

February 9, 2024

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Important Updates

Please review the following important information and prepare accordingly.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Plans for the new field house and performing arts center continue through the City approval process. Spectrum is requesting a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which is currently in the public hearing phase with the Planning Commission (February 27) and City Council (March 4). If approved, the next steps will be finalization of building plans, securing bonds for the project, and approving a construction bid and contract. If all goes according to plan, construction could begin within the next 6 months with projected completion by spring/summer of 2025.



READY FOR SCHOOL PROTOCOL - REMINDER

2nd semester is a good time to refresh our memory about the protocol for determining when a student is healthy enough to attend school. Please see the *Ready for School Protocol* at the end of this communication. Note: If a student is not ready for an entire day of school, they should stay home until they are feeling better and ready to attend school for a full day.



SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Spectrum Community,

February is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month. It's a great time to recognize our elected Board members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality education for our students. Our school board members are entrusted by our community with responsibility for an annual budget of approximately \$12 million, 900 students, 200 employees, and multiple facilities (3 school buildings and a 50-acre athletic complex).

They are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also bear responsibility for developing a vision that will guide Spectrum for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school staff, their governance ensures Spectrum remains a high-quality college-prep school of choice.

During February, we encourage all members of the Spectrum community to thank a board member. Please thank them for volunteering their time and playing a critical role in helping all of us realize the hopes and dreams we have for the students of our community.

For more information about the Spectrum's School Board, visit <https://www.spectrumhighschool.org/board-of-directors/index>.

THANK YOU SPECTRUM SCHOOL BOARD!



Dave Lucas
Chair



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Executive Director
Ex-Officio Member

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS COMING SOON!

The annual election for Spectrum's Board of Directors (School Board) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th (beginning at 7:30 a.m.) through Sunday, April 14th (ending at 3:30 p.m.). The Board has chosen to run the election online using Election Buddy.



The email message will be sent directly from Election Buddy, but will contain "Spectrum High School" as well. If you do not receive a message, please check your SPAM folder in case the message is caught in your filter.

Candidate Profiles and a Voter Guide will be sent in advance for you to review prior to the election.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Board or considering running in the election should contact Jennifer Linn, Executive Administrative Assistant, at jlinn@spectrumhighschool.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Spectrum is currently seeking to fill a number of positions. If interested, please apply online at <https://www.applitrack.com/spectrumhighschool/onlineapp/>.

- Full-time custodian (with benefits) – Contact: Rick Peterson, Activities/Facilities Director (AD), rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
- Assistant Football Coach – Contact: Rick Peterson, AD, rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
- Assistant Track & Field Coach – Contact: Rick Peterson, AD, rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
- Head Girls Volleyball Coach – Contact: Rick Peterson, AD, rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
- Strength and Conditioning Coach – Contact: Rick Peterson, AD, rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org
- Activities/Athletic Director – Contact: Dan DeBruyn, Executive Director, at ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org



SPREAD THE WORD

Help us spread the word to neighbors, friends, family, and community! Spectrum High School and Spectrum Middle School enrollment is open for 2024-25! If interested, check out the website, sign up to attend an [Information and Tour Session](#), give us a call at (763) 241-8703, or send an email to admissions@spectrumhighschool.org to learn more.

DAILY “READY FOR SCHOOL” REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS/PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Updated: August 17, 2023

As part of Spectrum’s Preparedness Plan (also referred to as the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan), parents/guardians of students attending Spectrum are required to evaluate their child(ren) daily before sending them to school using the following Ready for School Protocol.

READY FOR SCHOOL PROTOCOL

If a student is feeling sick, he or she should stay home until 24 hours after the following symptoms have resolved: fever > 100°F (unmedicated), vomiting, diarrhea, or undiagnosed rash.

Other symptoms to consider include the following: sore throat, fatigue, body aches, acute onset of shortness of breath (difficulty or hard time breathing), acute onset or worsening cough (new cough or cough that gets worse), and/or new loss of taste or smell.

The lessening of these symptoms will be required to return to school.



If a student has the above symptoms, the parent/guardian should consider reaching out to their physician to see if an appointment or any testing is suggested. Your student should be ready for a full day of school before returning.

If a student receives a positive influenza test result, please notify your student’s health clerk. Students can return to school 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medication (e.g., Tylenol or Advil). They should also be well enough to participate in a full day of school before returning.

If a student receives a positive COVID test result, please notify the Lead Health Clerk, Jess Lingbeek, as soon as possible: jlingbeek@spectrumhighschool.org or (763) 450-9804. *Note: Free at-home tests are available from the Minnesota Department of Health at <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/at-home/>.*

What happens after a parent/guardian reports a positive COVID test result?

- (1) A follow up call from the Lead Health Clerk will be made sometime during the first day of notification.
 - (2) The Lead Health Clerk will work with the parent/guardian to determine when the student should return to school (at least 5 days from onset of symptoms and when symptoms lessen). Once returning to school, the student will need to wear a mask through the 10th day from onset of symptoms.
 - (3) If no test is taken, the student should return to school based on symptoms following the protocol. If coughing, a mask will be encouraged.
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