



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MIDWINTER - 2023

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

On February 15, we honored and celebrated our SHS Winter Sports teams.

What a fun and incredibly successful season this has been! I will let you watch and listen to the team captains in the video below to hear all of the highlights instead of sharing them here, but many of our teams and athletes are among the top in the state.

Playoffs will be kicking into high gear in the next few weeks, and we are looking to be hosting a lot of home contests!



Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of new SHS Athletic Director Derek Cipriano in making this season the success it has been. In a season full of headlines around Vermont of poor sportsmanship and other troubling issues, Derek's thoughtful leadership and overall presence have both been essential to our teams' success!

Families and friends have been able to attend games and cheer our teams on, sportsmanship has prevailed, and the athletes have clearly had a blast competing.

Thank you and welcome to Barre Derek, and congratulations to our coaches and student-athletes for this wonderfully successful season!

Chris

*Exposed to a New Language:
Computer Aided Design (CAD) software*



Students from Mr. Willard's Engineering Class examine a detailed drawing before participating in a manual machining exercise with Vermont Tech's instructor, Ian Barker.

BE IN THE KNOW

Town Meeting Day
Tuesday, March 7th - NO
SCHOOL

**Family Teacher
Conferences**
Thursday, March 16th from
12:30pm - 7pm

**Early Release due to
Construction** Thursday,
March 23rd

Construction/Moving Day
Friday, March 24th - NO
SCHOOL for Students

**In House Scholarship
Friendly Reminder for
Seniors** If you have received
your Financial Aid Award
Letter, please share a copy
with Ms. Ryan, so she can
add it to your file and
application package

Spring Sports Reach out to
AD Cipriano in regards to
Spring Sports information at
dciprshs@buusd.org



SPOTLIGHT ON WINTER ATHLETICS



Let's get a little bit ROWDY Tide Athletes and the community continue to cheer for one another in the greatest moments and toughest losses.

As the mid Winter newsletter goes to press, there is an incredible wave of excitement for not only *Spaulding High School* but the Central Vermont community as fans and athletes hit the Interstate 89 and trek to either the Barre Aud; the coveted place to watch basketball or the BOR for hockey.

For our athletes and their families, they watch, they persevere, and understand what it means to enter a playoff berth.



For rising Indoor Track, **Coach Jacobs** understands the challenges of his athletes as he rebuilds the program and appreciates Senior runner, **Isaiah LaBay** for his stamina and willingness to mentor others whereas rising Freshmen/Sophomores gain insight on the dedication and work needed to play at the Varsity level, such is in the case of Girls Hockey. **Molly Parker, Class of 2023** credits her teammates and their own experiences as underclassmen when they won the championship. "...worth all the hard work and frustration, but we want to return to the GUT."

As stated by Senior **Coalby Reid-Lamond** at the Think Pink match, "I am part of a team who feels supported" and this is so true in terms of the number of returning Wrestling alumni who continue to impart their wisdom as mentors and coaches.

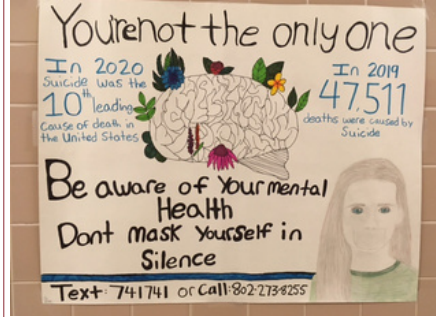
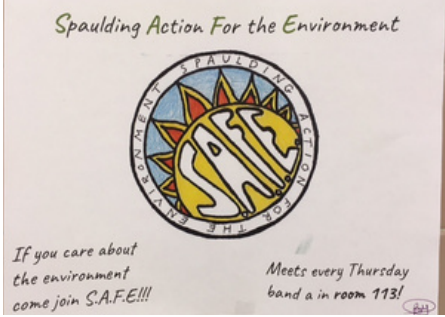


Rising Junior, **Noah Ronson** embodies the spirit of TIDE Pride as does Captain **Cooper Diego**, and fellow basketball athletes, **Sage MacAuley & Yvonne Roberge, Class of 2023**, along with junior, **Gracie Martin**; all who have alumni connections to *Spaulding High School* sports programs. As Cooper reflected when finalizing his In House Scholarship application- he comes from a family of great football, basketball, and field hockey players and like his fellow peers, he understands what it means to represent his school and lead by example.

According to fans, watching the level of basketball for the boys and girls is just exciting. So exciting that the community continues to show their support for both teams by being LOUD & PROUD whereas **AD Cipriano** continues to work on behalf of his teams, balancing work with play or play with work and he is honored by their agility, sportsmanship, and leadership.



In particular, he recognized these attributes in **Ruby Harrington, Gracie Martin, Deanna Wild, Gabe Hoar, Matthew Redmond, & Averill Parker**; all members of the *Class of 2024* who were selected to attend the annual *Vermont Principal Association: Student-Athlete Leadership Conference* in Burlington. The purpose of the conference is to "equip students with tools needed to be effective leaders on their respective teams and in their schools," which AD Cipriano believes these athletes will. In turn, continue to ride the wave of success and know how proud we are of all the Winter Sports teams.



SPREADING TIDE PRIDE



Doing what I love, what I am interested in, and what I want to do are important to members of *Spaulding High School*.

The endless pursuit of the students rallying together for one cause whether it be encouraging individuals to donate blood or platelets, gathering and collecting non perishable items for the Vermont Food Bank, rallying around a community member to make wishes come true, and/or exploring their passions, students continue to engage and give back to their community.



According to members of *Interact, Key Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council*, returning to normal programming and helping those in need are important to the work "we do and want to do," as stated by **Meredith Kerin**, a *Student Council Officer*.



For National Honor Society (NHS), bringing back the annual Holiday Dinner wasn't just about wearing your ugly holiday sweater, but spreading joy to families within the Central Vermont region.

Despite having to pivot and deliver warm meals and holiday gifts, NHS members were happy to reach out and help the community under the supervision and leadership of Ms. Brizzolara & Ms. Pam Smith.



Member **Claire Isabelle**, *Class of 2023* stated, "I enjoyed being able to help my neighbors and brighten their day" when speaking about Holiday Dinner whereas fellow Senior, **Alyssa West** was in agreement, but emphasized kindness is needed in the world and being mindful of others. This was also embodied in the efforts of Interact Club based upon their work for *Warm Hearts Helping Neighbors*.



In terms of the spirit of giving, dynamic and jolly Juniors: **Brady Aldrich, Aubrey Cheney, Kate May, and Lydia Murner** were incredibly humbled by the support and outreach at the Think Pink games where community members rallied for the Bisson family as seen at the Wrestling match.

And so for incoming Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors, the return to after school programming, live performances, engaging in debate, or attending a Scholar's Bowl competition with Mr. Whalen, they are slowly finding the confidence from within and willing to take action and be involved again.

Academic Planning Starting Thursday, March 9th - The School Counseling Office will be hosting a Virtual Junior Night from 5:30-6:30pm online as they plan their Senior Year out.

In terms of meeting with School Counselors about Academic Planning for FY2023/2024, here is the schedule for Course Registration where School Counselors will be meeting with students:

Class of 2024
Week of March 13th – March 22nd

Class of 2025
Week of March 23rd – March 31st

Class of 2026
Week of April 3rd – April 7th

For Incoming Freshmen
8th Grade Informational Night will be virtual on March 16th from 5:30-6:30pm

School Counselors will be meeting with 8th Grade Students at their respective schools as noted below:

8th Graders at Barre Town Middle School on Tuesday/Wednesday, April 10th & 11th

8th Graders at Barre City Middle School on Thursday/Friday, April 12th & 13th

If you have further questions, please reach out to Ms. Ryan at aryanshs@buusd.org

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



Newcomer, **Ms. Simons** (left) adjusts her curriculum to meet the needs of her students in an introductory German lesson while **Madame Marineau** (top right) is over the moon with the return of field trips, so her students can be immersed in the French culture, while **Ms. Strong** continues to engage her students in lively Spanish lessons.

Igniting, Inspiring, and Improving are at the forefront of many teachers, especially for those teachers who have a passion in *World Languages*.

The study of world languages is a 21st century skill that allows all students to successfully meet the demands of our increasingly multi-cultural society.

Knowing another language increases job opportunities and enhances communication and cultural awareness in our society.

For these reasons, most colleges require two credits of foreign language study; highly competitive institutions require additional years.

And so at *Spaulding High School*, we continue to value world languages and cultures by offering French, Spanish and now German based upon the skills, training, and expertise of **Ms. Simons** who joined the *World Languages Department* this year and who also spends her time helping with Girls Hockey.

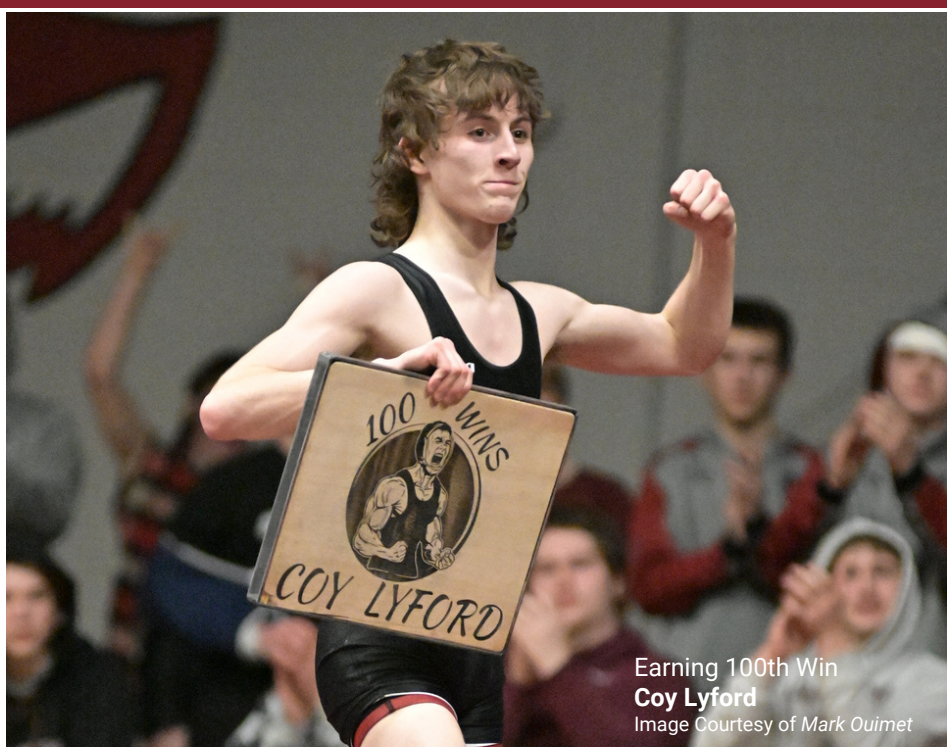
Like her colleagues, she exposes students to aspects of the language through interactive activities that enable them to grasp the basic concepts of language acquisition and she eventually hopes her students will be able to respond in written and oral formats as do French & Spanish II - IV students with **Madame Marineau & Ms. Strong**.

Both have also provided students with the option of an embedded Honors credit, thus increasing academic rigor and advancing their skills in French and Spanish. For those students who are skilled to function at a higher level of language acquisition and highly motivated, reach out to Madame Marineau, Ms. Strong, or a School Counselor to learn more about these opportunities, especially as Academic Planning kicks off in March.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



Earning 100th Goal
Rebecca McKelvey
Image Courtesy of Times Argus



Earning 100th Win
Coy Lyford
Image Courtesy of Mark Ouimet

LEAVING A LEGACY
Congratulations!
Your patience, your
perseverance, hard work, and
your endurance came to
fruition.
FEBRUARY 2023

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We are constantly amazed and proud of our community.



On behalf of the Winter Athletes,
thank you

for your support during
the **THINK PINK** Games
and Making Wishes Come True
for the
Bisson Family.

