



# Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

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Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Fall is in the air! It's my favorite season as I love the colors, warm days and cool nights. It just flies by too quickly and then we have snowflakes! We are still researching possibilities to provide access points within the community for Wi-Fi for our distance learners. School assigned devices automatically connect to the Wi-Fi that is extended to our parking lots. If you need to access our Wi-Fi from a device other than a school assigned device to download student work, please contact your child's school for the current password.

There is now a new Parent Technology Support Hotline provided through GST BOCES. For technology issues, please call 607-795-5324. The current hours are 7am-4:30pm; however, BOCES is looking for additional staff to be able to provide support until 8pm. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

As we enter October, please remember that all student work counts toward the student's final grades. Grades will not be given on a pass/fail basis like they were during the March – June closure. We encourage you to partner with the school to ensure your child is engaged in their learning.

Next Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, is our scheduled Emergency Early Release Day. All in person students will be dismissed 15 minutes early. If your child rides the bus, they will be dropped off 15 minutes early in the afternoon on Friday.

Mark your calendars! Open Houses will be virtual this year. All links will be posted on our website and sent to you by your child's school.

High School Virtual Open House on October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm,  
Middle School Virtual Open House on October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm, and  
Elementary School Virtual Open House on October 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00pm.

Several dates have changed since the mailing of our district calendar. Please remember to check our website for the most recent calendar of events. [www.svecsd.org](http://www.svecsd.org)

Lastly, let's add some fun into the school year! Next week is Spirit Week at Spencer-Van Etten!

Monday – Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – dress like your favorite season; 9<sup>th</sup> grade - Spring, 10<sup>th</sup> grade - Fall, 11<sup>th</sup> grade - Winter, 12<sup>th</sup> grade - Summer.

Tuesday – College Day – wear your favorite college gear

Wednesday – Pajama Day

Thursday – Tie-Dye Day

Friday – Panther Pride Day

Be well,

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