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New York State
Home of the Panthers
S-VE High School
Grades 9-12

Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations
2019-2020 Calendar

S-VE Middle School
Grades 5-8

S-VE Elementary School
Grades EPK-4

Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations

S-VE will increase awareness, interest, and involvement by encouraging collaboration among school staff and community members to develop school spirit and community pride.

S-VE will cultivate creative, problem-solving, and future-ready citizens through rich experiences and positive relationships.

S-VE will invest in and support social-emotional well-being, academic growth, and community through meaningful and community-wide educational and extracurricular programs.

S-VE will enhance student-led and student-supported social-emotional and academic growth in and outside the classroom.

S-VE will support student and family engagement in and outside the classroom.

MISSION

We Promote Pride,
Inspire Growth,
Foster Innovation

VISION

Together We Achieve
Excellence Beyond Expectations
NYS Education Department Written Complaint & Appeal Procedures

Any public or non-public school parent or teacher, other interested person or agency may file a complaint concerning violations of ESEA Title I, Parts A, C, and D or of the General Education Provisions Act or of Section 100.2(ce) Academic Intervention Services of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

I. Procedures for filing complaints/appeals with a local school district.

A. All complaints must:
   - Be written.
   - Be signed by the person or agency representative filing the complaint.
   - State the nature of the corrective action desired.
   - Contain information/evidence supporting the complaint.
   - Specify the requirement of law or regulation being violated and the related issue, problem and/or the concern.

B. A complaint/appeal to the Local Education Agency (LEA) should be sent first to the School Superintendent of the district against whom the complaint is made. The LEA has a 30 business day period in which to resolve a complaint.

C. The district/LEA’s response may contain an appeal which includes:
   - A copy of the original signed complaint. (see I-B).
   - A copy of the LEA’s response to the original complaint or a statement that the school district failed to respond in 30 business days.

D. If the local LEA fails to resolve the complaint within 30 business days, or fails to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the complainant, the complaint should be sent to the Office of the New York State Education Department.

II. Procedures for filing complaints/appeals with the New York State Education Department

The State Education Department will review complaints when the complaint pertains to:

- The state’s administration of the ESEA Title I Basic Grant, Migrant Education or Neglected or Delinquent Program.
- An appeal from the decision of a local school district regarding an action by the LEA.

Note: Complaints which do not meet any of the above criteria, including complaints concerning the LEA’s administration of its Title I Program, will be referred for possible resolution to the LEA against whom the complaint is made.

A. An appeal must be requested and postmarked within 20 business days of receipt of the LEA’s response to the original complaint.

B. The Title I representative in the NYSED office who is assigned as the program manager for the district against which the complaint is made and such other department staff as may be appropriate shall conduct the review of complaints or appeals.

C. Within 60 business days of the receipt of the complaint/appeal, the department staff will complete an on-site review (if necessary) and/or records examination and will notify all parties of its findings. The department’s response shall contain:
   - The names of persons interviewed.
   - The records of other residence examined.
   - Relevant dates/times/locations/events.
   - Summary of findings.
   - Nature of corrective action to be taken including applicable timeline.

III. Procedures for adjudicating appeals from the decision of the State Education Department

If parties are dissatisfied with the New York State Education Department’s complaint resolution, they may file an appeal directly with the United States Education Department at:

United States Department of Education
Compensatory Education Programs
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Room 3W230
FOB #6
Washington, D.C. 20202-6132
Pesticide Notice

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all parents, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. In 1994, our District Safety Committee selected to restrict any use of pesticides.

The Spencer-Van Etten Central School District is required to maintain a list of parents, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application.
- Antimicrobial products.
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Nonvolatile insecticide baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Solid gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children.
- Boric acid and disodium octa borate tetrahydrate.
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides.
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25.
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you want 48-hour notification of pesticide applications, please contact the Director of Facilities at 589-7130 during school hours.

Asbestos Safety Notice

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the district has performed asbestos re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings are in the asbestos management plan on file in each school office and the district office.

The EPA requires the district to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. In June 2019, a certified asbestos inspector performed these re-inspections. A certified asbestos management planner reviewed the re-inspection results and developed recommended actions the district should take to safely manage the asbestos material in our buildings.

All the asbestos material in our buildings remains in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place as recommended by EPA guidelines and the asbestos management planner. Residents wishing to discuss or review the asbestos management plan may contact the Director of Facilities at 589-7130 during school hours.

Sex Offender Notification

Parents of students attending the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District will receive notice of sex offenders moving into the district through our “School Connects” or all-call system. The message will state that “The Spencer-Van Etten Central School District has received information regarding an individual subject to Megan’s Law.”

Please refer to www.svecsd.org or contact any school office for more information. We have created a link from our website to a searchable database for your convenience on this subject. That website is http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/snor/

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Office at 589-7100.

Notifications

Board Of Education 2019-2020
Don Johnson, Board President 589-6744 djohnson@centralrecycling.net
Sean Valley, Vice-President 739-3996 seanvalley@earthlink.net
Matt Connor 589-7546 mc274@yahoo.com
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Karen Johnson 758-7064 kjohnson836@gmail.com
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Rick Rogers 589-6620 gilmeret61@gmail.com

District Administration
Spencer-Van Etten Central School District
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Spencer, NY 14885
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District Office 589-7100
Diahann Hesler
Superintendent
Laurie Cooper
Secretary to the Superintendent
Susan Gray
School Business Administrator
Jennifer Swaize
Public Information Coordinator
Jack Wikki
Chief Information Officer

Instructional Support 589-7111
Christina Lampilla
Director
Susan Vargo
Administrative Assistant

Transportation 589-7160
Tim Wilson
Supervisor
Tammy VanDerpoel
Senior Clerk

Building & Grounds 589-7130
Lance Cundy
Supervisor

Food Service 589-7150
Jenny Carr
Director

Computer Services 589-7147
Dale Thomas
Coordinator

Building Administration
S-VE High School 589-7140
Melissa Jewell, Principal mjewell@svecsd.org
Rebecca Saggiono, Assistant Principal rsaggiono@svecsd.org
& Athletic Director

S-VE Middle School 589-7120
Brandon Foley, Principal bfoley@svecsd.org
Larry Bleck, Dean of Students lbleck@svecsd.org
Caroline Frisbie, School Secretary cfrisbie@svecsd.org
Carol Quinn, Clerk Typist carolquinn@svcsd.org

S-VE Elementary School 589-7110
Matt Stroup, Principal mstroup@svecsd.org
Stacy Laubach, Dean of Students slaubach@svecsd.org
Amy Bishop, School Secretary abishop@svecsd.org
Tammy VanDerpoel, Senior Clerk tvanderpoel@svecsd.org
Tammy Martinez, Nurse tmartinez@svecsd.org

Consent for Use of Photographs/Videos

Throughout the school year, photographs or videotapes may be taken of students for use in District produced publications, videos, podcasts, web or news media. If you DO NOT wish your child to be photographed or videotaped, please indicate this in writing to the District Office by September 16, 2019. Email does not constitute a written request; please write/type it on paper and mail/deliver. This request must be updated annually. Photos and videos produced by the District are the property of the District and not for use or reproduction without District consent.
Spencer-Van Etten Central School District
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S-VE High School
Grades 9-12
Principal: Mrs. Melissa Jewell
Assistant Principal: Miss. Rebecca Saggiomo
Doors Open: @ 7:45am
Classes Begin: @ 8:05am
Dismissal: @ 2:56pm
16 Darts Crossroad
Spencer, NY 14883
Phone: (607) 589-7140
Fax: (607) 589-3011
www.svecsd.org/hs.cfm

S-VE Middle School
Grades 5 - 8
Principal: Mr. Brandon Foley
Dean of Students: Mr. Larry Bleck
Doors Open: @ 7:45am
Classes Begin: @ 8:05am
Dismissal: @ 2:56pm
1 Center Street
Spencer, NY 14883
Phone: (607) 589-7120
Fax: (607) 589-3020
www.svecsd.org/ms.cfm

S-VE Elementary School
Grades Early Pre-K - 4
Principal: Mr. Matt Stroup
Dean of Students: Mrs. Stacy Laubach
Doors Open: @ 7:45am
Classes Begin: @ 8:00am
Dismissal: @ 2:45pm
7 Langford Street
Van Etten, NY 14889
Phone: (607) 589-7110
Fax: (607) 589-3017
www.svecsd.org/es.cfm

August 2020

Regents Exams
AM: Algebra I, English, Chemistry
PM: Global, Algebra II

Regents Exams
AM: US History, Earth Science
PM: Geometry, Living Environment
No School:
Labor Day

No School:
Conference Day for Staff

First Day of School:
Grades 1-9 Only
Full Day w/ 1/2 Class for EPK & UPK
Kindergarten Visit Day
Freshman Orientation

First Day of School:
Kindergarten, 10-12, BOCES
Full Day w/ 1/2 Class for EPK & UPK
SAT Registration Deadline

First Full Day w/ Full Class for EPK & UPK

Board of Education Re-Org Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm

Independence Day

Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm

ACT

Rosh Hashana Begins

Autumn Begins

HS Homecoming Dance 11p
**Attendance and Transportation Information**

**SafeArrival System**

The SchoolConnects SafeArrival system improves student safety by streamlining the attendance process. Parents and guardians should continue to report their student’s absence in advance, using the SafeArrival mobile app, website, or toll-free phone number (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

If a student’s absence is not reported by 8:00am the day of the absence, SchoolConnects will make multiple attempts to reach parents and other contacts, if needed, to confirm the student’s safety and to request the reason for the absence.

If you haven’t yet, be sure to provide your email address to the school so that you will receive your invitation to set up an account. For more information go to www.svecsd.org/safearrival.cfm.

**Daily Changes**

Please remember to send a note with your child if there are any daily changes to their normal dismissal plans. This will ensure that the student, teacher and bus driver can be notified and the proper bus can be assigned.

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**Emergency Information**

At the beginning of each school year, parents are asked to update emergency information files. It is very important that we know how to reach a parent or designated person in case of an emergency. If any changes are made during the school year concerning this information, including cell phones, be sure to notify your child’s school immediately.

**School Closings/Delays**

The primary consideration in a school closing is the safety of students. Factors relevant to safety include icy roads, reduced visibility, drifting snow, chill factor, flooding, high wind and mechanical and health hazards at the school. If school is closed or delayed because of an emergency, the district will use our Rapid Connects phone system to notify student households in addition to posting on our website at www.svecsd.org, our district Facebook page, as well as broadcasting on the television and radio stations listed below. Please be sure to provide your child’s school office with your updated “crisis/emergency” contact information to ensure that you receive our calls.

In the event of a one or two-hour delayed school opening, buses will arrive at stops one hour (or two hours) later and school will begin one hour (or two hours) later than usual. PLEASE DO NOT CALL your child’s school or the bus garage to ask if schools are closed or delayed. Instead, check our website and Facebook page, or tune in to one of the television or radio stations below.

**Television Stations:** WBNG-TV, WETM-TV, WENY-TV, WICZ-TV, WSYR-TV.

**FM Radio Stations:** WABF (91.3), WAWR (102.1), WHCU (97.3), WHGL (102.9), WICB (91.7), WINK (106.1), WLTB (101.7), WMEW (103.5), WQNY (102.7) and WXLY (97.3).

**Don’t Lose Your Riding Privilege**

Our goal is the safe and efficient transportation of our students. If you have any concerns about your child’s transportation, please contact our office at 589-7160.

It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses to ensure their safety and that of other passengers, as well as avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Pushing, shoving, fighting and excessive noise will not be tolerated.

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**June 2020**

- **June 1:** NYS Science Written Test- ing: Grades 4 & 8
- **June 2:** US History Regents Exam: New Framework (HS), 8:15am
- **June 3:** HS Music Concert, 7pm
- **June 4:** ES Concert, Grades Pre-K - 2
- **June 5:** End of Marking Period 3 (ES)
- **June 6:** End of Marking Period 3 (HS)
- **June 7:** 7th Grade Gettysburg Trip
- **June 8:** HS Scholarship & Special Recognition, 6:30pm
- **June 9:** MS Music Concert
- **June 10:** District Art Show, 5:30pm
- **June 11:** Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm
- **June 12:** District Art Show, 12-4pm
- **June 13:** Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm
- **June 14:** Regents Exams: AM: Global, PM: Earth Science
- **June 15:** Regents Exams: AM: Global, PM: Earth Science
- **June 16:** Regents Exams: AM: US History, PM: Algebra I
- **June 17:** Regents Exams: AM: US History, PM: Algebra I
- **June 18:** Regents Exams: AM: US History, PM: Algebra I
- **June 19:** Regents Exams: AM: US History, PM: Algebra I
- **June 20:** Regents Exams: AM: US History, PM: Algebra I
- **June 21:** Regents Exams: AM: English, PM: Living Environment
- **June 22:** Regents Exams: AM: English, PM: Living Environment
- **June 23:** Regents Exams: AM: English, PM: Living Environment
- **June 24:** Regents Exams: AM: English, PM: Living Environment
- **June 25:** Regents Exams: AM: Chemistry
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- **June 27:** Regents Exams: AM: Chemistry
- **June 28:** Regents Exams: AM: Chemistry
- **June 29:** Regents Exams: AM: Chemistry
- **June 30:** Regents Exams: AM: Chemistry
Dignity for All Students

Important Aspects of DASA:

• The New York State Dignity for All Students Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and is in effect for all public schools as of July 1, 2012.

• The intent of the Dignity Act is to provide all students in New York State public schools a learning environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.

• The Dignity Act states that NO students shall be subjected to harassment or discrimination by employees or students on school property or at a school function based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

• School property includes the school building, athletic playing fields, playground, parking lots and school bus. School functions include school-sponsored extracurricular events and activities.

For additional information related to the NYS Dignity for All Students Act please refer to:


Please also refer to the Spencer-Van Etten School District Code of Conduct which is located on our district website at: www.svecsd.org

Hard copies of our District’s Code of Conduct can also be obtained by contacting the main office of each building in the district.

Dignity Act Coordinators for S-VE and Reporting Procedures:

The Dignity Act requires that all schools have at least one staff-person designated as the Dignity Act Coordinator. The Dignity Act Coordinator is responsible for addressing reports of potential harassment and/or discrimination. If you have concerns about an incident of possible harassment or discrimination, please contact our S-VE Dignity Act Coordinators.

Coordinators:

Elementary School:
- Mr. Matt Stroup
- Mrs. Stacy Laubach

Middle School:
- Mr. Brandon Foley
- Mr. Larry Bleck

High School:
- Mrs. Melissa Jewell
- Ms. Rebecca Saggiomo

Reports can be made in the following manner:

1. Reporting forms are located in all main school offices
2. Forms can be found on the S-VE District website: www.svecsd.org/DASA.cfm
3. Call the main office of the appropriate building:
   - Elementary School: 607-589-7110
   - Middle School: 607-589-7120
   - High School: 607-589-7140

Project Graduation

The goal of Project Graduation is to provide a safe, fun, drug and alcohol-free environment for celebration at the end of your child’s academic career at S-VE. Each year a group of senior class parents work to develop a plan for after the graduation ceremony. If you are interested, please contact the guidance office for more information at 589-7144.

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End of Marking Period 1 (MS)

Elementary PTO Meeting, 6pm @ ES Cafeteria

Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm

Emergency Early Release Day: All students dismissed 15 minutes early.

End of Marking Period 1 (HS)

Modified Winter Session 1

HS Picture Retakes

Halloween

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For additional information related to the NYS Dignity for All Students Act please refer to:


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Cafeteria Information

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Reduced Breakfast/Lunch 25c
A la carte items are available for purchase.

School Meal Program

The school meal, breakfast and lunch, program supplies modestly priced, nutritious meals for students at each of the three schools, supplying approximately two-thirds of the recommended daily allowance of vital nutrients. All meals are subsidized by the federal government. Some students pay full prices, some reduced prices and others receive free school meals.

Easy Online Payment System Available

Our automated cafeteria system makes it possible to keep student transactions strictly confidential. Each student has an account set up using his/her student ID number. This system allows students to “pay” electronically for their meal, whether it is free, reduced or full price, by drawing from the money placed in the student’s account. The “Pay Schools” program allows parents/guardians to use a link on the district website to make online payments to their students’ lunch account using credit cards or electronic checks. Payments are automatically processed and the money is transferred to the school’s account. For more information, visit the district’s website at www.svecsd.org/cafeteria.cfm.

Applying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Students are sent a free and reduced-price meal application with instructions, income guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions at the start of each school year. If you were free or reduced at the end of the previous school year, that status remains until the first week in October. Everyone must fill out a new application each school year. Applications are completely confidential and may be submitted at any time during the year if your family circumstances change. If your family income falls within the federal guidelines, please complete the form and return it to your child’s school. The Director of Food Service is available to assist you in completing the application. Applications can be found at any of the three schools or at www.svecsd.org/cafeteria.cfm.

Opportunities Available

Students who receive Free and Reduced Meals could qualify for:
- Reduced rates for SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP Exams
- Waived fees for college applications
- In-school programming with outside agencies (Upward Bound and Youth Engagement Services)

The district could qualify for additional funding from New York State and the Federal Government.

**May 2020**

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### Community Information

#### Voting Information
Residents don’t need to register to vote in school district elections but must be:
- A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older
- A district resident for at least 30 days before the election
- Show ID and proof of residence
- Check-in 30 minutes or less before the election

If you have questions about voting, call the district office at 589-7100.

#### Community All Call List
Parents of students from the Spencer - Van Etten Central School District currently receive phone calls and/or emails regarding important information such as school closings and date changes. We invite all interested community members to sign up for these notifications by contacting Laurie in the District Office at 589-7101 or lcooper@svecsd.org.

#### Income Tax Code
The Spencer - Van Etten Central School District state aid is partially based upon the income of our residents. For us to receive proper credit, be sure to put our school district code number on your income tax form when you file your annual tax returns. The number is 613.

### Van Etten Alumni Association Inc.

The Spencer-Van Etten Alumni Association (SVEAAI) is a 501c3 Not for Profit educational association, incorporated in the state of New York. We invite all interested community members to sign up for these notifications by contacting Laurie in the District Office at 589-7101 or lcooper@svecsd.org.

#### Community Resources
Community links are available on our website at www.svecsd.org/communityinfo.cfm. Links include: the Food Cupboard, HaeFele news, Inspire SVE, Lions Camp Badger, Spencer Historical Society, SVEYA and the S-VE Alumni Association! Also linked are our local town and village websites, newspapers, and other important local resources.

### S-VE Graduates of Distinction

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**All Call List:**
Parents of students from the Spencer - Van Etten Central School District currently receive phone calls and/or emails regarding important information such as school closings and date changes. We invite all interested community members to sign up for these notifications by contacting Laurie in the District Office at 589-7101 or lcooper@svecsd.org.

**Income Tax Code:**
The Spencer - Van Etten Central School District state aid is partially based upon the income of our residents. For us to receive proper credit, be sure to put our school district code number on your income tax form when you file your annual tax returns. The number is 613.

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- **October 2019**:
  - 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends
  - 10: Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm
  - 17: MS Picture Retakes
  - 24: No School: Thanksgiving Recess
- **November 2019**:
  - 1: End of Marking Period 1 (MS)
  - 8: SAT & ACT Registration Deadline
  - 15: Senior High Area All State @ Corning HS
  - 22: Half Day of School: Parent/Teacher Conference
  - 29: No School: Thanksgiving Recess
**Immunizations**

New York State public health law requires all students have up-to-date immunizations or Medical Exemption paperwork on file in the health office or they will NOT be allowed to attend school. There are changes in immunization requirements for the 2019-20 school year. Effective June 13, 2019, religious exemptions are no longer permissible. For questions and clarification on required immunizations:

- Call your child’s healthcare provider
- Go to svecsd.org/health.cfm to access the New York State Immunization Requirements link.
- Call the school nurse in your child’s school

**Health Information**

In accordance with New York State Law and S-VE school policy, if a student must take a medication at school or during school sponsored activities such as sports and field trips, there must be a doctor’s order and parent’s written permission. This includes any medication over-the-counter or prescription, inhalers and epipens. Each school year requires a new order and the medication must be in the original bottle and brought in by an adult. Any time these guidelines are not followed, it is a violation of NYS law.

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**Guidelines for keeping a child home from school:**

+ Persistent fever greater than 100.4° orally, including a fever that requires control with medication, like Tylenol. Child should be fever free for 24 hours before they are sent back to school.
+ Child is too sleepy or ill from an illness, like vomiting and/or diarrhea. Child should not be sent if they vomited in the evening or night prior to school.
+ Significant cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class.
+ Sore throat that is severe, accompanied by fever and/or feeling ill, that persists longer than 48 hours OR after known exposure to a confirmed case of Streptococcal throat infection.
+ Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts that might be impetigo; OR a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox; OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever.
+ Red, runny eyes that distract the child from learning. If the eyes are reddened, itchy, are painful or have discharge, please contact your doctor before sending them to school.
+ Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache.
+ Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear.
+ Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever.
+ Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.
+ If your child is not feeling well, it is best to keep them home rather than to ask them to try and make it through the school day.
+ Please be sure parent/guardian contact information is kept updated so you can be reached in the event your child isn’t feeling well.
Parent Information

Working Papers

Students interested in working: 14/15 year olds and 16/17 year olds can fill out a working paper application, including social security number, parent/guardian signature and provide proof of a physical within the previous 12 months. Please allow 3 business days for the working card to be completed which students must sign in front of a school official. Questions – please call Debbie Frisbie at 589-7144.

Tioga County Dental Van Offers Free Care

The Tioga County Dental Van will be available in June to see S-VE students. If students need appointments at other times of the year, they may call 687-8595. This is a wonderful service for families in need of dental care.

School/Community Health and Wellness Team

The Comprehensive School/Community Health and Wellness Team is made up of a diverse group of community members, parents, staff, area health professionals and students. This group’s goal is to promote health and wellness in the community. Information and meeting schedules can be obtained by calling the High School office at 589-7140.

Fundraising

During the course of the school year, your child may come home with a fundraiser to help offset costs within organizations they are involved in. Please visit our website periodically at www.svecsd.org/fundraisingcal.cfm to view the updated fundraising calendar.

Handbooks

Handbooks for the high school, middle school and elementary school containing comprehensive information for both parents and students about our policies and procedures of the Spencer - Van Etten Central School District can be found under the Quick Links on our district website at www.svecsd.org/parentinfo.cfm. If you have any questions, please email or call your child’s teacher, school principal or the district office.
Special Education and Instructional Support

The Spencer-Van Etten School District is committed to providing educational support services to all students. These services occur in two forms:

- Improvement services are offered by Classroom Intervention Teams and Instructional Support teachers. Improvement services are also offered in speech/language therapy, occupational therapy and counseling.

- Special education services exist for students with more intense needs. Through the local Committee on Special Education (CSE), students are identified and provided with a program which will best meet their individual needs. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with their child’s teacher to access the Classroom Intervention Teams before making a formal referral.

The Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) exists to serve students ages 3 to 5 who have not yet entered school. If parents suspect their preschool child has a special need, they should contact the Instructional Support Office at 589-7111. All information is free and confidential.


Christina Lampila, Director
Susan Vargo, Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Phone: 589-7111

The Family Room

The Elementary School houses a “Family Room” program where parents and guardians of birth through school aged children in the S-VE School District can bring and stay with your child for interactive play-time, craft, snack and story once a week.

This program introduces children to the structure of school and assists parents and guardians in becoming comfortable with our district. This opportunity has allowed children to meet new friends that have become their classmates in Pre-K, making their transition easier.

The Family Room will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am when school is in session. We look forward to meeting new friends this year! For further information, please visit our website at www.svecsd.org/famroom.cfm or call the elementary school office at 589-7110.

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- That all individuals can learn
- In pursuing excellence
- In human dignity
- In responsibility
- In positive involvement
- In communicating effectively
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Become Involved!

Volunteering
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Building Planning Teams
Each of the three Spencer–Van Etten school buildings has a school-based planning team which is made up of teachers, support staff, parents and students. These planning teams are responsible for building-level planning for instructional improvement.

Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Check with each building principal for a schedule or for more information.

Booster Club, PIE and PTO
Parent groups for the high school, middle school and elementary school are always looking for parents, grandparents or community members to become involved.

The S-VE Booster Club consists of individuals dedicated to the support of our school district’s athletic program. The club exists to cultivate and promote community spirit in support of athletic programs within the S-VE school system and to enhance activities connected with a balanced athletic program. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Terry at tdhuy@svecsd.org.

If you are interested in donating your time to the Middle School, PIE (Partners in Education) would be the organization for you! PIE coordinates middle school initiatives, prepares receptions for events and more. Please contact Sandy at sholmes@svecsd.org for more information.

The Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a group of parents and teachers that supports initiatives in the elementary school and offers mini-grants to the teachers to help support their classrooms. Free babysitting is offered to parents during the meetings. Please contact Erin at SVEelemPTO@yahoo.com for more information.

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Volunteering
The S-VE School District always welcomes volunteers! There are numerous volunteer opportunities at each of our three schools, including assisting in classrooms to demonstrate your skill or trade. Please go to www.svecsd.org/volunteeropportunities.cfm to access the volunteer form and view current opportunities. Please email Jennifer at jswayne@svecsd.org with any questions.

Building Planning Teams
Each of the three Spencer–Van Etten school buildings has a school-based planning team which is made up of teachers, support staff, parents and students. These planning teams are responsible for building-level planning for instructional improvement.

Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Check with each building principal for a schedule or for more information.

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Booster Club, PIE and PTO
Parent groups for the high school, middle school and elementary school are always looking for parents, grandparents or community members to become involved.

The S-VE Booster Club consists of individuals dedicated to the support of our school district’s athletic program. The club exists to cultivate and promote community spirit in support of athletic programs within the S-VE school system and to enhance activities connected with a balanced athletic program. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Terry at tdlhuy@svecsd.org.

If you are interested in donating your time to the Middle School, PIE (Partners in Education) would be the organization for you! PIE coordinates middle school initiatives, prepares receptions for events and more. Please contact Sandy at sholmes@svecsd.org for more information.

The Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a group of parents and teachers that supports initiatives in the elementary school and offers mini-grants to the teachers to help support their classrooms. Free babysitting is offered to parents during the meetings. Please contact Erin at SVEelemPTO@yahoo.com for more information.

Additional information can be found on our website at www.svecsd.org/parentgroups.cfm.
The Spencer-Van Etten School District is committed to providing educational support services to all students. These services occur in two forms:

- Improvement services are offered by Classroom Intervention Teams and Instructional Support teachers. Improvement services are also offered in speech/language therapy, occupational therapy and counseling.
- Special education services exist for students with more intense needs. Through the local Committee on Special Education (CSE), students are identified and provided with a program which will best meet their individual needs. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with their child’s teacher to access the Classroom Intervention Teams before making a formal referral.

The Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) exists to serve students ages 3 to 5 who have not yet entered school. If parents suspect their preschool child has a special need, they should contact the Instructional Support Office at 589-7111. All information is free and confidential.

For the parent’s guide to special education, please refer to the following link: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm

Christina Lampila, Director
Susan Vargo, Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Phone: 589-7111

The Family Room

The Elementary School houses a “Family Room” program where parents and guardians of birth through school aged children in the S-VE School District can bring and stay with your child for interactive play-time, craft, snack and story once a week. This program introduces children to the structure of school and assists parents and guardians in becoming comfortable with our district. This opportunity has allowed children to meet new friends that have become their classmates in Pre-K, making their transition easier.

The Family Room will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am when school is in session. We look forward to meeting new friends this year! For further information, please visit our website at www.svecsd.org/famroom.cfm or call the elementary school office at 589-7110.

The Spencer-Van Etten Central School District Believes:

- In a safe, respectful and trusting environment
- That all individuals can learn
- In pursuing excellence
- In human dignity
- In responsibility
- In positive involvement
- In communicating effectively
- In building healthy relationships

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Jr & Varsity Spring Athletic Season Begins
Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year Begins @ ES Office
Half Day for Grades Pre-K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Full Day Grades 7-12 Board of Education Business Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm
End of Marking Period 4 (HS)
All County Festival II @ Owego
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End of Marking Period 4 (MS)
Valentine’s Day
No School: Spring Break
End of Marking Period 4 (HS)
Board of Education Meeting, MS Library @ 7pm
End of Marking Period 4 (MS)
No School: Mid March Recess
Spring Begins

NYS ELA Testing: Grades 3-8
SAT Day (HS)
NYS ELA Testing: Grades 3-8
Board of Education Workshop, 7pm
NYS ELA Testing: Grades 3-8
Parent Information

Working Papers
Students interested in working: 14/15 year olds and 16/17 year olds can fill out a working paper application, including social security number, parent/guardian signature and provide proof of a physical within the previous 12 months. Please allow 3 business days for the working card to be completed which students must sign in front of a school official. Questions - please call Debbie Frisbie at 589-7144.

Tioga County Dental Van Offers Free Care
The Tioga County Dental Van will be available in June to see S-VE students. If students need appointments at other times of the year, they may call 687-8595. This is a wonderful service for families in need of dental care.

School/Community Health and Wellness Team
The Comprehensive School/Community Health and Wellness Team is made up of a diverse group of community members, parents, staff, area health professionals and students. This group’s goal is to promote health and wellness in the community. Information and meeting schedules can be obtained by calling the High School office at 589-7140.

Handbooks
Handbooks for the high school, middle school and elementary school containing comprehensive information for both parents and students about our policies and procedures of the Spencer - Van Etten Central School District can be found under the Quick Links on our district website at www.svecsd.org/parentinfo.cfm. If you have any questions, please email or call your child’s teacher, school principal or the district office.

Parent Portal
- Parent Portal is an important method of home/school communication available to parents of students in our district.
- Parent Portal allows you to…
  - Review basic information on your child, including name, birthdate, address, phone number
  - Access your child’s schedule, attendance, grades, discipline, assignments
  - Contact your child’s teachers by e-mail
- We encourage all parents to sign up. Please contact your child’s school to set up an account.

Fundraising
During the course of the school year, your child may come home with a fundraiser to help offset costs within organizations they are involved in. Please visit our website periodically at www.svecsd.org/fundraisingcal.cfm to view the updated fundraising calendar.

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New Year’s Eve
Immunizations

New York State public health law requires all students have up-to-date immunizations or Medical Exemption paperwork on file in the health office or they will NOT be allowed to attend school. There are changes in immunization requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. Effective June 13, 2019, religious exemptions are no longer permissible. For questions and clarification on required immunizations:

- Call your child’s healthcare provider
- Go to svscsd.org/health.cfm to access the New York State Immunization Requirements link.
- Call the school nurse in your child’s school

Guidelines for keeping a child home from school:

- Persistent fever greater than 100.4°F orally, including a fever that requires control with medication, like Tylenol. Child should be fever free for 24 hours before they are sent back to school.
- Child is too sleepy or ill from an illness, like vomiting and/or diarrhea. Child should not be sent if they vomited in the evening or night prior to school.
- Significant cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class.
- Sore throat that is severe, accompanied by fever and/or feeling ill, that persists longer than 48 hours OR after known exposure to a confirmed case of Streptococcal throat infection.
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts that might be impetigo; OR a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox; OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever.
- Red, runny eyes that distract the child from learning. If the eyes are reddened, itch, are painful or have discharge, please contact your doctor before sending them to school.
- Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear.
- Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache.
- Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever.
- Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is best to keep them home rather than to ask them to “try and make it” through the school day.
- Please be sure parent/guardian contact information is kept updated so you can be reached in the event your child isn’t feeling well.

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- **Spring Recess**
- **Easter Sunday**
- **Good Friday**
- **Easter Monday**

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  - Red, runny eyes
  - Severe ear pain
  - Large nasal discharge
  - Severe headache
  - Any condition
  - If child is not feeling well

- **Medications:**
  - In accordance with New York State Law and S-VE school policy, if a student must take a medication at school or during school sponsored activities such as sports and field trips, there must be a doctor’s order and parent’s written permission. This includes any medication over-the-counter or prescription, inhalers and epipens.
  - Each school year requires a new order and the medication must be in the original bottle and brought in by an adult.
  - Any time these guidelines are not followed, it is a violation of NYS law.
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- **Important Dates:**
  - **Easter Sunday**
  - **Spring Recess**
  - **Good Friday**
  - **Easter Monday**

- **Important Events:**
  - **Clothing Drive Begins**
  - **Softball Athletic Season**
  - **NYS Math Testing: Grades 3-8**
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- **More Information:**
  - [Go to svscsd.org/health.cfm to access the New York State Immunization Requirements link.](www.svcsd.org/health.cfm)
Community Information

Voting Information
Residents don’t need to register to vote in school district elections but must be:
- A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older
- A district resident for at least 30 days before the election
- Show ID and proof of residence
If you have questions about voting, call the district office at 589-7100.

Community All Call List
Parents of students from the Spencer - Van Etten Central School District currently receive phone calls and/or emails regarding important information such as school closings and date changes. We invite all interested community members to sign up for these notifications by contacting Laurie in the District Office at 589-7101 or l cooper@svcsd.org.

Income Tax Code
The Spencer - Van Etten Central School District state aid is partially based upon the income of our residents. For us to receive proper credit, be sure to put our school district code number on your income tax form when you file your annual tax returns. The number is 613.

Spencer-Van Etten Alumni Association Inc.
The Spencer-Van Etten Alumni Association (SVEAAI) is a 501c3 Not for Profit educational association, incorporated in the state of New York.
- Visit our website [http://www.svealumni.org]
- Register to stay connected [http://www.svealumni.org/register]
- Help grow the SVEAAI Scholarship Fund by joining our SVEAAI Working Group [http://www.svealumni.org/volunteer/]
Contact Dan Bryan for more information.

Community Resources
Community links are available on our website at www.svecsd.org/communityinfo.cfm. Links include: the Food Cupboard, Haefele news, Inspire SVE, Lions Camp Badger, Spencer Historical Society, SVEYA and the S-VE Alumni Association! Also linked are our local town and village websites, newspapers, and other important local resources.

S-VE Graduates of Distinction
The S-VE Graduates of Distinction recognition honors Spencer - Van Etten graduates for outstanding lifetime achievement. Honorees will be graduates who are exemplary citizens having distinguished themselves through their communities, professions or careers. This may include service to humanity, exceptional career achievement or a lifetime of accomplishment. Nominees may have succeeded at the local, regional, national or international levels in any appropriate area of endeavor, including academics and education, arts, business, media, public service, philanthropy, medicine, military, science or sports. The Board of Education may be petitioned to make an exception to these criteria if extraordinary circumstances exist. No person shall be eligible for this honor until at least ten years following the date of graduation from Spencer-Van Etten. Nominations will be reviewed by the Graduates of Distinction Committee and forwarded to the Board of Education for approval. Nominations must be received by July 1st of each year. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Recipients shall be permanently honored at Spencer-Van Etten and shall be publicly recognized. For more information, please call the District Office at 589-7100 or visit our website www.svecsd.org/communityinfo.cfm. The Graduates of Distinction wall is located in the auditorium lobby of the S-VE High School.

S-VE Athletic Hall of Fame
The Spencer-Van Etten Central School District honors eminent individuals, enhances a sense of school and community pride and preserves the tradition and excellence of Spencer-Van Etten athletics. The Athletic Hall of Fame honors those who have made a significant contribution to the athletic program in the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District. A member of the Hall of Fame can be either a Student – Athlete (graduated at least ten years prior to selection), Coach (coached the same sport for more than five full seasons), Team (accomplishments at least ten years prior to selection) or Contributor (individual who has made a significant contribution to the S-VE athletic program). The complete criteria and nomination forms can be found online at www.svecsd.org/communityinfo.cfm or in the District Office. The selection committee consists of the Athletic Director (chair), the Superintendent, a Principal representative, a Board Member representative, the Public Information Coordinator, a Booster Club representative and a community member. The selection committee reserves all discretionary rights in the implementation of the process. Completed nomination forms may be submitted by anyone to the Spencer-Van Etten District Office no later than March 1st of the year of consideration. The selection committee will research any claims made on the nomination form. After review of all properly completed nomination forms, the committee will vote upon the selection of those individuals nominated. The committee reserves the right to consider any worthy nominee and waive any of the requirements listed above. Come visit our Athletic Hall of Fame in the gymnasium lobby of the S-VE High School!

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Cafeteria Information

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Reduced Breakfast/Lunch 25¢
A la carte items are available for purchase.

School Meal Program

The school meal, breakfast and lunch, program supplies modestly priced, nutritious meals for students at each of the three schools, supplying approximately two-thirds of the recommended daily allowance of vital nutrients. All meals are subsidized by the federal government. Some students pay full prices, some reduced prices and others receive free school meals.

Easy Online Payment System Available

Our automated cafeteria system makes it possible to keep student transactions strictly confidential. Each student has an account set up using his/her student ID number. This program allows parents/guardians to use a link on the district website to make online payments to their students’ lunch account. The “Pay Schools” system allows students to “pay” electronically for their meal, whether it is free, reduced or full price, by drawing from the money placed in the student’s account. For more information, visit the district’s website at www.svecsd.org/cafeteria.cfm.

Applying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Students are sent a free and reduced-price meal application with instructions, income guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions at the start of each school year. If you were free or reduced at the end of the previous school year, that status remains until the first week in October. Everyone must fill out a new application each school year. Applications are completely confidential and may be submitted at any time during the year if your family circumstances change. If your family income falls within the federal guidelines, please complete the form and return it to your child’s school. The Director of Food Service is available to assist you in completing the application. Applications can be found at any of the three schools or at www.svecsd.org/cafeteria.cfm.

Opportunities Available

Students who receive Free and Reduced Meals could qualify for:

- Reduced rates for SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP Exams
- Waived fees for college applications
- In-school programming with outside agencies (Upward Bound and Youth Engagement Services)

The district could qualify for additional funding from New York State and the Federal Government.
Dignity for All Students

Important Aspects of DASA:

- The New York State Dignity for All Students Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and is in effect for all public schools as of July 1, 2012.
- The intent of the Dignity Act is to provide all students in New York State public schools a learning environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.
- The Dignity Act states that NO students shall be subjected to harassment or discrimination by employees or students on school property or at a school function based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
- School property includes the school building, athletic playing fields, playground, parking lots and school bus. School functions include school-sponsored extracurricular events and activities.

For additional information related to the NYS Dignity for All Students Act please refer to:


Please also refer to the Spencer-Van Etten School District Code of Conduct which is located on our district website at: www.svecsd.org

Hard copies of our District’s Code of Conduct can also be obtained by contacting the main office of each building in the district.

Dignity Act Coordinators for S-VE and Reporting Procedures:

The Dignity Act requires that all schools have at least one staff-person designated as the Dignity Act Coordinator. The Dignity Act Coordinator is responsible for addressing reports of potential harassment and/or discrimination. If you have concerns about an incident of possible harassment or discrimination, please contact our S-VE Dignity Act Coordinators.

Coordinators:
- Elementary School: Mr. Matt Stroup
  Mrs. Stacy Laubach
- Middle School: Mr. Brandon Foley
  Mr. Larry Bleck
- High School: Mrs. Melissa Jewell
  Ms. Rebecca Saggiomo

Reports can be made in the following manner:
1. Reporting forms are located in all main school offices
2. Forms can be found on the S-VE District website: www.svecsd.org/DASA.cfm
3. Call the main office of the appropriate building:
   - Elementary School: 607-589-7110
   - Middle School 607-589-7120
   - High School  607-589-7140

For additional information related to the NYS Dignity for All Students Act please refer to:

Please also refer to the Spencer Van Etten School District Code of Conduct which is located on our district website at: www.svecsd.org

Project Graduation

The goal of Project Graduation is to provide a safe, fun, drug and alcohol-free environment for celebration at the end of your child’s academic career at S-VE. Each year a group of senior class parents work to develop a plan for after the graduation ceremony. If you are interested, please contact the guidance office for more information at 589-7144.

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Attendance and Transportation Information

SafeArrival System

The SchoolConnects SafeArrival system improves student safety by streamlining the attendance process. Parents and guardians should continue to report their student's absence in advance, using the SafeArrival mobile app, website, or toll-free phone number (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

If a student’s absence is not reported by 8:00am the day of the absence, SchoolConnects will make multiple attempts to reach parents and other contacts, if needed, to confirm the student’s safety and to request the reason for the absence.

If you haven’t yet, be sure to provide your email address to the school so that you will receive your invitation to set up an account. For more information go to www svecsd org/ safearrival.cf.

Daily Changes

Please remember to send a note with your child if there are any daily changes to their normal dismissal plans. This will ensure that the student, teacher and bus driver can be notified and the proper bus can be assigned.

Emergency Information

At the beginning of each school year, parents are asked to update emergency information files. It is very important that we know how to reach a parent or designated person in case of an emergency. If any changes are made during the school year concerning this information, including cell phones, be sure to notify your child’s school immediately.

School Closings/Delays

The primary consideration in a school closing is the safety of students. Factors relevant to safety include icy roads, reduced visibility, drifting snow, chill factor, flooding, high wind and mechanical and health hazards at the school. If school is closed or delayed because of an emergency, the district will use our Rapid Connects phone system to notify student households in addition to posting on our website at www.svecsd.org, our district Facebook page, as well as broadcasting on the television and radio stations listed below. Please be sure to provide your child’s school office with your updated “crisis/emergency” contact information to ensure that you receive our calls.

In the event of a one or two-hour delayed school opening, buses will arrive at stops one hour (or two hours) later and school will begin one hour (or two hours) later than usual. PLEASE DO NOT CALL your child’s school or the bus garage to ask if schools are closed or delayed. Instead, check our website and Facebook page, or tune in to one of the television or radio stations below.

Television Stations: WENY-TV, WNYT-TV, WSYR-TV.
FM Radio Stations: WJIL, WICZ.

Don’t Lose Your Riding Privilege

Our goal is the safe and efficient transportation of our students. If you have any concerns about your child’s transportation, please contact our office at 589-7160.

It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses to ensure their safety and that of other passengers, as well as avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Pushing, shoving, fighting and excessive noise will not be tolerated.

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### S-VE High School
**Grades 9-12**
Principal: Mrs. Melissa Jewell
Assistant Principal: Miss. Rebecca Saggiomo
Doors Open: 7:45am
Classes Begin: 8:05am
Dismissal: 2:56pm
16 Darts Crossroad
Spencer, NY 14883
Phone: (607) 589-7140
Fax: (607) 589-3011
www.svecsd.org/hs.cfm

### S-VE Middle School
**Grades 5-8**
Principal: Mr. Brandon Foley
Dean of Students: Mr. Larry Bleck
Doors Open: 7:45am
Classes Begin: 8:05am
Dismissal: 2:56pm
1 Center Street
Spencer, NY 14883
Phone: (607) 589-7120
Fax: (607) 589-3020
www.svecsd.org/ms.cfm

### S-VE Elementary School
**Grades Early Pre-K - 4**
Principal: Mr. Matt Stroup
Dean of Students: Mrs. Stacy Laubach
Doors Open: 7:45am
Classes Begin: 8:00am
Dismissal: 2:45pm
7 Langford Street
Van Etten, NY 14889
Phone: (607) 589-7110
Fax: (607) 589-3017
www.svecsd.org/es.cfm

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### Regents Exams
- AM: Algebra I, English, Chemistry
- PM: Global, Algebra II

- AM: US History, Earth Science
- PM: Geometry, Living Environment

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Notifications

Pesticide Notice

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all parents, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. In 1994, our District Safety Committee selected to restrict any use of pesticides.

The Spencer-Van Enet Central School District is required to maintain a list of parents, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application.
- Antimicrobial products.
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Nonvolatile insecticide baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Sealed gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children.
- Boric acid and disodium octa borate tetrahydrate.
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides.
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25.
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you want 48-hour notification of pesticide applications, please contact the Director of Facilities at 589-7130 during school hours.

Asbestos Safety Notice

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the district has performed asbestos re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings are in the asbestos management plan on file in each school office and the district office.

The EPA requires the district to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. In June 2019, a certified asbestos inspector performed these re-inspections. A certified asbestos management planner reviewed the re-inspection results and developed recommended actions the district should take to safely manage the asbestos material in our buildings. All the asbestos material in our buildings remains in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place as recommended by EPA guidelines and the asbestos management planner. Residents wishing to discuss or review the asbestos management plan may contact the Director of Facilities at 589-7130 during school hours.

Sex Offender Notification

Parents of students attending the Spencer-Van Enet Central School District will receive notice of sex offenders moving into the district through our “School Connects” or all-call system. The message will state that “The Spencer-Van Enet Central School District has received information regarding an individual subject to Megan’s Law.”

Please refer to www.svecsd.org or contact any school office for more information. We have created a link from our website to a searchable database for your convenience on this subject. That website is: http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/snor/

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Office at 589-7100.

Consent for Use of Photographs/Videos

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Board of Education

District Administration

Spencer-Van Enet Central School District
16 Darins Crossroad
Spencer, NY 14885
Phone: (607) 589-7100
Fax: (607) 589-3010

District Office

589-7100

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Asbestos Notice

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Donna Gulde, Nurse dgulde@svecsd.org

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Tammie Martinez, Nurse tmartinez@svecsd.org


Spencer and other concerns that can be legally discussed at a public session of the board. Each agenda includes an opportunity for community

Computer Services

589-7147

dthomas@gstboces.org

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I. Procedures for filing complaints/appeals with a local school district.

A. All complaints must:

- Be written.
- Be signed by the person or agency representative filing the complaint.
- State the nature of the corrective action desired.
- Contain information/evidence supporting the complaint.
- Specify the requirement of law or regulation being violated and the related issue, problem and/or the concern.

B. A complaint/appeal to the Local Education Agency (LEA) should be sent first to the School Superintendent of the district against whom the complaint is made. The LEA has a 30 business day period in which to resolve a complaint.

C. The district/LEA’s response may contain an appeal which includes:

- A copy of the original signed complaint. (see I-B).
- A copy of the LEA’s response to the original complaint or a statement that the school district failed to respond in 30 business days.

D. If the local LEA fails to resolve the complaint within 30 business days, or fails to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the complainant, the complaint should be sent to the New York State Education Department.

II. Procedures for Filing Complaints/Appeals with the New York State Education Department

The State Education Department will review complaints when the complaint pertains to:

- The state’s administration of the ESEA Title I Basic Grant, Migrant Education or Neglected or Delinquent Program.
- An appeal from the decision of a local school district regarding an action by the LEA.

Note: Complaints which do not meet any of the above criteria, including complaints concerning the LEA’s administration of its Title I Program, will be referred for possible resolution to the LEA against whom the complaint is made.

A. An appeal must be requested and postmarked within 20 business days of receipt of the LEA’s response to the original complaint.

B. The Title I representative in the NYSED office who is assigned as the program manager for the district against which the complaint is made and such other department staff as may be appropriate shall conduct the review of complaints or appeals.

C. Within 60 business days of the receipt of the complaint/appeal, the department staff will complete an on-site review (if necessary) and/or records examination and will notify all parties of its findings. The department’s response shall contain:

- The names of persons interviewed.
- The records of other residence examined.
- Relevant dates/times/locations/events.
- Summary of findings.
- Nature of corrective action to be taken including applicable timeline.

III. Procedures for Adjudicating Appeals from the Decision of the State Education Department

If parties are dissatisfied with the New York State Education Department’s complaint resolution, they may file an appeal directly with the United States Education Department at:

United States Department of Education
Compensatory Education Programs
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Room 3W230
FOB #6
Washington, D.C. 20202-6132

Any public or non-public school parent or teacher, other interested person or agency may file a complaint concerning violations of ESEA Title I, Parts A, C, and D or of the General Education Provisions Act or of Section 100.2(ce) Academic Intervention Services of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

NYS Education Department Written Complaint & Appeal Procedures

Spencer - Van Etten 2019-20 Calendar At-a-Glance

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*October 11 will be the emergency early release day. Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early.

Unused snow days will be given back as follows:

- 4/13 & 5/21
- Snow day make up if necessary will be: 5/22 & 4/6
- Busing will be available to students attending BOCES on the following dates: 5/22

Families, Students, Staff and Community Members,

Summer is always a nice time to reflect upon the previous school year, with excitement and anticipation of the school year to come. I am forever thankful for the opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of Schools of the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District and I look forward to my second year as our district’s leader.

Our school district is one to be proud of. We have a strong group of dedicated and committed staff that work with your children each and every day to ensure a safe and productive learning environment. SVE is appreciative of the partnership between our school district and the community. Through this partnership, we plan to explore the possibility of becoming a community school. In doing so, we could provide even better support for our students and families, both during and beyond the school day. We have written a 5-year strategic plan with various staff and community stakeholders and will unveil it on opening day, as well as at an upcoming board meeting. This strategic plan provides us a template to look to the future, ensuring our facilities are upgraded, our staff are trained and supported, and our students have access to the educational opportunities they deserve. Stay tuned for more information and thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations!

Diahann Hesler, Superintendent of Schools
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VISION
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MISSION
We Promote Pride,
Inspire Growth,
Foster Innovation

GOALS
• SVE will increase awareness, interest, and involvement by encouraging collaborative efforts to develop school spirit and community pride.
• SVE will cultivate creative, problem solving, and future ready citizens through rich experiences and positive relationships.
• SVE will invest in and support social-emotional well-being, academic growth, and community through meaningful connections.