

Our Mission: **Empowerment through Education**



Sparta Superintendent Schwemmer's Scoop

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- Can you believe we are in February already!? Just to explain the process on the decision to close school, Zweigart's and I stay up late and awake in the very early morning hours, as well as watch every National Weather Service webcast, and consult with every surrounding superintendent to monitor road conditions. I absolutely trust if the bus company says they can or cannot travel on road conditions. They would never endanger our students or their drivers. If temperatures remain low and precipitation appears in early morning hours, a decision to close may have to be made at 5 am. The call at this time is for the purpose of people beginning shifts shortly afterwards. We will ALWAYS try to make the call the evening before, but sometimes predictions from forecasters are inaccurate. We will always go to school if at all possible, to avoid getting out of school later in May, and we certainly want to always avoid June. We also provide the hot meal some may not have at home. E-learning is not an option within our district because, although we have devices for every child K-12, it has not proven to successfully work for the majority of our students. This is for multiple reasons including, rural areas not supporting MIFI/WIFI to work properly; parents are at work and unable to assist with technology; older people in the home do work for the students; and nothing replaces an actual teacher in front of their students. We will not intentionally fail our students when we have data to prove something is unsuccessful, as e-learning. We always appreciate your understanding. It is a hard call to make, but please trust we will never jeopardize the safety of our families. If you ever feel unsafe traveling in conditions when school is in session, please call the office to take a mental health day. You will be able to make up any work missed in accordance with our handbook like a regular absence.
- I received a nice handout on Grounding Techniques I wanted to share with you to try with your family if anyone ever experiences stressful moments or situations. It helps! (Attached)
- Check out the Girls Engineering opportunity enclosed! It is amazing!
- Another library opportunity attached!
- SCH Mobile Clinic Days- SLS M, Tu, Fri 7:30-10:30 am; W 12-4 pm/EAC W 7:30-10:30 am.
- Mark your calendars! Dairy Queen nights for PTO will be held on the following nights! 3/2!

Upcoming Events

- February 1, 8, 15, 22- 1 pm Dismissal
- February 9- BOE Meeting SLS 7 pm
- February 18- SHS Sweetheart Dance 7-9 pm
- February 20- President's Day- NO SCHOOL

Our Vision: Sparta District 140 will create a culture of pride where students accept responsibility to fuel transformation and promote success.