

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



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December 22, 2020

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Tomorrow our winter break begins and we hope you enjoy every moment of it as you observe family traditions. Our remote learning schedule will resume before you know it, from January 4 to 15, so be sure to take a break from your computer screens while you can. We will return to school in person after the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 19 in Hybrid 1.

Here are a few inspired stories to put you in the holiday spirit.

Spirited Snowmen

Last week, for our snow day, Dr. Fanuele challenged the community to build snowmen that reflect your school spirit and pride. Thank you so much for submitting your Spirited Snowmen. We are proud to showcase our favorites here!



Above, clockwise from top left: Marlie Lanzoni (daughter of Athletics Director Marco Lanzoni) with her younger cousin, Mila, and their cute creation; kindergartner Chloe Cammarota of Nassau Elementary made a snowman almost as big as she is; High School Senior Vicky Wang made a sweet snowman wearing a leaf hat; Second grader Liam Burns made a Minecraft Snow Golem!



Above, top row: Gabriela and Natalia Murphy made a cowboy snowman. Above, bottom row: Anderson and Ruby Schwager built a snow creature rising out of a snow bank.



Above left: Ruby and Anderson Schwager also built a sunglasses-wearing snowman. *Above right:* Jacob Martinez Jimenez, a kindergartner, made a huge snowman.



Above: Marcos and Mateo Rogers created a very Spirited Spackenkil Snowman.

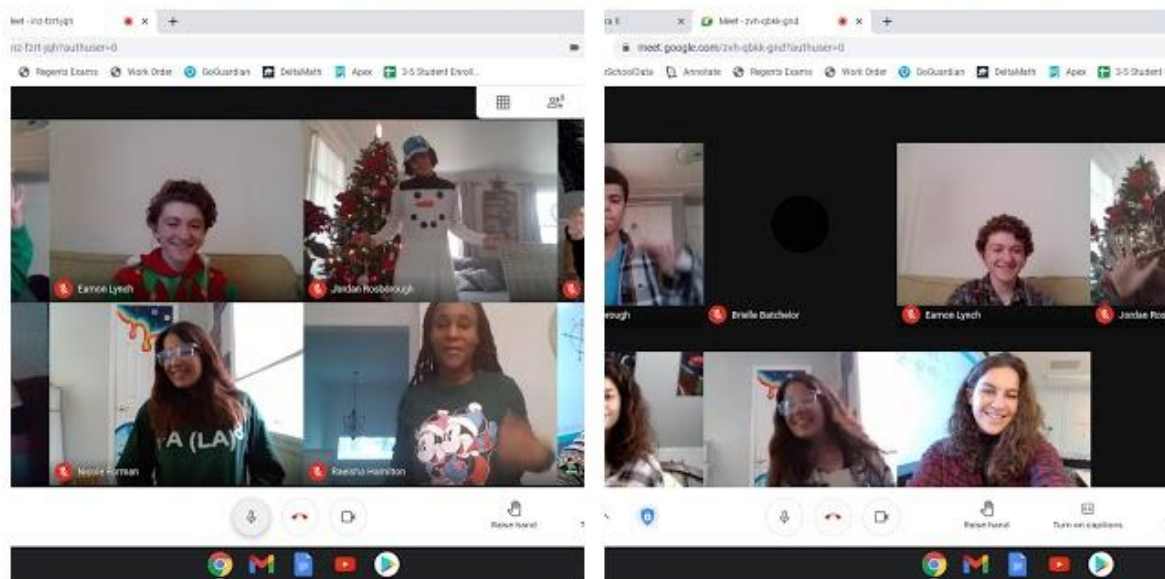


Above: Michele Brenner of Todd Middle School sent us a photo of her snowman in a lounge chair.

SGO News

The High School's Student Government Organization held Holiday Hoopla Spirit Week from Monday, December 14, to Friday, December 18, with a different theme for each

day. It was fun to see the kids and staff in their holiday gear all week. Enjoy some photos below:





Above: SGO's Spirit Week at SHS brought out a lot of flannel and ugly sweaters, both in person and remotely.

The SGO also concluded its Dutchess Outreach Collection on December 4 and delivered food and personal hygiene items on December 16. As a district we collected over 600 items. SGO would like to thank everyone who donated to such a worthy cause.



Above: Members of SGO with advisor Jodi Girard prepare to deliver over 600 items to Dutchess Outreach.

COVID-19 Update and Dashboard

Since we started the school year, we have had 22 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.](#)

Over the break, It's still important that if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they should email their principal so that we know what's going on in the community and can make informed decisions.

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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