

SPARTAN TELEGRAM



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Superintendent's Message

Dear Spartan Community, Welcome back to school. It is hard to believe that soon we will be starting the third quarter and will be halfway through the 22-23 school year.

As we start the new year, we need to make sure that our students attend school regularly. Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem. But absences add up quickly. And these missed school days can have a big impact on your child's learning and overall health.

Missing two days a month – excused or unexcused – can add up to a child being con-

sidered chronically absent.

Missing just two days a month of school – for any reason – can be a problem for kids in a number of ways. Don't have your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Reasons to keep your child home from school include a temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, a consistent cough, toothache or positive tests for COVID-19 or other infectious illnesses. Keep in mind, complaints of frequent stomach aches or headaches can be a sign of anxiety, so please call your child's teacher, counselor or principal for support.

Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school – even more than low grades or test scores. When students get used to not going to school, they are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school. Chronic absenteeism can also be linked with teen substance use, as well as poor health as adults.

Here are some tips on what you can do to get your child to school on time,

every day:

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day. Make school attendance a priority.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- If your child must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack

backpacks the night before.

- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.

For more information and tips on how to help your child create good attendance habits, see the Attendance Works sheets in the Spartan Telegram.

As always, please contact your child's teacher, counselor, principal or myself if



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you have any questions or concerns or need support.

Thank you
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SPRINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL




Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.


Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?



- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending preschool regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?

	CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more days
	WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days
	SATISFACTORY 9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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SPARTAN ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC EVENTS SAVE THE DATE

- 1/30 - BOWLING SENIOR NIGHT 3:45 PM
- 2/2 - WRESTLING SENIOR NIGHT 6:30 PM
- 2/7 - BOYS BASKETBALL, CHEER, SPARKLES SENIOR NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 2/25 - SPIRIT SPARK-TACULAR SHOWCASE 12:00 PM

SPRINGFIELD WRESTLING



SPARTAN INVITATIONAL PLACERS

Keith Brockley - 5th Place - 190 (Picture not available)

SPRINGFIELD WRESTLING



SPARTAN INVITATIONAL PLACERS



WINTER SPORTS MAC MEDIA DAY



2022-2023 SPRINGFIELD SPARTANS



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Destiny Ruggers
Varsity Basketball

Destiny is one of our up and coming players on the girls basketball team. Destiny has really stepped up her leadership by being positive and continuing to lead by her positive actions on and off the court. Her teammates really love how positive she is and that she gives 100% on the court at practice and games. Last week vs Field Destiny had 6pts and 11 rebounds, against Coventry she scored 9pts and grabbed 11 rebounds.

COACH PLETCHER



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Kayla Gaapa
Varsity Basketball

Kayla has made it into the starting varsity lineup with her ability to rebound and play as a small forward. Kayla still plays 2 quarters for the JV team and always makes it a positive experience for her and her teammates. She brings 110% effort when on the court all the time in games and practices. Kayla carries a 4.31 GPA and also is part of the Spartans Volleyball & Softball team.

COACH PLETCHER




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Tyler Rice
Varsity Boys Bowling

Tyler bowled a perfect 300 game in The Demon Classic Tournament on December 18th! Tyler is a senior who continues to improve every match. He has a conference average of 210. He shows what senior leadership is all about.

COACH WEAKLAND & CASTILOW



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Anthony Ahern
Varsity Basketball

Anthony is our primary ball handler and does a really good job making sure we get set in our offense. He's also averaging 16.3 points per game and 4 steals.

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Braden Farmer
Varsity Basketball

Braden is our best low block player on offense. The last two games he has shown that by averaging 12 points per game while shooting 47 percent from the floor. He also does a nice job going after the offensive glass. He has gotten better every game this year.

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Trenton Stevens
Varsity Basketball

Trenton had a good start to the season. He is one of our best on ball defenders. Trenton has also averaged 17.3 points per game this week while making 8 threes in one game against Field. He finished 8 for 10 from behind the arc.

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Mikayla Woods Jr.
High Cheer

Mikayla is a 2 year member of the Jr High Cheer Team and is this year's captain. She has done a great job stepping up when needed by coaches. Mikayla is always ready and willing to help the other girls out.

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Avarie Skeggs
JV Cheer

Avarie is a hard worker and never stops improving on her skills. Her competitive drive and ability to make the team atmosphere fun and happy, is a great addition to our team!

COACH TAWAB & COACH MASON



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Ashley Pickett
Varsity Cheer

Ashley has been working really hard on her tumbling skills this year, and has shown much improvement! Her Spartan pride shines as she leads her team on and off the sidelines weekly.

COACH TAWAB & COACH MASON



— HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH —

After finishing our space unit and designing lunar landers, junior high Creative Solutions and Design students scaled and proportion by designing a house. Students then used coding to program elements of their houses and experienced it in Virtual Reality.



Freshmen



Career Based Intervention class making booklets for Spring Hill Elementary 1st graders.



Pictures of Mrs. Zarges' health class working on the Healthy Relationships Unit: Groups are discussing what they believe to be an appropriate timeline of a healthy, ideal, joy-filled, and lifetime relationship.



Mrs. Phillips' Intro to Computer Science students are currently either utilizing one of our design studio spaces to make a customized product or they are beginning an interactive media project using the block-based programming website, Scratch.



These students are working on the graphic design program to create yearbook spreads.



Ceramic Class. Melina Smiley showing a Tim Burton inspired creation.

Eighth grade math students have been learning how to represent linear equations by using function tables, graphs and slope intercept form.



Kaydence Holcomb, 9th grader, is painting a complex color wheel in her Art 1 class. Students were only given the three primary colors (red, yellow, blue) and had to mix secondary and tertiary colors including tints, tones, and shades of each in their color wheel.



Olivia Dean and Shiny Yang are learning about chemical reactions in their Physical Science class.

Safety Poster Contest

Junior high art students participated in the 2023 Safety Kids Poster Contest sponsored by Akron Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh. There were over 1,000 posters submitted from over 50 Summit County schools. Fifty-four posters were selected as winners of the contest and Springfield had 12!!! Even more exciting is we had 3 first place winners (out of 12 total first place winners, 25%) and Springfield had the grand prize winner who will get their art published on the front of this year's calendar. First place winners and the grand prize winner will also be filming a televised public service announcement at WBNX Channel 19 that was played on Channel 19 throughout the month of December!

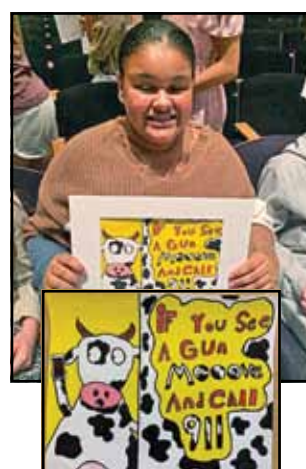
Springfield Junior High Winners & Prize Amounts- total of \$975.00 in prize money

1 grand prize Winner- \$250 Amazon gift card- art is cover of the calendar- art made into a billboard- tv appearance- 7th grader- Emmah Cottirl

3 first place winners- \$100 Amazon gift card- art is published as a month in the calendar- art made into a billboard- tv appearance- 8th grader Darian Ramsey, 8th grader Setara Home, 7th grader Macy Freimuth

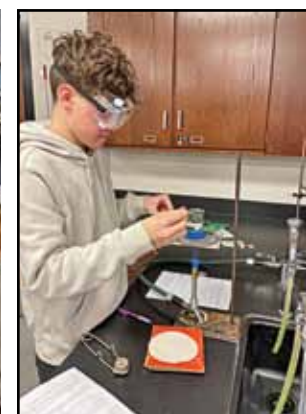


Aleah Casto, 7th grader Aiden Ketterman, 7th grader Brenda Poland, 7th grader Isaac Ternosky,



Kinsey Roberts 3 Honorable Mentions-\$25 Amazon gift card- 7th grader Leannah Swiger, 7th grader Morgan Hunt, 7th grader Alina Adkins

Chemistry Lab



Advanced Chemistry Lab - reacting iron with cupric sulfate to produce copper and ferrous sulfate. Working with writing formulas, calculating percent composition and an introduction into reaction equations.

\$10,000 Grant Award

Springfield Junior High is hosting a "Get UR CODE On" event to introduce students to the world of coding. With a goal of sparking interest in our NEW Computer Science Discoveries course using code.org that will be offered beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Students had several opportunities to experience coding the week of December 5th as a way to help expose them to the world of coding.

Thanks to a grant opportunity made possible by Code.org, in a partnership with DonorsChoose, Springfield Junior High has been chosen as one of two schools in Ohio to be awarded the CS Leaders Prize of \$10,000. This prize will help increase access to computer science education through a NEW CS Discoveries course. In addition, Heather Phillips is receiving a no-cost scholarship to attend Code.org's Professional Learning Programming this summer.

Mrs. Phillips' Intro to Computer Science students recently completed a BUILD Challenge on builduniversity.org winning a \$500 grant (double on DonorsChoose to \$1,000 on Giving Tuesday). The project is providing students with the materials needed to be creative while applying their own personal learning strategies, developing their own ideas, and taking ownership in the learning process all while bringing their imagination to life.



Heather Phillips - JH Computer Science Teacher



SCHROP INTERMEDIATE



Schrop students participating in Ugly Sweater Day for Spirit Week.



What fun Santa helpers we have for Elf Day here at Schrop.



The staff also enjoying Spirit Week with their students.



We have great parents who volunteer during our Santa Shop to help our students.



The sixth graders making Gingerbread houses.



A few more elves in the hallways making sure students are behaving for Santa.



Schrop students decorating the halls for the holidays.

SPRING HILL ELEMENTARY

What better day than PJ Day to do Books & Blankets. It's time to get comfortable and enjoy some great books and other fun activities in Mrs. Staudt's room.



The K-2 students at Spring Hill Elementary were surprised with a special visitor before the holiday break.



It was the ugliest day ever as the halls were filled with ugly sweaters. Even the academic activities were ugly-theme based.



Mrs. Stockwell's students don't know if it's more exciting to wear PJs to school or to get their brand new Clev-board. This new resource has endless possibilities to enhance future instruction.



One of our favorite days of the year is Elfie Day. These 1st graders look like they could be working at the North Pole.



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," especially in elementary schools!