

Our Mission: **Empowerment through Education**



Sparta Superintendent Schwemmer's Scoop

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- We want to welcome our **NEW STAFF!** Though we lost a few good ones, we gained some great people!
 - **SLS-** Teachers Kelly Carpenter, Lana Foster, Dana Hahn, Rebecca Niemetz, Laura Simoneaux; Paraprofessionals Heather Cleveland, Alacyia Williams
 - **EAC-** Teachers Jerry Carpenter, Britaney Myers, Sophie Richards; Paraprofessionals Denise Andrews, Faith Argus
 - **SHS-** AP/AD Jackie Smith; Secretary Kristie Juenger; Custodians Paul Gentry, Scott Venus; Cook Anne Nelson; Nurse Brandi Johnson-Rodgers
 - **District-** Technology Director Joel Finley; Tech Daniel Wasson
- We've had a busy start to the year! This year our focus is on **HOPE and LOVE** as described above!! Our staff participated in **active shooter review and SEL** professional development. You'll notice the construction of the **new gym** has started! This is an exciting addition to our community!
- Please remember to **add lunch money to your child's account** or turn in a free and reduced lunch form!
- **Of 872 superintendents in Illinois, an elite 150 are ISAL Fellows, including yours!** The Illinois Association of School Administrators selects distinguished superintendents to join their School of Advanced Leadership academy, an intense 2 year process, to elevate leadership skills to directly impact student achievement. Look for more great things this school year to make this the **BEST** district it can be!
- **Big thanks to those who attended the Block Parties and Open Houses!** Post covid, we threw it together and can assure you it will be much improved next year with proper planning!
- Please take a moment to nominate a **SUPER STUDENT!** <https://forms.gle/2SapeWPjyKXgPvm67>
- Our **STAFF SPOTLIGHT** this week is our final recipient of the 21-22 school year **SHS Administrative Assistant Sue Falkenhein**. Mrs. Falkenhein has been with us for 30 years in several buildings! She is a huge music supporter and supports all of our high school organizations.
- <https://spartalincolnspiritwear.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- Remember, every **Wednesday is 1 pm** dismissal for teacher PD.
- **HUGE shout out on our SPECIAL STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE!** We are fortunate to have staff so dedicated to our district! They are:
 - **20 years-** **SHS Teacher Larry Stork**
 - **30 years-** **EAC Teacher Diane Chambers and SHS Secretary Sue Falkenhein**

Upcoming Events

- August 19-SHS Blue & White Games
- August 20- Little Dawgs Football Bingo VFW 5:30 pm (Attached)
- September 5- No School- Labor Day
- September 8- BOE Meeting SLS 7 pm
- September 17- Coulterville Fall Festival (Attached)

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