

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence

February 12, 2021

Dear Spackenkill Community,

We've been getting lots of great community questions about our school schedules going forward this year. At the February 2 and February 11 Board meetings, our principals discussed our Hybrid 2 schedules.

Please refer to our [Board Video Archive](#) and click on the February 2 and February 11 meetings for the full details. You can also revisit the [Livestream link](#) and watch the meetings there.

Hybrid 2 will begin the week of February 22. We will begin in-person days of alternating elementary cohorts. Middle school and high school students will be able to attend in person 2 days per week per cohort beginning February 22. Your building principals are conveying all the details of scheduling. We recently surveyed K-1 families on the feasibility of implementing a more in-person K-1 plan. We are working on that plan and other ways to increase in-person time at all levels while following current guidance. We will also be analyzing new guidance from the CDC and Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH).

Todd MS Hybrid 2 Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A					
Cohort B					
Dismissal	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00
Period 1	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35
Period 2	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15
Period 3	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55
Period 4	10:05-10:35	10:05-10:35	10:05-10:35	10:05-10:35	10:05-10:35
Period 5	10:45-11:15	10:45-11:15	10:45-11:15	10:45-11:15	10:45-11:15
Period 6	11:25-11:55	11:25-11:55	11:25-11:55	11:25-11:55	11:25-11:55
Period 7	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35
Period 8	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15
Dismissal	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55

Spackenkill HS Hybrid 2 Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A					
Cohort B					
Dismissal	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00
Period 1	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35
Period 2	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15	8:45-9:15
Period 3	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55	9:25-9:55
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Period 8	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15
Dismissal	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55	1:25-1:55

[Click here or on the image above to view the Todd Middle School Hybrid 2 Schedule](#)

[Click here or on the image above to view the Spackenkill High School Hybrid 2 Schedule](#)

COVID-19 Update and Dashboard

Our county's 7-day rolling average positivity rate on the [New York Forward dashboard](#) remains below the 5 percent mark. The DBCH is not seeing clusters of COVID cases in the area schools.

Since we started the school year, we have had 48 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. It's important that, even if they are remote, 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 continue to make informed decisions.

Communications Update: Are You Getting Our Texts?

Parents/Guardians: We recently had a SchoolMessenger issue where people stopped receiving text messages. If you are having any trouble receiving text messages from us, you may need to opt in again by texting Yes or Y to 67-587. Alternatively, scan the QR code below and hit "send."

Please also make sure we have your correct mobile phone number on file. Check on the parent portal or with your school's office.

Opt-In from your mobile now! Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.



*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

Transportation Requests

Parents and guardians must have requests for private providers to the Spackenkill UFSD Transportation Department by April 1. Requests must be filed every year. For more information, please call Doreen Wright, Director of Transportation: 463-7800.

- [Print a Request for Private/Parochial School Transportation](#)
- [Print a Request for Daycare Transportation](#)



Fall II Season Registration

Online registration for fall sports is now open on Family ID. If you registered for a fall sport this past August you must register again for the "Fall II" season starting in March. At this time, we plan to offer Modified, JV, and Varsity levels. This is dependent on the interest level of our students and league participation.

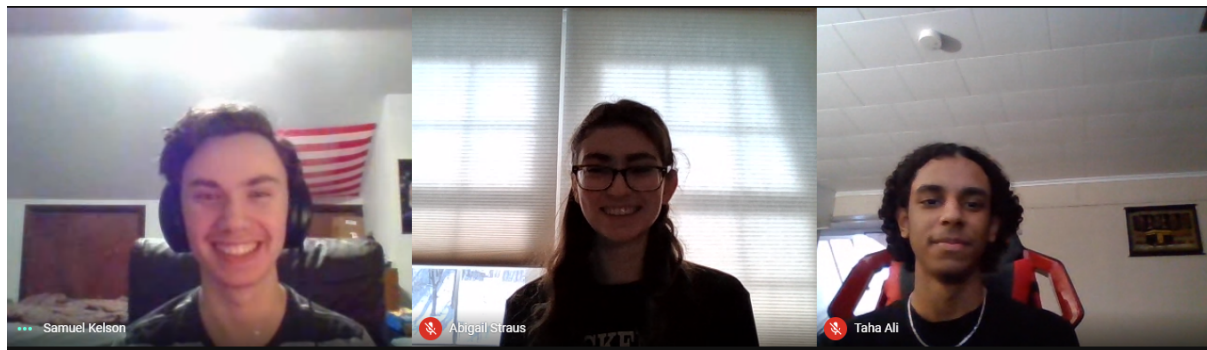
<http://www.familyid.com/spackenkill-ufsd-athletics>

Start dates for fall II sports:

Varsity, JV, Modified – March 1, 2021

VARSITY SPORTS	J.V. SPORTS	MODIFIED SPORTS
Cross Country (B&G)		Cross Country (B&G)
Cheerleading		
Field Hockey		Field Hockey
Football		Football A (grades 7-9)
Golf		
Boys' Soccer	Boys' Soccer	Boys' Soccer
Girls' Tennis		
Girls' Volleyball	Girls' Volleyball	Girls' Volleyball
Girls' Soccer	Girls' Soccer	Girls' Soccer

Science Research Students Excel



Above, left to right: Seniors Sam Kelson, Abigail Straus, and Taha Ali virtually participated in the Eastern Junior Science Humanities Symposium.

On February 6th, three of our science research students virtually participated in the Eastern Junior Science Humanities Symposium (JSHS). In order to participate, this past December, the students submitted a research paper based on their research working under the guidance of a mentor. After a selection process coordinated through SUNY Albany, students were chosen to move forward and present their unique research at the symposium. From 10 categories, the top two presenters within each category were selected to move forward to the Regional Junior Science Humanities Symposium. With the challenges presented by COVID over since last year, we are so proud to have had three of our students able to complete and present their research.

Taha Ali, Samuel Kelson, and Abigail Straus participated this past weekend, and two of the students will be moving forward to the Regional JSHS scheduled virtually, March 10th and 11th. Samuel Kelson, placed first place in the Chemistry, Biochemistry and Physics category with his presentation titled, "Effect of Arm Mirror Loss on the Sensitivity of Gravitational Wave Detectors Using FINESSE Simulations." Sam worked under the guidance of a former Spackenkill graduate, Dr. Katherine Dooley, currently teaching at Cardiff University in Wales. Abigail Straus, a second place winner in the Biomedical Science category, will be presenting her research, "Lie Detection in Relation to the Menstrual Cycle Phase" in poster format. Abigail's mentor is Dr. Julian Keenan from Montclair State University, located in New Jersey. Taha is working under the guidance of Dr. Noah Butler, at The University of Iowa, and presented his research, "Pyruvate and Glutamine in Combination and Individually Significantly Reduce Parasite Burden in Experimental Malaria Trials."

You will have an opportunity to hear Taha, Sam, Abigail, and all of our science research students at our 15th Spackenkill High School Symposium offered virtually in May. Please stay tuned for an announcement to be made on the School District's homepage. For further information about the science research program, please feel free to contact the facilitators: Jennifer Maloney, Dylan Herman, and John Latino. Congratulations to all!

Art Club Honors Veterans

Art Club at the High School and the Middle School created Valentine's Day cards for our local vets at Castle Point VA Center. The beautiful creations were delivered this week.



Hagan Gets Into the Valentine Spirit

Mrs. Pitcairn and Mrs. Sample have brightened up Hagan Elementary School with a Valentine tree to spread some winter cheer.



Enjoy your mid-winter break. There will be no in-school or remote instruction on Monday, February 15, Presidents Day. Happy Valentine's Day, too!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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