



Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to start by thanking you for providing the district with all the important information we have requested in order to plan for a safe and successful reopening in September. We have spent the past several months dissecting the guidance from the Department of Health and the New York State Education Department, ordering necessary supplies, gathering necessary information, and implementing all the required mandates to ensure we have a safe and equitable reopening. Although our plan is always subject to change depending on our Governor's directives, please see the summary of opening days below.

Our school year will begin with three conference days for staff on September 8th, 9th and 10th to train and prepare for students to come back. We will open to students on September 11th, with an orientation day for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 5th grade and 9th grade. Specific details regarding orientation day will come from your child's school.

- September 11th: Orientation Day (grades Pre-K, K, 5, 9); Technology device distribution for 100% Distance Learning and Omega students from 1pm-6pm at your child's school.
- September 14th: first day of school for all students; the alpha group attends in person and all other students attend remotely.
- September 15th: second day of school for all students; the omega group attends in person and all other students attend remotely.
- September 16th: all students attend remote instruction.
- September 17th: the alpha group attends in person and all other students attend remotely.
- September 18th: the omega group attends in person and all other students attend remotely.

We have delayed printing and publishing the district calendar in order to capture the most accurate information for the upcoming school year. We anticipate mailing the calendars in mid-September and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. In the meantime, please refer to our linked one-page calendar.

<http://www.svecsd.org/uploadeddocs/AcademicCalendar20-21.pdf>

All students, grades PreK – 12, will receive a technology device to assist in their instruction. All students need to have a signed Technology Agreement with the school in order to receive their device. We ask that you fill out this form prior to September 10th, so your child can receive their device. If you have trouble accessing this document, please call your child's school for assistance. The following link directs you to the Technology Agreement and includes a link to the Terms and Conditions. Please review the Terms and Conditions prior to signing the agreement.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKlY3tDEGU4Az1zjSEeJCeNedIaxdMhif-d_IPLkRUOVdGNIA3U0g1VDk5Q0JSM0tGV1ZEN0k2WS4u

In order to ensure the safety of our staff and students we will be implementing a new visitor policy to comply with DOH guidance. Visitors will only be allowed entrance to our buildings for emergency situations. If allowed entrance, please know we are required to take your temperature and have you complete a COVID questionnaire. All other visitor interactions will occur through the office intercom, and further instruction will be provided by office staff. For example, if you need to drop an item off to the school that your child forgot, you will utilize the intercom letting the office know you have your child's forgotten item and you will be directed where to place the item for us to retrieve and get to your child. If you arrive to pick your child up for an appointment, the office staff will interact through the intercom with you, and your child will be brought to the parking lot while you remain in your vehicle. These changes will be implemented this year to ensure the safety of all. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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Our reopening will be like nothing we have ever experienced before, and hopefully, will never have to see again in our lifetimes. In our S-VE style, we have risen to this challenge and overcame each obstacle as this is new to all of us. Here is to a safe and healthy school year!

Be well,

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