



Sparta Superintendent Schwemmer's Scoop

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- Our school board and administrative team met this week to discuss our **Strategic Plan, including topics of Finance, Curriculum, Climate, and Facilities**. We will keep you updated on the progress of the plan and post updates to the website as they become available. If you ever have questions or feedback about these 4 areas, please feel free to send an email to the person it pertains to. We need your feedback to be successful!
- **Mental Health** has become a growing issue since the pandemic, especially in young children and teens. **Check out the packet attached** for some awesome resources if your child is struggling at home.
- Congratulations to **SLS 7th grader Emilia Engelage** for being selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association Honor Festival! Emilia submitted a video audition and will be singing in a special concert on November 19th at Belleville Township High School with the best singers in Southern Illinois. Being selected is a big achievement. Way to go!
- Please take a moment to submit your nomination of an **OCTOBER SUPER STUDENT!**
<https://forms.gle/rGE2g26j5sdOpHK68>
- Our **STAFF SPOTLIGHT** this week is our **EAC Secretary/School Nurse**. Mrs. Jennifer Schlueter is an **ANIMAL** lover! She enjoys living on the farm with her many pets and kids!
- **Sparta Public Library has scheduled Basic Computer classes**. The class names, dates and times are as follows. Windows 10 - Tuesday, October 25 - 5:00 p.m.; Internet Basics - Wednesday, October 26 - 5:00 p.m.; Email Basics - Thursday, October 27 - 10:00 a.m.; Cybersecurity Basics - Thursday, November 3 - 5:00 p.m. All classes will be a lot of fun and they are FREE. Computers are provided for each participant. At the end of the class a certificate will be generated after a quick survey has been completed. Call or email the library to register early to reserve your space. 618-443-5014 or spartaillinoislibrary@gmail.com
- Some awesome **Bulldog travelers** are heading to France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria in the summer of 2025 with Ms. Thies and Ms. Juelfs! (See Attached).
- We will be celebrating our **September and October Shout Outs** at the November 10 BOE Meeting. Congratulations to September recipients:
 - **SHS- Brayden Henry**
 - **SLS- Eian Wallace**
 - **EAC- Nevaeh Turner**
- Mark your calendars! **Dairy Queen nights for PTO will be held on the following nights! 11/3, 11/10 (EAC), 1/5, 3/2!**

Upcoming Events

- October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 22, 23, 30- 1 pm Dismissal for Students
- October 23- Evansville River Run (Attached)
- October 25 & 27- 1 pm Dismissal/Conferences 3-7 pm
- October 26- Blood Drive (Attached)
- October 28- No School
- October 31- Trunk or Treat
- November 3- SLS DQ Night
- November 8- Election Day (No School)
- November 10- EAC DQ Night
- November 11- Veterans Day (No School)
- November 23-25- Thanksgiving Holiday