

A Message from the Spackenkill Superintendent



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Dear Spackenkill Community,

We had our first week back in Hybrid 1 and I hope everyone is doing well. It is uplifting to see student faces as we all reconnect after a few weeks of being fully remote. I know our principals are especially happy to have students back in their buildings.

Since we are at a mid-point of the school year, I thought it would be a good time to pause and reassess how COVID-19 has impacted our district. At our Board meeting on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 pm, we are going to discuss just that. Please check out the Livestream on our [district homepage](#).

COVID-19 Update and Dashboard

Since we started the school year, we have had 39 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.

Updated HS Schedule for Next Week

Monday was originally planned to be an in-person day for Cohort A, which was changed to accommodate Tuesday's PSAT. However, due to two positive cases at the high school and to allow for contact tracing, SHS is going remote on Monday. Tuesday is still reserved for students taking the PSAT only. Wednesday is for Cohort B. We are hoping to bring in Cohort A on Thursday. All this is contingent on conditions permitting. The high school will provide updates early next week.

Kudos to HS Senior



Spackenkill High School Senior Liam Vaitkus has been promoted to Sergeant of Police Explorer Post 108. The Police Explorer program, a community-focused law enforcement program of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, is in its second year. Sergeant Vaitkus will serve as the first cadet to hold this position within the squad. For more information about the program please contact: dcexplorer108@gmail.com.

Athletics Update

In case you missed it last week...



Please watch an Athletics video update by clicking on the image above for winter sports and the other upcoming seasons.

Let's remain optimistic as we move forward through the school year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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