

# A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



**One District, Multiple Paths to Excellence**

February 19, 2021

Dear Spackenkill Community,

It's been a very snowy week, but spring is coming soon and we have much to look forward to. The big news is that Hybrid 2 will begin at Todd Middle School and Spackenkill High School this Monday, February 22 (see schedules below). We will begin in-person days of alternating elementary cohorts on Wednesday, February 24. Building principals have sent details to families.

The other big news is an update on the in-person K plan: We are gearing up to have our kindergarten back in school *five days a week* beginning March 1st, following current social distancing guidelines. We are excited to be able to move forward with this plan to bring normalcy back to the district. Nassau will be surveying grade 2 families and will incorporate that information along with the survey results from grade 1 in order to plan for more in-person time for those grades. We are awaiting guidance from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) before we are able to move forward with any plan for other grade levels.

On Friday, February 12th, the CDC released a framework of metrics to guide our processes. The DBCH is analyzing this framework and will soon provide Dutchess County districts with guidance on these metrics. This guidance will ultimately help to determine appropriate social distancing in our schools as we move to bring in more students.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A	Cohort A	Remote	Cohort B	Cohort B	
Studio Art	7:10-7:40	7:10-7:40	8:20-8:50	7:10-7:40	7:10-7:40
Homeroom	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	8:55-9:10	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00
Period 1	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	9:15-9:45	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35
Period 2	8:40-9:10	8:40-9:10	9:50-10:20	8:40-9:10	8:40-9:10
Period 3	9:15-9:45	9:15-9:45	10:25-10:55	9:15-9:45	9:15-9:45
Period 4	9:50-10:20	9:50-10:20	11:00-11:30	9:50-10:20	9:50-10:20
Period 5	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55	11:35-12:05	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55
Period 6	11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30	12:10-12:40	11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30
Period 7	11:35-12:05	11:35-12:05	12:45-1:15	11:35-12:05	11:35-12:05
Period 8	12:10-12:40	12:10-12:40	1:20-1:50	12:10-12:40	12:10-12:40
Period 9	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	1:55-2:25	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15
Notes	Both remote and in-person elements will follow this schedule every day. Remote students only attend Homeroom if they have a Homeroom Health Pleading or AIS.				

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cohort A	Cohort A	Remote	Cohort B	Cohort B
Period 1	7:30-8:00	7:30-8:00	8:30-9:00	7:30-8:00	7:30-8:00
Period 2	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35	9:05-9:35	8:05-8:35	8:05-8:35
Period 3	8:40-9:10	8:40-9:10	9:40-10:10	8:40-9:10	8:40-9:10
Period 4	9:15-9:45	9:15-9:45	10:15-10:45	9:15-9:45	9:15-9:45
Period 5	9:50-10:20	9:50-10:20	10:50-11:20	9:50-10:20	9:50-10:20
Period 6	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55	11:25-11:55	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55
Period 7	11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30	12:00-12:30	11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30
Period 8	11:35-12:05	11:35-12:05	12:35-1:05	11:35-12:05	11:35-12:05
Period 9	12:10-12:40	12:10-12:40	1:10-1:40	12:10-12:40	12:10-12:40
Period 10	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15	1:45-2:15	12:45-1:15	12:45-1:15
Notes	Remote students will follow schedule as shown at home. AIS/CCS students will be transported from the High School. Afternoon BOCES will utilize the library after 0th period until 11:30, when the bus leaves.				

[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.

Since we started the school year, we have had 51 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.



## 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

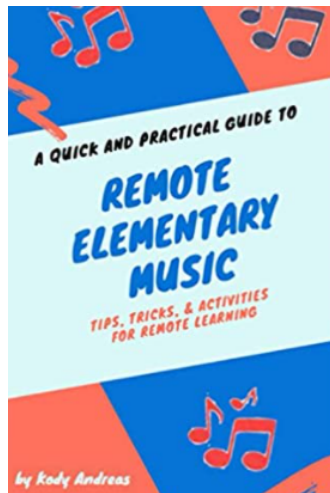
Girls' Soccer

### **Go, Spartans!**

The basketball season started February 3rd. On Tuesday evening, the Varsity Boys team defeated Millbrook 71-59 to improve their record to 2-1. Scenes from the game are below. Check out the [Athletics](#) page for schedule information and links to livestreamed games.

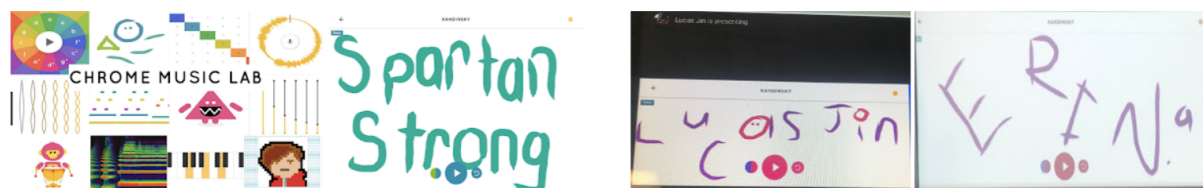


### Music Teacher Debuts Book



K-2 General Music teacher Kody Andreas recently wrote and self-published a book entitled *A Quick and Practical Guide to Remote Elementary Music*. This book includes tips, tricks, and activities to engage students in remote elementary music. This is a topic that Mr. Andreas is presenting at the New Jersey Music Educators Association State Virtual Conference this weekend. [Click here to learn more about the book.](#)

Last week, 2nd through 4th grade students learned about Chrome Music Lab. Chrome Music Lab consists of various music programs that allow students to create and compose music using their computers. The first program students learned was "Kandinsky," which allows them to draw and create sounds. What a great connection between visual arts and music! Students really enjoyed drawing their names and listening to the music that was created. A few images are below:



### Sledding at Nassau!

It's a Nassau wintertime tradition to go sledding as a class when snowy conditions permit. Last week, Mrs. Briody's first graders took to the snow (below), using sleds that Nassau has on hand. "The kids had so much fun," said Mrs. Briody. "Memories made for life." Other classes are planning to go sledding in the near future.



Looking forward to our Hybrid 2 schedule next week!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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