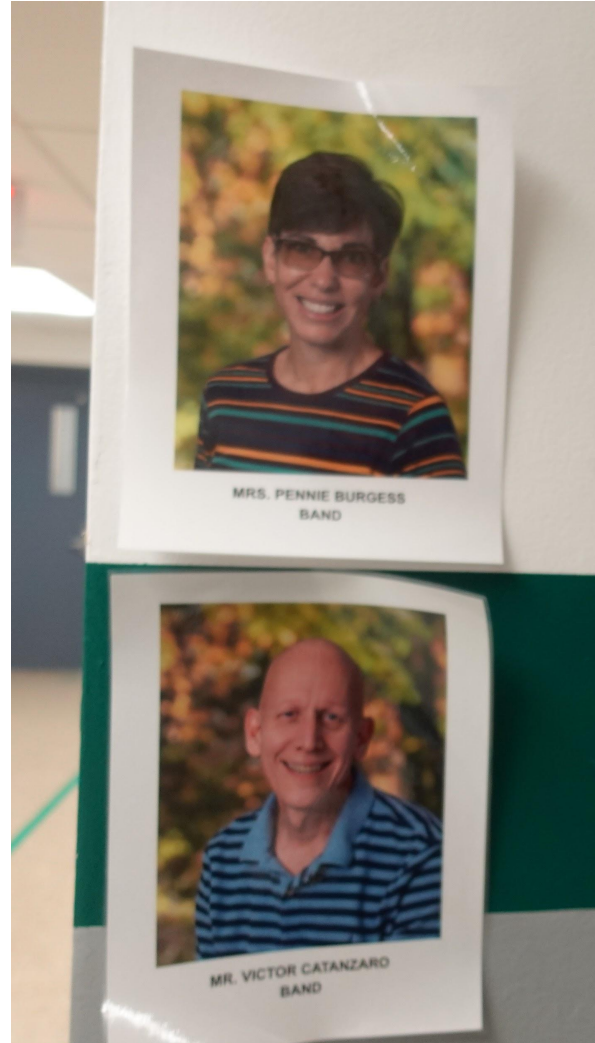
Above left and right: Hagan students learn in person in socially distanced classrooms.



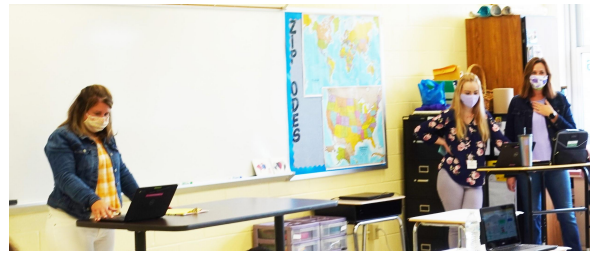
Above left: Physical Education teachers Josh Riley and Laura Johnson hold outdoor classes on a beautiful September day. Above right: High school students walk the track during PE class.



Above: Principal Steve Malkischer greets returning students.



Above left: Superintendent Paul Fanuele visits with Todd School Psychologist Kate Casucci and Assistant Principal Dustyn Cormier to check on how things went on the first day of school for all middle school students. *Above right:* Todd teachers have posted photos of themselves outside their classroom doors so that students can see their faces without masks.



Above left: Todd school monitor Tom Yurkovic and School Resource Officer Steve Doughty observe students following hallway “lanes” on their way to class. *Above right:* Teacher Elizabeth Morehead, Todd resident sub Skylar Galioto, and teacher Karin McGuire conduct class on Thursday.



Todd was in full swing this week with students from Cohorts A and B from all grades in school on Thursday and Friday. *Above left:* Todd Principal Dan Doherty addresses eighth grade students at lunchtime. Among new dining hall protocols are using hand sanitizer before removing their masks to eat and standing on a socially distanced line to pick up lunch, which is free of charge for all students. *Above right:* Food service staff stand ready to provide lunch to Todd students.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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[Dia Teens Program](#)

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