

October 18th, 2022

Spectrum Families,

Please review the following important information and updates and plan accordingly.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – Tues., Oct. 25 and Thurs., Nov. 3

The formats for middle and high school conferences are listed below. Please mark your calendar, plan to attend, and be sure to sign up for high school virtual conferences in advance.

HIGH SCHOOL (format)

3:00-4:30 p.m. HS virtual conferences only (Sign up for 10 minute slots [*here](#))

**[Here](#) is a video on how to use MyConferenceTime to schedule conferences.*

4:30-5:00 p.m. Dinner/break (HS teachers move to gym)

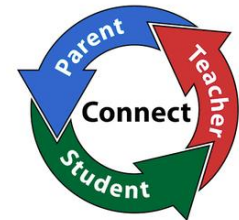
5:00-6:30 p.m. In-person arena style in the gym (no sign up required)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (format)

3:00-4:30 p.m. MS in person arena style only in the gym (no sign up required)

4:30-5:00 p.m. Dinner/break

5:00-6:30 p.m. Continue MS in person arena style only in the gym (no sign up required)



Parent/Guardian Tradition of Providing Staff Meals at Conferences

We would like continue our tradition and bless the teachers and staff during fall conferences with a meal to eat and some tasty treats (coordinated by our Volunteer Coordinator, Janice Dammeier). We are easing back into our former "potluck" style for meals and treats. We have a [sign-up link](#) for various items, or you may make a monetary donation towards the main dish for each night of pizza or subs.

You choose:

1. Click [here](#) to make a cash donation (using Paypal*) towards the purchase of the staff meal.
**Funds for the conference meals are being collected through Friends of Spectrum, Inc. (a nonprofit 501c3 corporation whose sole purpose is to raise funds for Spectrum Middle School and Spectrum High School).*
2. Other items like pop, crackers, and salads may be brought in as well (full list available in [Helpcounter](#)).
Thank you to the many families that have already signed up to bring things in!

Notes:

- a. Please note that the High School (75 staff), Middle School - grades 7/8 (35 staff), and Middle School - grade 6 (15 staff) buildings each have separate sign-up lists. Please make sure you choose the correct building for which to volunteer treats when you are signing-up! Thank you so much for your support of our teachers and staff in this way. This is a tangible way to say, "thank you"!
- b. (Expense Guidelines) If you wish to claim volunteer hours for monetary gifts and money spent for food, you are welcome to do so. General guidelines for 2022 are \$25 per hour, but you may certainly choose another value amount.

TRANSPORTATION

As many are aware, there have been some compatibility concerns with the **MyStop App** being utilized by Northstar. Spectrum has been informed that the app is now working properly. If you have an Android phone, you should uninstall the non-functioning MyStop app and reinstall it at this time.

If you have questions, please call or text Northstar's MyStop App Hotline at (612) 900-7821. Please do not call dispatchers during route time. They cannot help and will refer people to the hotline. The person that knows and is able to assist with MyStop is on the hotline.



Northstar wishes to thank you for your patience. People who have been using this tool have had great success!

INFO FROM OUR SCHOOL CONSELORS

FREE Thanksgiving Meal – Again this year, Emmanuel Christian Center is providing a FREE Thanksgiving meal to the first 30 Spectrum families in need who request one. Meals will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, November 22nd and must be picked up by Wednesday, November 23rd (before Thanksgiving Break). If you are interested or have questions, please fill out this [form](#) or email the listed contact below by Friday, November 11th.

Ms. Peterson (Middle School) apeterson@spectrumhighschool.org

Mrs. Kobes (Grades 9-10) skobes@spectrumhighschool.org

Mrs. Trieu (Grades 11-12) htrieu@spectrumhighschool.org

Financial Aid Night - Spectrum High School is pleased to offer a Financial Aid Night with our guests from the Anoka Ramsey Financial Aid Office on Thursday, November 3, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM virtually via Zoom or in person via teleconference through Zoom right after conferences in the College and Career Center. The Zoom link information is below. This Zoom meeting will also be recorded and posted on the Schoology page if you are unable to attend.

The session will cover the following topics: earning college credit in high school; transferring credit; Minnesota State colleges and universities transfer pathways; FAFSA details; scholarships overview; grants overview; work study; and loans.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Trieu, 11th/12th Grade School Counselor.

Join Zoom Meeting on November 3, 2022: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/97914751290> Meeting ID: 979 1475 1290

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Spectrum is excited to **introduce our keynote speaker** for our Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11th – Army Vietnam veteran, First Air Cavalry Division, Sergeant George Anderson (grandfather to Spectrum 2022 graduate, Colin Anderson).

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents welcome to attend (please register) –

Spectrum's Veterans Day Program is a highlight for many of our students, staff, and families. As Spectrum continues to grow (currently 885 students and over 100 staff members), we need to carefully plan attendance at our programs to ensure space is reserved. If any parents, guardians, family members, alumni, active service members, or community members would like to attend, they must register for the event [here](#) as soon as possible.



Spectrum is asked by the Minnesota Department of Education to request information on any students whose parent or legal guardian is **currently serving as active duty**. If this applies to your student(s), please complete this short four question [30 second survey](#).

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Thank you to staff, students, and parents/guardians for your patience during the construction of our new high school student/event parking lot. As many have seen, construction is well under way! The lot is taking shape and is on schedule to be completed prior to Thanksgiving. In addition, if the logistics can be finalized in time, construction to the high school parking lot entrance may take place over MEA.

With the addition of 100+ student cars in the high school lot, the school anticipates some shift in traffic patterns in order to safely navigate the lot, especially at dismissal. A number of solutions are under consideration with more information to be shared late next week.

READERS' CHOICE AWARD

Reminder: The annual *Star News Readers' Choice Survey* voting is now underway. We appreciate our families voting Spectrum the best charter school in the readership area for several years. Voting for this year can now be done online! The deadline is November 6th. Be sure to vote [here!](#)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES @ SPECTRUM – Apply [HERE](#)

Curriculum and Instructional Coach (full-time) – Spectrum is seeking a full-time Curriculum and Instructional Coach. This position provides observations, coaching, training, and support to teachers related to effective curriculum development and review as well as teaching strategies, methods, and practices. A master's degree is required with an emphasis on curriculum preferred. *Contact: Dan DeBruyn, Executive Director, at ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org.*

Quiz Bowl Advisor – Spectrum is seeking a parent/guardian or other outside party to fill this role.

In Quiz Bowl students compete in teams to answer toss up (individually) and bonus (team) questions in a wide range of academic and popular culture categories. This person is responsible for all matters pertaining to the organization and administration of heading the Quiz Bowl Team(s). This includes planning and supervising the team to and from all events, practices, and competitions and working with the Activities Coordinator to coordinate practice and competition schedules with the coaches from other programs. This position is paid on a stipend. Practices take place after school during the week and tournaments typically happen on Saturdays. *Contact: Katy Erdmann, Activities Coordinator, at Kerdmann@spectrumhighschool.org.*



Middle School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Advisor – Spectrum is seeking a parent/guardian or outside party to fill this role. The NJHS adviser provides advice and practical knowledge and is one of the most important factors in the success of Spectrum's NJHS. The adviser is the liaison between students and school administration. NJHS considers services and activities that will bring improvement to the school community. This position works with the students to coordinate their work, such as regular meetings and planning sessions. This position participates in NJHS-sponsored activities, takes place during the school year, and is paid a stipend. *Contact: Katy Erdmann, Activities Coordinator, at kermann@spectrumhighschool.org.*

Clay Target Coach – This position is responsible for organizing and developing the Clay Target program, including varsity and lower level. The position will teach clay target skills, organize practices, supervise players, and prepare student-athletes for competition. Preferred applicants should have an extensive background in clay target with demonstrated coaching ability. Candidates must be able to be certified by the MSHSL as a head coach prior to the start date. The position will begin in spring 2023. *Contact: Rick Peterson, Activities Director, at rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org.*

Cheerleading Coach – This position is responsible for organizing and developing the Cheerleading program. The position will teach cheer skills, organize practices, supervise players, and may prepare student-athletes for competition. Preferred applicants should have an extensive background in cheerleading with demonstrated coaching ability. Candidates must be able to be certified by the MSHSL as a head coach prior to the start date. The position will begin in December 2022. *Contact: Rick Peterson, Activities Director, at rpeterson@spectrumhighschool.org.*

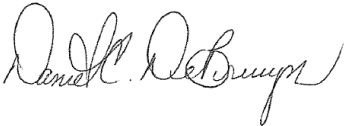
ANNUAL MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Spectrum looks forward to the Annual Meeting where administration has the opportunity to share on the schools' strategic planning, as well as prior year academics, finances, and facilities. Spectrum's Board of Directors and Administration continue their pursuit to be a leading college preparatory school of choice, committed to high standards, all while providing exceptional programming.

In addition, a Volunteer of the Year recipient will be honored as a means to publically thank them for their dedication to the school. Much of what Spectrum has achieved over the past 17 years would not have been possible without its many volunteers.

Please plan to join us on Thursday, October 27, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the College and Career Center in the high school building. *Note: The regularly scheduled School Board meeting will follow the Annual Meeting.*

Much appreciated,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan DeBruyn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "DeBruyn" clearly distinguishable.

Dan DeBruyn

Executive Director