

SPENCER-VAN ETTEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Together We Achieve...*



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### The Community is Invited to Attend:

**November 9th @ 8:30am** in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *S-VE Graduates of Distinction Induction Ceremony*

⇒ *National Honor Society Induction Ceremony*

**November 9th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*

**December 6th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *High School Band and Chorus Concert, Grades 9-12*

**December 13th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *Middle School Band and Chorus Concert, Grades 5-8*

**December 14th @ 7:00pm** in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*

**December 21st @ 9am & 1:45pm** (Please choose 1 option) in the S-VE Elementary School Gym

⇒ *Elementary School Chorus Concert, Grades Pre-K - 2*



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## Together We Achieve...

A portion of the 2016-17 school year was spent surveying our staff, students and the community to determine what S-VE means and to create a common phrase. We are pleased to announce that "Together We Achieve..." is our new motto at Spencer-Van Etten Central School District. Our Opening Day Conference began with each staff member recording their own personal statement, goal or overall objective for the district on a "Together We Achieve..." pennant. Pictured above are our administrators discussing the statements shared. Standing from left to right: Dr. Joseph Morgan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Eric Knolles, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Christina Lampila, Director of Instructional Support; Mrs. Missy Jewell, High School Principal; Mr. James Howey, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director; and Mr. Matt Stroup, Elementary School Principal.

Posted on the walls of each school building, you will find pennants stating:

- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Consistent quality customer service
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Becoming great readers, writers and thinkers
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** A caring, supportive and respectful classroom community
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Project based learning
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Career readiness
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Unity
- ⇒ **Together We Achieve...** Teamwork!

Ask your child what the pennant in their classroom says!

The community is encouraged to look around the district when you come for special events to see what our staff has written!

**Together We Achieve... Communicating with Our Community!**

## In the Spotlight

### 1:1 Initiative

Our district has been committed in the pursuit of using technology to enhance instruction, engage learners and to prepare students for future endeavors. After researching how other districts use technology in similar learning environments, the technology committee and administrative team planned for the gradual incorporation of one device per student in four different grade levels across the district. Currently, our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 9th grade teachers have started the implementation of this initiative. Each student was assigned an electronic device, iPads in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and laptop computers in 9th grade for the school year. Every day, the teachers and students become more fluent with the technology, as they use the devices for both individual and cooperative learning. The devices not only reduce the need for paper/pencils tasks, but are now being utilized by students for research, presentations and as a different approach to traditional instructional methods.

### Agriculture Class Update

Our district was the recipient of a Floyd Hooker Foundation grant and a TRIAD grant, which has allowed us to purchase two Hoophouses for our Agriculture Program. The Hoophouses will be incorporated into the curriculum of the agricultural classes, where students will learn about different cultivating techniques including direct planting, transplanting, and dividing. In addition, students will



learn valuable skills about passive heating since the hoophouses, unlike greenhouses, do not have electric heating/ventilation systems. These structures will allow the agriculture classes to extend the growing season and hopefully support some fresh produce in the high school cafeteria.

A special thank you goes out to the community members that have donated their time for meetings and physical support in the build, as this has been nearly a six-month process. Also, a special thank you to Albert and Allen Smith, Ryan Nelson, Ian Quinn and the S-VE maintenance staff for completing the groundwork before the hoophouses were delivered.

### S-VE Graduates of Distinction

On *Thursday, November 9th* during the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, we will be inducting 3 new members into the S-VE Graduates of Distinction. 2017 Honorees inducted include:

**Bob Bowen**, Class of 1969: Successful local business owner and contributor to programs in our community for over 4 decades.

**Shannon Mouillesseaux**, Class of 1995: Practitioner, researcher, writer and editor in the humanitarian field focusing on forced displacement in the UN.

**Thomas Wiita**, Class of 1967: Inventor of numerous US and worldwide patents in the medical technology industry.

Look for “In the Spotlight” each week by visiting our website!

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

## Parent/School Communication

### Increase Communication using Technology

Parents! Please consider using the links below to increase communication between school and home. All links can also be found under Quick Links on our district website: [www.svecsd.org](http://www.svecsd.org).

**FamilyID:** Athletic registration for grades 7-12

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

**Office 365:** Free Office 2016 download for your home computer for S-VE students

[www.svecsd.org](http://www.svecsd.org), choose “Office 365 (Free for Students)” from the Quick Links

**PaySchools:** Online payment processing system for meals

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

**Remind App:** Class information, reminders and updates sent to your phone from teachers/coaches

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

**Safe Arrival:** Student absence reporting system

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

**SchoolTool:** Parent access to student assignments, grades and more

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

### Parent Resources

Throughout the school year, there will be information nights for parents, such as the *October High School Financial Aid Night*. If you miss an event but would like further information, you can view presentations on our website! Go to [www.svecsd.org/parentinfo.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/parentinfo.cfm) and choose Parent Education/Information from the Quick Links.

### Student Drop-Off

In an effort to ensure safety and increase efficiency for student drop-off in our district, please take notice of the following information:

**Elementary School:** Drop-off begins at 7:45am. The coned area supports the unloading of 2 cars at a time. Please be mindful of those behind you, pull all the way up and be prepared to wish your child a great day as they quickly unload. Our staff is there to safely assist them when exiting the car and guide them to the entrance. If you need extra time to unload your child, please park in the parking lot.

**Middle School:** Drop-off begins at 7:20am. Please use the tennis court side of the building. Vehicles should use the normal driving lane for drop off, not the emergency no-parking zone. Please be mindful of those behind you, pull all the way up to the stop sign and be prepared to wish your child a great day as they quickly unload. If you need extra time to unload your child, please park in the parking lot.

**High School:** Drop-off begins at 7:30am. All vehicles must use the back parking lot and drive the loop all around the marked parking spaces between the building and the stadium. If you need extra time to unload your child, please park in the parking lot.