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Spectrum Families,

Thank you to our students, families, and staff for a successful first week of school! Each year at this time I am reminded of how blessed we are to work in an environment with such dedicated students and staff and supportive families.

Please review the following information and plan accordingly.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES @ SPECTRUM

Concessions Coordinator – This is a school year position that is responsible for purchasing and stocking the concession areas. In addition, he or she serves at athletic events and some activities. When multiple functions are happening simultaneously, this position works with the volunteer coordinator to provide as much coverage as possible. The position is paid hourly.

Contact: Rick Peterson, Activities Director, at rpeterson@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. The 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 for the school and community 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.

This position takes place during the school year and is paid a stipend.

Contact: Katy Erdmann, Activities Coordinator, at kardmann@spectrumhighschool.org.

TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

Traffic Flow and Pick-Up/Drop-Off Information for Students and Parents

As the first week progressed, people adjusted their times and routes and drop off/pick up traffic improved each day. Thank you each for your patience and flexibility. Drop off/pick up information can be found on the Spectrum website [here](#). As you consider how you could contribute to easing the congestion, consider modifying your pick up time 7-8 minutes later.

New (High School) Parking Lot Update

Spectrum is working with the City of Elk River to obtain the necessary approvals to build a parking lot over the current high school physical education field. Timing of construction will depend upon approval

and contractor timelines as well as the weather.

Busing Status

- (1) Be sure to check routes in Infinite Campus on Sundays for any slight variations. Any significant route changes will also be communication by the school.
- (2) You can now track your student's school bus via the VersaTrans MyStop app. Visit this video for instructions on how to set up: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z43a2uOO1wY. Your User ID is: P1549. Your Password is: Your username with a capital P in front.
- (3) Questions about routes and stops should be directed to Kurt at Northstar Transportation at (763) 425-2542.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ready for School Protocol – Parents/guardians should monitor their student(s) health on a daily basis before having them get on a bus or go to school. Spectrum's *Ready for School Protocol* (see attached) was updated on Aug. 26 after review of the revised guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

Morning Adult Basketball – Calling all early risers! We have a group of men who play basketball every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the HS gym from 5:30-6:45 a.m. Lots of fun and great exercise! Anyone interested in joining us should send an email to ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org. There is no ongoing commitment. Make it once a week or every time – your choice!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE/EVENTS

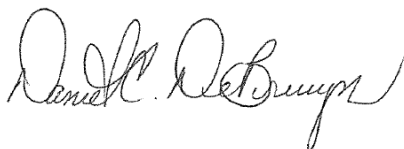
Our First Late Start is Next Week – Monday, September 12

This one hour time is important for our teachers and administrative staff to meet, plan, develop curriculum, and collaborate. Doors will continue to be opened at 7:00 a.m. for students and buses continue to run at their regularly scheduled times. Students arriving to school before 8:15 a.m. will be directed to go to one of the monitored spaces. All students arriving on a bus or being dropped off are expected to enter the building right away. Note: The one page school calendar (including Monday late starts and professional development days) can be found on Spectrum's website [here](#).

Spectrum's Veterans Day Program – Friday, November 11, 2022

Spectrum's Annual Veterans Day Program is a big highlight for many of us! It takes place on the afternoon of Friday, November 11 in the high school gym. Each year Spectrum honors veterans from all services, invites our alumni service members to participate and attend, highlights a local veterans' organization, and seeks a keynote speaker who is able to share their story - leaving a lasting impression on our community. If you are aware of a veteran who is connected to the Spectrum community (friend, parent, grandparent, etc.) who you feel would make a great keynote speaker, please send their information to Dawn Sorenson, Executive Administrative Assistant, at dsorenson@spectrumhighschool.org.

Honored to Serve,



Dan DeBruyn

Executive Director

Ready for School Protocol (Updated: August 26, 2022)

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 $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ (unmedicated), vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Other symptoms to consider (specific to COVID) include: acute onset of shortness of breath (difficulty or hard time breathing), acute onset or worsening cough (new cough or cough that gets worse), or new loss of taste or smell. The lessening of these symptoms will be required to return to school.

When a student is going to be absent, a parent/guardian should contact the Attendance Clerk at their student's building.



If a student has the above symptoms, the parent/guardian should consider testing for COVID. If a student receives a positive test result, the Lead Health Clerk, Jess Lingbeek, should be notified as soon as possible. Contact information: 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.

For questions regarding testing or to report a positive test result, contact Jess Lingbeek, Lead Health Clerk, at (763) 450-9804 or jlingbeek@spectrumhighschool.org.