

January 15, 2024

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Important Updates

Please review the following important information and prepare accordingly.

TRANSITION AND GROWTH – ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, AND FACILITIES

As Spectrum continues to grow, so does the need to adapt our staffing strategies to ensure we are efficiently and effectively meeting the needs. This growth is no more evident than with Spectrum's extracurricular activities and facilities. For example, this school year we added Nordic Skiing, Cheerleading, Robotics, and Speech to an already robust list of extracurricular opportunities. In addition, Spectrum is working on plans to expand facilities over the next year to include a field house and performing arts center. Now in our 18th year, the journey from 73 to 900 students has been an exciting one, often filled with blood, sweat, and tears, along with enthusiasm, pride, and many great successes.

For the past two years Spectrum has been discussing the need to restructure our athletics/activities and facilities departments. The workload has evolved to the point where additional staffing is necessary. During this time, we have been discussing with Mr. Peterson, our Activities/Facilities Director, a move to a new position of Operations Director, which will include oversight of a new Activities Director. Mr. Peterson has done an amazing job of building both extracurricular programs and facilities at Spectrum for the past 14 years and he is excited to see how this restructure will allow the school to continue moving forward.

In light of this restructuring, Spectrum has posted the Activity/Athletic Director position. The new AD position could start as soon as February or begin after the current school year, depending upon the candidate. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the position, please contact Dan DeBruyn, Executive Director, at ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org or (763) 450-9845. The position is also posted on the school website [here](#).

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 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 2024-25 enrollment applications for NEW students are due January 31, 2024 (*to be included in the February 15, Enrollment Lottery: [Spectrum Application Link](#)*). If you have any questions, 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.

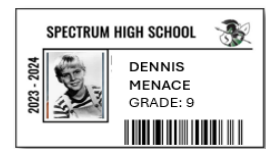
GRADUATION SPEAKER



Each year, Spectrum seeks a keynote speaker to inspire and encourage our graduating class. Ideally, a candidate has successfully served his or her community in inspiring ways. A connection to Spectrum is also very helpful. If you know of someone you feel would be a great candidate to speak to the Class of 2024, please reach out to Kirsten Tuckey, Spectrum Events Coordinator, at ktuckey@spectrumhighschool.org.

(HIGH SCHOOL) STUDENT ID CARDS

High school student ID cards have become a more important part of our students' daily experience. First, they have information on the back about a crisis line (which was a new requirement of the 2023 MN Legislature). Second, they are now required to be used by all high school students for scanning purposes (bar code on each card) when arriving at or leaving school at times other than regular arrival or dismissal. Third, they allow students to get in free or at a reduced rate at most home activities.



If an ID card is lost or stolen, the student should contact Kirstin Tuckey at ktuckey@spectrumhighschool.org. She can also be contacted in the College and Career Center. A second ID is available for \$2.

Note: Students are also encouraged to take a picture of their ID, which can be used to scan for attendance purposes in the event the ID is forgotten.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM (SIT) MEMBER NEEDED

We are seeking a Spectrum parent who is interested in serving on the School Improvement Team (SIT).



The Spectrum SIT team is charged by the Spectrum School Board to work in collaboration with school administration to (1) annually review the Strategic Plan for the purpose of assessing progress and recommending possible changes in the plan to the Board and (2) overseeing the development, execution, and analysis of the annual Climate Surveys – Parent, High School Student, and Middle School Student.

SIT team membership typically runs from August through May. There will be two more meetings during the current school year – generally during the school day.

If interested in being considered for membership, please contact Dan DeBruyn, Executive Director, at ddebruyn@spectrumhighschool.org.

TEXTS FOR BUSING AND WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES

If you have not already done so, please sign up in IC to receive texts - especially related to bus communications weather-related emergencies. Follow this [LINK](#) for directions or see the directions at the end of this communication.



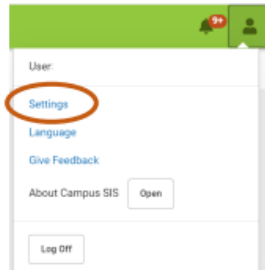
READERS CHOICE AWARD – BEST CHARTER SCHOOL!



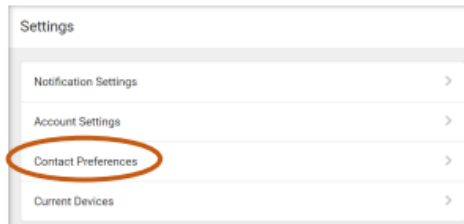
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How to Receive Text Messages from Spectrum

From Infinite Campus Portal, click on the icon in the upper right corner and choose **Settings**



Select Contact Preferences



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Behavior Messenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Food Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WORK PHONE	VOICE	TEXT (SMS)
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General	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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