



## **Spencer-Van Etten Central School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had a great Orientation Day today with our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 5th and 9th grades back at school! We appreciate those who picked up their child's device today for our 100% Distance Learning and Omega students. If you neglected to get your device, please connect with your child's school.

We have certainly missed our students and we look forward to seeing more of our students on Monday, September 14th, when the Alpha group attends in person, and on Tuesday, September 15th, when the Omega group attends in person. Reminder: Alpha students will receive their devices on Monday.

For those families attending in-person learning, please take time over the weekend to register your child in the Cayuga Health Screening program. We have heard that the link we are providing through our communications may not always work, so we are asking you to access the Cayuga Health link using our website [www.svecsd.org](http://www.svecsd.org). Look for "Daily Health Screening" under both on the quick links and in the scrolling news box. Additionally, we know there are tweaks that need to be made to the Daily Health Screening process and are working to resolve issues that have been brought to our attention. We have heard very positive feedback from many who have been able to begin utilizing this program.

The email address you have on file with the school is the email you should use to login to the Daily Health Screening. If you have trouble with your email recognizing your student, please contact our tech department at 589-7100 ext. 3481 to verify we have the correct email address for you. If you are having trouble with the Daily Health Screening questions or process, please contact their call center at 607-319-5800. Please note, the Daily Health Screening works best utilizing Chrome, Edge or Safari browsers.

Schools are now required to report the number of confirmed COVID cases to the Department of Health daily, which will be populated into a COVID Report Card. This is to create transparency between the school and the community, and can be accessed at <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>

There seems to be some questions regarding our ventilation system. To clarify, our ventilation system is designed to work best when the windows and doors are shut, which allows outside air to be filtered entering the classroom and internal air to be exhausted out through the rooftop units. According to our HVAC engineers, Siemens, any adjustment to the airflow, such as opening a window, impacts the filtration system, thus reducing its efficiency and redistributing unfiltered air. For safety reasons and due to the pandemic, fans in the classroom are not recommended at this time.

As far as athletics is concerned, Section IV meets tonight to vote on how to proceed with athletics as Interscholastic Athletic Conference (IAC). Presently, sports are set to begin on September 21st, however football and volleyball have been moved to March. As more information is released, we will be sure to keep you updated.

Any family whose student is in need of breakfast/lunch who are distance learning and qualify for free or reduced-price meals should contact our Food Service Department at 589-7150.

Lastly, please go to our website [www.svecsd.org/reopen.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/reopen.cfm), where all documents and links mentioned are accessible. We encourage families to be community partners and work with the district regarding any questions or concerns you may have by contacting [sveinfo@svecsd.org](mailto:sveinfo@svecsd.org).

Respectfully,

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