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## Appreciating our Community

The S-VE Art Department, consisting of Jay McIntosh, Nichole McCarthy and Gretchen Gobble would like to publically thank local businesses for continued support in displaying student art work. High School artwork can be seen through the school year at the Visions Credit Union in Spencer and in our more recent partner, Spencer Agency. Although it may not seem to be much, students are excited to have their pieces of art on display for all to see. In addition, with the help of Casey Winsted and The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, local businesses including the Spencer and Van Etten public libraries, McAnn's Restaurant and Tioga State Bank display Pre-k through 12th grade artwork each year during the National Youth Art Month in March. Next time you are in one of these establishments, please take a few minutes to notice the creativity and inspiration of our students.

Please contact any member of our Art Department if your organization would like to be a host for student artwork. In following our District motto, "Together We Achieve" in recognizing the contributions our students make through Art. As a reminder, the 9th Annual District Art Show will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the High School Gymnasium. This is a wonderful opportunity to see over 900 pieces of Art created by our students in one location!

## The Community is Invited to Attend:

**January 3rd @ 6:30pm** at the S-VE High School

⇒ *Budget Advisory Committee Meeting: call 589-7100 if interested*

**January 10th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE High School Gymnasium

⇒ *Booster Club Meeting*

**January 11th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*

**January 17th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE Elementary School Gymnasium

⇒ *Musical, Grades 3 & 4*

**January 25th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*

**January 31st @ 6:30pm** in the S-VE High School

⇒ *Budget Advisory Committee Meeting*

*Please check our website to access Athletic Schedules for the Winter Season.*

*We encourage you to come support our boys and girls basketball teams, wrestling teams and cheerleaders!*



Pictured are Hailey Anderson (9th), Keira Benjamin (12th), Lydia Diboun (9th) & Ondraya Predmore (12<sup>th</sup>)

## In the Spotlight

### Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner

High School Student Council and SVETA (S-VE Teachers Association) partnered to appreciate the senior citizens in our community with a holiday dinner. Our cafeteria, under the direction of Jerry Carr, catered the event. Elementary, middle and high school students helped serve the meal, as well as mingle with our guests. This was a true family dinner experience for all involved. If you're a senior citizen in the Spencer-Van Etten community and have not participated in this event, we encourage you to attend next year!

### High School Quiz Team Success

The Spencer-Van Etten Quiz Team recently won the Twin Tiers Quiz League. The team went 8 and 1 in the 3 week competition. In February, the team competes at the WATS Radio Scholarship Challenge in Sayre. The competition



is broadcast live on Choice102 and includes cash prizes. In the spring, the team will travel to TC3 for another area wide tournament where the winner can compete in a national competition. Congratulations to the Quiz Team and good luck with the upcoming matches. Photo to left includes quiz team members with advisor Andy McGee.



### Rocket Launch Design Challenge

Students in Tom Sherwood's *Engineering Your World* class designed and crafted rockets, which were launched December 1st on the football field. The goal for students was to reach or exceed 95m (313ft.). Photo to right.

### Scholar Athletes Recognized

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has named 6 of our fall athletic programs as Scholar-Athletes Teams. Athletic team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00 to be recognized as a Scholar-Athlete Team. Congratulations to the following teams:

SVEC Boys Cross Country

SVEC Girls Cross Country

SVEC Boys Soccer

SVEC Girls Soccer

S-VE Field Hockey

S-VE Volleyball

Additionally, 56 S-VE athletes were named Scholar-Athletes for the fall athletic season. These students were honored at our Fall Student Recognition Assembly, pictured below. Congratulations to all!



## Parent/School Communication

### EPK3 & UPK4 Registration

Registration packets may be turned in to the Elementary School office beginning January 8, 2018 for 3 year old and 4 year old Pre-K for the 2018-19 school year. To be eligible for the Early Pre-K program (EPK3), your child must turn 3 before December 1, 2018. To be eligible for the Universal Pre-K program (UPK4), your child must turn 4 before December 1, 2018. Both preschool programs have a limited enrollment capacity. Registration will end on January 31, 2018. \* Just a reminder, transportation is not available to students in the EPK3 program. Transportation will be available to UPK4 students once they turn 4.

Go to our website [www.svecsd.org/esforms.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/esforms.cfm) to access the applications.

### High School Guidance Department

The High School Guidance Department now has a Twitter feed and Facebook page that house information regarding scholarships, test prep, career awareness and more. You can also view both feeds on our website [www.svecsd.org/HS.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/HS.cfm). Please never hesitate to reach out to your students' counselor with questions. Jordan Ashman for those with last names beginning with A-L at [jashman@svecsd.org](mailto:jashman@svecsd.org) and Marjorie McKinery for those with last names beginning with M-Z at [mmckinery@svecsd.org](mailto:mmckinery@svecsd.org).

### Athletic Hall of Fame

The S-VE Athletic Hall of Fame honors eminent individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic programs at Spencer Central, Van Etten School or the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District. Award categories can be either athlete, coach, team or contributor. For the full list of criteria and the nomination form, please go to [www.svecsd.org/AthleticHallofFame.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/AthleticHallofFame.cfm). Deadline is March 1st.

### Budget Advisory Committee

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming 2018/19 school year. There will be a total of four (4) meetings held, January—April. For more information or to sign up to serve on this committee, please call the S-VE District Office at 589-7100.

### PTO, PIE and Booster Club

There are many ways to become involved in your child's school years at S-VE. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a parent group for the Elementary School, which meets 4 times a year with the next meeting date on 2/14 @ 6pm in the ES. PIE (Partners in Education) is the same type of parent group but for Middle School parents. PIE meets at the MS @ 7pm on 1/9, 2/13, 4/4 and 5/8. The Booster Club consists of parents of students in 7th-12th grade that participate in our athletic programs or any interested volunteer. The next Booster Club meeting is on 1/10 @ 7pm in the HS. All groups welcome any parent volunteers, as well as community members.

### S-VE Food Cupboard

The S-VE Food Cupboard services all Spencer-Van Etten community residents. Food give-away from January through October take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 4pm-5:30pm and the 4th Thursday from 9:30am-10:30am at the Spencer Federated Church. There is no need to call ahead for these giveaways. Clients are asked to bring their own bags to carry food home in. The Food Truck give-away is on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Community Fire & Rescue Building in Van Etten from 5pm-6pm. For Emergency Food Cupboard Assistance, please contact Sandy at 589-6690.

**Please continue to check our website, as new information is added daily!**

[www.svecsd.org](http://www.svecsd.org)