

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



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December 18, 2020

Dear Spackenkill Community,

As many of you know, Todd Middle School Teacher and High School Soccer Coach Manny Blanco has passed away. [I sent out an email to the community yesterday regarding this sad news, but in case you didn't see it, please read the message here.](#) Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.



Above: Todd Middle School teacher and Spackenkill High School Soccer Coach Manny Blanco is pictured in 2016, when he was named Soccer Coach of the Year by the Poughkeepsie Journal.

Snow Days & Remote Learning

On Thursday, we had our first snow day of the 2020-2021 school year. I am glad that the community had a chance to relax and hopefully enjoy some old-fashioned winter fun.

I wanted to remind you that the dire predictions for that storm are what caused us to completely close on Thursday. In the future, we intend to be fully remote on inclement weather days, unless conditions force us to close.

Today, we resumed our remote learning schedule, which will remain in place until the holiday break begins on December 23 and resume from January 4 to 18. We will return to school after the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 19 in Hybrid 1.

COVID-19 Update and Dashboard

Since we started the school year, we have had 21 positive COVID-19 cases. You can see the breakdown by school on the NY State Report card: [Please continue to consult the NY State Report Card for updates.](#)

Holiday Meals Over the Break

During the holiday recess we would like to provide meals to any student who needs them at no cost. We will be distributing bulk meals on two dates over the break, **December 23, 2020**, and **December 28, 2020**. This distribution will be held at Todd Middle School, between the hours of 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Parents can pull up to the front of the building, where the meals will be distributed. This will be a bulk meal pack, containing a week's worth of meals for each student.

If you are going to use this service, you must contact Lisa French, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, at 845-463-7836 or foodservice@sufsdny.org to reserve your child's meal no later than today, December 18, 2020. You will be asked to provide your child's name and school. Should you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to call. All calls and distribution information is confidential.

Adopt-a-Family Update



The LEO Club would like to thank the Spackenkill community for your generous outpouring of support for the Adopt-a-Family fundraiser. Because of you, we are now able to make many families' holidays bright!



Please continue to send in your Spirited Snowmen pictures to contactus@sufsdny.org! We will show them off in next week's newsletter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Fanuele, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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