



SPASH Newsletter

Home of the Panthers

August 2022

Main Office: 715-345-5400
Attendance Office: 715-345-5402

Dear Students SPASH Families:

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and doing well. On behalf of all of the SPASH faculty and staff I would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. I am excited and thankful to be starting another year with our normal routines and look forward to working with you and our students.

Please take a few minutes to read through the information in this communication and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. When you have a chance, please also check the contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, and emergency contacts) that you have on file in your Skyward Family access account. We will use email as our primary way of communicating important updates and information with you so please confirm that the email address we have for you is current and correct.

Student Registration and pictures for the 2022-2023 school year will happen on Monday, August 15 – Thursday, August 18 according to the following schedule:

- Monday, August 15: Seniors (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- Tuesday, August 16: Juniors (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- Wednesday, August 17: Sophomores (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- Thursday, August 18: Make-up session (3:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Please see the additional information regarding registration including your student's assigned time on the next page. We will communicate this again with a friendly reminder prior to registration as well. As always, please reach out to your student's counselor or our Main Office with any questions.

Here are a couple of other "Back to School" dates of importance:

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| Thursday, September 1: | Sophomore and New Student Orientation Day (only sophomores and new students attend) |
| Tuesday, September 6: | First day of school for all students |
| Tuesday, September 6: | Parent Back to School Night (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM) |

I am extremely proud of how our students persevered through the challenges of the past couple of years and am eager to start this school year. I have no doubt that our students and teachers will once again continue to excel. Thank you for your engagement and support – it is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Vollendorf, Ed.D.

Si necesita ayuda traduciendo información de esta página por favor contacte a Miledys Benavidez-Carrillo al correo mbenavid@pointschools.net o llame al 715-498-1976

SPASH REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Please report to Door #29 (new field house entrance off the student parking lot) for registration on your scheduled day using the first letter of your last name for your registration time.

Seniors - Monday, August 15, 2022

Juniors - Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Sophomores - Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Registration Time	Last Names Beginning With
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	A - B
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	C
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	D - E
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	F - G
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	H - I
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	J
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	K
11:00 PM - 11:30 AM	L
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	M
LUNCH HOUR	
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	N - O
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	P - Q
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	R
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	S
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	T - W
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	X - Z

Registration packets will not be mailed home this year. Paper copies of the following forms will be available at registration for you to pick up and complete: lunch release, junior/senior release, parking permit, fee waiver and health forms. Forms can be found online [here](#) if you wish to view and print them at home.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 1: **First day for All Sophomores and New Students Only.** No other students attend.

September 2 & 5: No school for students or teachers.

September 6: All students attending SPASH report to school. First day for Juniors and Seniors.

September 6: Back to School Night 6 – 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY ADDRESS INFORMATION

Please be sure that the school district has the correct address on file for your student/family so that communication via U.S. Mail is delivered in a timely manner. If you need to update your family address, please provide the district one of the following documents with your name and updated address on it:

- A copy of a utility bill
- A copy of the first page of closing papers
- A copy of a lease agreement

This information can be dropped off at the SPASH Main Office. Once received, your information will be forwarded to the district office to be updated in Skyward for all students in your household. If you have any further questions regarding this procedure, please contact the main office at SPASH 715-345-5400 ext. 41001.

CLOSED CAMPUS REMINDER

A reminder that SPASH has a closed campus all hours of the school day with the exception of [lunch release](#) and [junior/senior release](#). Lunch release and junior/senior release must be approved by parents and administration. These forms will be available during registration week for parents to complete. Additional forms are available in the SPASH Main Office. A student who leaves campus for lunch must have a [lunch release form](#) on file in the office for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students who violate closed campus policies are subject to school consequences and loss of privileges (revocation of parking permits and permission to drive and park a vehicle, loss of junior/senior release and may be assigned to a resource center).

A student who leaves the campus under any other circumstances must be checked out by a principal, the attendance office or health office.

PAYMENT OF FEES & PAYMENT OPTIONS

As a convenience to parents/guardians, the SPAPSD provides parents/guardians an easy way to add money to their student food service account and to pay for many school-related fees.

Online payments can be made into food service accounts and for fees through the [Skyward Family Access](#) parent/guardian portal they currently use. We have contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to make payment of school fees through Skyward Family Access. MasterCard or Visa (Debit or Credit Card) will be accepted. Parents will also need their personal “parent” login and password. Using your student’s login and password will not give you access to the payment screen. Payments will immediately be posted to the student’s account. A \$1 handling fee is charged to cover processing costs. Please make payment to the school at your earliest convenience.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship, or qualify for free or reduced lunch, please complete a fee waiver form. These forms must be completed each year. They will be available at registration and may be turned in at registration. Forms can be viewed and printed [here](#).

STUDENT PARKING

SPASH will be using a new parking permit this year that will hang on your rear-view mirror. This permit will be interchangeable between your family vehicles. Students who will be driving to school may purchase a [parking permit](#) during registration week at SPASH or in the Main Office during the school year. Students need to complete the parking form and submit payment of \$50.00 in order to obtain a parking permit. Payments can be made through Skyward Family Access or turned in with their parking permit form during registration week or to the main office once school starts. **Students must have a valid driver’s license in order to purchase a permit.** Parking permits from last year should be removed.

STUDENT PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at SPASH during registration week, August 15 - 18. All students must get their picture taken during their assigned registration time to obtain a SPASH ID. Picture packages may be ordered online prior to registration by clicking [here](#) and entering the picture day code: EVTK3V8PX. Any questions regarding school pictures, please call Lifetouch at 1-800-926-8274. Order forms will be available at registration for those that would prefer a paper copy.

Students who do not have their picture taken during registration week will have to wait until Tuesday, September 20th for the next picture day to obtain their SPASH ID. Lifetouch will be in the SPASH auditorium on September 20th from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

CLASS RING SALES

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, SPASH sophomores will receive information for ordering a class ring from Jostens. Sophomores/parents can place their orders online at Jostens.com from September 6 – 30. Ring payment programs are available. Rings will ship directly to your home in approximately six weeks. Paper order forms will be available for students to pick up in the Main Office at SPASH if you prefer. All questions can be directed to Jostens at 1-800-854-7464.

YEARBOOK SALES

ALL yearbooks must be purchased through the Jostens yearbook company. Parents/guardians and students can purchase their yearbook by credit card payment via a phone (1-877-767-5217) or Internet [click here](#). More information on the yearbook will be available during registration week, August 15 - 18. If you have questions about ordering a yearbook, please contact Yearbook Advisor, Jeremy Castleberg jcastleb@pointschools.net. SPASH does not order additional copies of the yearbook for purchase at a later date.

SENIOR PHOTOS

Seniors we need your senior photo for the 2023 SPASH Tattler. In order to help parents and students make plans for senior portrait sessions, we would like to provide you with our yearbook portrait specifications. Please share these specifications with your photographer.

The portrait requirements are:

- Images at least 300 dpi
- Vertically formatted image
- Head and shoulder shot preferred
- Plain, subdued, or natural background
- School appropriate clothing (all student attire must conform to the school dress code)
- No weapons or group photos
- JPG Format

Please submit pictures on a CD or e-mail as an attachment to spashyearbook@gmail.com. Files must be saved as "LastName, FirstName". No hard copies will be accepted. Deadline to submit photos is November 30, 2022. The Yearbook Staff will use the senior's Lifetouch photo for the tattler if no photo is submitted by this date.



SPASH HEALTH OFFICE

School Nurse: Sarah Castleberg BSN, RN

Email: scastleb@pointschools.net or spashnurse@pointschools.net

School Nurse: Norma Abbott BSN, RN

Email: nabbott@pointschools.net

Phone Number: 715-345-5400 ext 70594

Fax Number: 715-345-7325



Attention parents/guardians: For the health and safety of your child, please verify the following information below before registration.

Emergency Contact Information Use your SKYWARD family access to check your student's information. Is the emergency contact information (names and phone numbers) correct? If not, please email your change request to spashnurse@pointschools.net.

Health Alert Information Use your SKYWARD family access to check your student's information. Is your student's health alert information correct? Are changes or updates needed? If yes, contact your school nurse and she will make changes and/or update your student's health alert information. 715-345-5400 ext. 70594 or email spashnurse@pointschools.net.

Immunizations Are your child's immunizations up-to-date?

☞ A 2nd Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or a history of having the chicken pox illness is required for all students through 12th grade; as well as a

☞ Tetanus containing pertussis vaccine (Tdap) within the last 5 years.

Additional Health Forms If your student has a health condition(s) and/or needs to take a prescription medication(s) at school and/or needs to take an over the counter medication such as (Tylenol, Tums, Ibuprofen, Benadryl and throat lozenges) you will need to complete the forms below. Remember all forms will be available for you to pick up and complete during registration week at SPASH. You may also print them out by using the links below and return them at registration or to the SPASH Main Office.

Health Condition Management Plans These plans can be downloaded from the SPASH homepage. Click on "Our School" then, "Health Office" then, "Health/Medical Forms. The information that you provide (on a yearly basis) will be shared with school and medical personnel for educational purposes and/or to protect the life and safety of your student.

Medication Permission Forms These forms can be downloaded from the SPASH homepage. Click on "Our School" then, "Health Office" then, "Health/Medical Forms. Medication Permission forms are completed (on a yearly basis) and will be shared with school and medical

personnel for educational purposes and/or to protect the life and safety of your student. Below are the descriptions of various types of medication permission forms that are available for student use.

Prescription Medication can be administered to a student, if the school has on file a completed SPAPSD Prescription Medication Permission Form, completed by the doctor and signed by the parent/guardian. This includes medicines which the doctor has indicated that the student can self-administer (inhalers, insulin, Epi Pens, migraine and anxiety medications etc...). You may have the physician fax the SPAPSD Prescription Medication Permission Form to the SPASH health office at (715)345-7325. Medication must remain in the original labeled pharmacy container. Other prescription medication forms may be acceptable if they include the required information listed in the SPAPSD medication policy.

Over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, Tums and throat lozenges can be provided and administered in the SPASH health room if the school's Over the Counter Medication Permission Form has been completed and signed by a parent/guardian for this school year.

Non-prescription medication provided by the parent/guardian can be administered to your student if a Non-Prescription Medication Permission Form is completed and signed by the parent/guardian.

All health condition forms, medication forms and the District's medication policy will be available during registration week at SPASH. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the SPASH Health Office at 715-345-5400 select 3 for the Health Office.



2022-2023 BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

Student bus information will be accessed online. Letters/cards will not be mailed. Accurate route information will be available online the week before school starts. Use the following link: <https://versatransweb05.tylertech.com/StevensPoint/elinkrp/Welcome.aspxhttps://www.pointschools.net/Page/5388>

This will take you to the Versatrans Elink page where you put in your username and password, which is the same as the MyStop app. If you do not know it, please call the Transportation Office at (715)345-5477. If your student does not need transportation and had it last year, please call transportation to cancel it. If you moved to a new address, you will need to sign-up for transportation as students are no longer added to routes.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the Transportation Office at 715-345-5477 or email Karen Adams kaadams@pointschools.net or Tammy Barker tbarker@pointschools.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

General supplies (folders, notebooks, pens and pencils) are needed for classes at SPASH. Any specific items needed for courses will be communicated to students on the first day of school.



BACK TO SCHOOL CALCULATOR

The math department at SPASH strongly recommends that students taking any math classes have their own two-line scientific calculator. We recommend the Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS or Casio FX-115ES models. Both are priced around \$15. These calculators allow students to see what they entered in the first line of the display, while at the same time being able to see the solution in the second line. These calculators may be used on the math portion of the ACT, PSAT and SAT exams.

Some calculators such as the TI-Multiview, the Casio FX-115ES or graphing calculators offer functions that would not be allowed during certain tests in math classes at SPASH. Students with those types of calculators would be required to use a different calculator for some tests. When it is necessary for students to use a graphing calculator, those calculators will be provided to the student for classroom use.

If you are interested in purchasing a graphing calculator, the math department recommends the TI-Nspire CXII. This calculator may be used on the ACT exam. Do not purchase the CAS version of the TI-Nspire as it is not allowed on the ACT and other standardized tests. Students in AP Calculus and AP Statistics are strongly encouraged to purchase a graphing calculator of their own. The AP Calculus and AP Statistics exam questions are specifically written such that students must use a graphing calculator to determine the correct solution.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Every student will be given a SPASH planner the first day of school. The cost of the planner is included in your student's fees. The SPASH Student Planner includes school policy, general information, school calendars and a personal assignment and weekly scheduling section. All students should plan to start their year off right by using their planner. Developing a lifelong skill of recording needed information, completing tasks, scheduling important calendar dates and managing time can begin right now with the SPASH Planner. Persons who complete assignments and tasks by using proper time management find they are less stressed in their daily lives. Students need to develop those same skills.

SPASH DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Hour	Time
1	7:35 – 8:27
2	8:32 – 9:24
3	9:29 – 10:21
4	10:26 – 11:21 10:26 AM announcements
5A Class	11:26 – 12:18
5E Lunch	11:26 – 12:06
5B Class	12:11 – 1:03
5F Lunch	12:23 – 1:03
6	1:08 – 2:00
7	2:05 – 3:00 2:57 PM announcements

WHAT IS ADVISORY?

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) is a state-wide expectation that requires all students in 6-12th grade to receive academic and career planning services.

At SPASH, we facilitate ACP through Advisory, which is a weekly 20-minute class period that happens on **Wednesday mornings**. During Advisory, students are in class with peers of the same grade level and receive a dynamic curriculum which engages them in activities and experiences that will enhance their personal, academic and career related growth. Advisory also supports the delivery of consistent student communication while providing students the opportunity to form a meaningful relationship with a faculty Advisor and mentor.

Sophomore students follow a theme of “Get to Know Careers” and receive lessons based on Career Clusters, soft skills and future options. Junior students follow a theme of “Get to Know Yourself” and receive lessons based on personality, how to research careers, resumes, recommendation letters and ACT preparation. Senior students follow a theme of “Making Steps Toward the Future” and receive lessons based on scholarships, professionalism, labor market research, finances and interviews. Lessons are provided through Schoology and the full curriculum calendar can be found on the SPASH website under the Academic and Career Planning tab.

Advisory is facilitated by a SPASH faculty member and school counselors join classrooms each week to help deliver lessons and support students. The implementation of our Academic and Career Planning program district-wide is led by our ACP Coordinator, Gina Jordan.

SPASH ADVISORY SCHEDULE

Wednesday

Hour	Time
Teachers: PLCs/Instructional Teams Students: E-Learning	7:35 AM - 8:20 AM
1st Period	8:24 AM - 9:04 AM
2nd Period	9:08 AM - 9:48 AM
Advisory	9:52 AM - 10:12 AM
3rd Period	10:16 AM - 10:56 AM
4th Period	11:00 AM - 11:40 AM
5th Period Class A/Lunch E	11:44 AM - 12:24 PM
5th Period Class B/Lunch F	12:28 PM - 1:08 PM
6th Period	1:12 PM - 1:52 PM
7th Period	1:56 PM - 2:36 PM
Personal Learning Time Intervention, Enrichment, & Individual Teacher Support	2:40 PM - 3:00 PM

ATTENDANCE OFFICE: (715)345-5402

Attendance: Parents/guardians, please remember to call the attendance office when your student is out of school to report the nature of the absence. Due to the volume of calls received in the morning, you may get an answering machine. Please leave a message if possible. When leaving a message regarding an absence, please say and spell your student's name, indicate their grade and reason for the absence. Absences that are not excused within 48 hours will be recorded as unexcused truant.

Attendance is taken by the classroom teacher at the start of each hour. If a student is marked absent in one or more classes, our computer will automatically generate a phone call home

with a pre-recorded message. Students who miss more than five days per quarter may be required to provide documentation for their absences. Pre-approved absences or school related activities do not count toward the five absences. Excessive class absences jeopardize your student's ability to complete class requirements. Encourage your student to attend all classes.

Students Arriving Late or Leaving School During the Day: All students must check in the Attendance Office when they arrive late and check out if leaving during the school day. If your student needs to leave during the school day, please send them to school with a note stating what time they should leave. Your student should show the note to their teacher and take the note to the Attendance Office/North Office to sign out. Your student will be excused and you won't have to call or come into SPASH. They can meet you at your designated place. This policy is for the protection of your student. It is intended to allow us to account for all students at all times.

Student Messages: Please call the Main Office if you need to get a message to your student. Students with messages will be paged over the PA at the end of 3rd and 6th hour. Messages will not be sent to classrooms. The instructional time in the classroom simply cannot be subject to repeated interruptions due to non-emergency message contacts. If your message is an emergency it will be handled with an administrator who will see that the message is delivered and then return your call to confirm the message has been delivered. Thank you for your cooperation in this important SPASH curriculum policy procedure.

Forgotten Items at Home: Items forgotten at home can be dropped off at the greeter's desk located inside door #1 for your student to pick up at the desk. Items should be placed in a bag clearly labeled with the student's name.

Student Absence and Makeup Work: If your student is absent from school please have them check Schoology for missing assignments. If your student is absent for three (3) consecutive days or more due to illness and **cannot** access Schoology for missing assignments, please call the SPASH Counseling Office 715-345-5403 option 7 by 10:00am to request homework that would be available for pickup between 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the SPASH Counseling Office.

Pre-Arranged Absences (North Office): If you plan to have your student out of school for longer than three days, you must send a note the week prior to the absence with your student listing the specific dates and nature of the absence and submit this to the north office. Students will be given a "Prearranged Absence" form for teachers to complete and sign. A copy of the completed form will be sent home with the student so you will be aware of any homework or teacher concerns/comments. Students are responsible to make up any work missed during their absence.

Phone Calls from School: If you have missed a call from numbers identified as SPAPSD on your caller ID service, please understand that returning a call to this number will always result in reaching the Main Office. All outgoing calls from the classrooms and department offices will appear as (715)345-5400. If the original caller did not leave a message, the main office will be unable to assist you in locating the person who called. Calls that are made from the health office or main office will leave a message.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up: Student drop-off and pick-up before or after school must be made at the designated student location on the west side of the building behind the Life Skills Center. The north side (main entrance) is reserved for bus loading and unloading. For safety reasons we keep cars and buses separate.

During the school day students should be dropped off or picked-up at our main entrance (door #1). We appreciate your cooperation with this plan to keep all students safe.

SECURITY

The safety of all people in our school is a primary concern. In order to maintain as high a level of security as possible we employ a video camera system throughout the building. In addition, all staff members and students are required to wear a photo identification badge.

The District utilizes a school access system. The system operates as a video/audio intercom between an individual seeking access to the building and the office staff. Our school doors will be locked between 7:35 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Student access to the building can be gained at door 1 (main entrance) and door 30 (south commons) by using their school ID.

Remind your students to lock their vehicles when parking in the student parking lot. The SPASH Administration Team asks all students to join them in self-policing of the parking lot. Inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated by those who use the lot responsibly. License plate or parking permit numbers should be given to an administrator or called in to the main office if you notice inappropriate use of the parking lot. Parking is a privilege not a right.

FAMILY ACCESS & GRADEBOOK

We recognize that parents/guardians want to play an active role in their student's education. To make it easier for parents/guardians to stay involved, the Stevens Point Area School District provides parents/guardians with the ability to view student grades, attendance, schedules, and lunch account balances via the Internet, anytime, day or night.

The software that makes this possible is [Family Access](#) by Skyward. If parents/guardians choose to utilize Family Access, they will be able to obtain access to the software by visiting the SPASH website.

The Gradebook portion of Family Access is utilized by teachers at SPASH. This component allows parents/guardians to access their student's individual class grades eliminating the possibility of a surprise at report card time and improving parent/teacher communication. The software provides direct email links to each of a student's teachers using the gradebook program. This allows for quick questions to be asked and for information to be provided. When viewing student grades parents/guardians will see a list of assignments, dates, point values, and points earned. As teachers update grades (on a weekly basis) they may also include comments.

Parent/guardian interest in their student's education is important to student success. With Family Access it is more convenient for parents/guardians to keep up-to-date on their student's grades and communicate with teachers.

Parents/guardians may access this information by requesting a secure and private login and password. For more information on Family Access, contact the Main Office at (715)345-5400 ext. 41001.



CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices (including portable speakers, earbuds/earphones, and smartwatches) during instructional time is prohibited unless approved by the classroom teacher. Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off or muted during class and before entering offices or instructional spaces. A student may use an electronic device with the SPASH Our Time / Your Time Policy found in the SPASH Student Handbook or SPASH website.



SPASH COUNSELING OFFICE

The counseling office offers students ongoing opportunities to meet with their assigned school counselor regarding social/emotional, academic and career support. Get to know your counselor and the Career Center staff! They can help prepare for careers, college and life. Appointments can be made by calling the office or stopping in the Counseling Office or Career Center. Helpful information can be found on the SPASH website, under Our School, then Counseling Office.

If you need to contact the SPASH Counseling Office, please call 715-345-5403 press option 7. The counseling office staff services students alphabetically by last name as follows.

Ashley LaFond (Kuick), Counselor (students with last names A - D)

Lara Nugent, Counselor (students with last names E - J)

Jenny Greenwood (formerly Jenny Ries), Counselor (students with last names K - M)

Barb Wetzel, Counselor (students with last names N - So)

Nick Nugent, Counselor (students with last names Sp - Z)

Gina Jordan, ACP Coordinator/504 Counselor

Diane Tetzloff, Secretary

Course Change Requests may only be granted for students with:

- 1) Medical reasons impacting the need for the change
- 2) Computer error in their schedule (e.g. missing a class period)
- 3) Two study halls in one semester and none in the other
- 4) A schedule that is below the required amount of credits (6.0 credits: sophomores and juniors and 5.0 credits: seniors)
- 5) IEP or 504 Plan that requires modifications to be made
- 6) A class that is needed as a graduation requirement
- 7) Failure to meet a prerequisite
- 8) A course on their schedule that was completed in summer school
- 9) Conflict with an Early College Credit Program course or Start College Now course

Course Change Policies

- 1) Schedule change made day 1-5: No penalty
- 2) Schedule change made day 6-15: will result in a "W" or withdrawal that doesn't impact the grade point average but will be recorded on the transcript.
- 3) Schedule change made day 16 and after: will result in an "F" will be recorded on the transcript and factored into the grade point average.

Note to seniors planning on attending a four-year college: Prior to requesting a course change, you need to get permission from all colleges/universities that you applied to so that this change will not impact your admissions status. Universities have informed us that if you have received your acceptance and you change your schedule without their permission, they may rescind your acceptance. The course change window will open the week of registration (August 16 - 19). Families can submit requests through a designated Google form.

SPASH CAREER CENTER

The SPASH Career Center is an extension of the counseling office. The Career Center hours are Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 3:15 pm. Parents and students can stay up to date by following the SPASH Career Center on Facebook. Helpful Information can be found on the SPASH website, under Our School, then Career Center.

Career Center Office 715-345-5468
Brigitta Altmann-Austin, Assistant Principal/CTE Coordinator
Jill Nemeth, Career Center Advisor
Stacy Viau, Career Center Advisor

Opportunities in the Career Center

Youth Apprenticeship
College Application workshops
Resume Writing
Xello (Career Exploration)
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) assistance
Work Permits
Job Postings
Job Shadows
Career Conversations
Mock Interviews
Scholarship Workshops
College Admission Representatives



COMMUNICATION TOOLS

The focus of this newsletter is communication between home and school. One major concern parents/guardians have as their students enter high school is communication between school and home. To do so, we use the following communication channels:

1. **Skyward** Allows parents/guardians access to see: current grades in all classes, attendance, demographic information, lunch account balance, school messages and their child's schedule. From the schedule parents/guardians can link directly to a teacher's email.
2. **Student Planner** The planner is specifically designed for increased parent/guardian communication and enhanced study and organizational skills. Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor their student's planner either daily or weekly to keep abreast of assignments, projects and activities. The planner also outlines all school policies and school information.
3. **School Newsletter** The school newsletter is posted on our website monthly during the school year. The newsletter is designed to provide useful information regarding school programs and procedures as well as to highlight upcoming special events and special activities. Current newsletters will be posted on the SPASH [website](#).
4. **SPASH Website** Curriculum guides, athletic and club information, daily announcements, handbooks, department and homework information can all be easily and quickly assessed through our website www.pointschools.net.
5. **SPASH Facebook** News and information about current events and activities at SPASH is shared through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SPASH/
6. **Voicemail** parents/guardians have the opportunity to leave a voicemail for teachers and staff by calling the Main Office (715) 345-5400.
7. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are held twice a year (fall and spring).
8. **Email** Staff email addresses are located at our website www.pointschools.net.

FALL SPORTS PRACTICE OPENING DATES

Football	Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Girls Golf	Monday, August 8, 2022
Girls Tennis	Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Boys Cross Country	Monday, August 15, 2022
Girls Cross Country	Monday, August 15, 2022
Girls Volleyball	Monday, August 15, 2022
Girls Swimming	Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Boys Soccer	Monday, August 15, 2022
Pom & Dance	Monday, August 2, 2022
Cheer - Football	Monday, August 2, 2022
Girls Rugby (Non-WIAA)	Monday August 15, 2022

COACHING STAFF

Boys CC	Donn Behnke/Kevin Hopp
Girls CC	Mike Olson
Girls Golf	Mark Lesinski
Volleyball	Molly Williams
Girls Swim	Maggie Reilly
Football	Ryan Eigenberger
Girls Tennis	Michele O'Donnell
Boys Soccer	Derek Bell
Girls Rugby (non WIAA)	Carrie Diamond/Tim Wandtke
Cheer (FB)	Maddie Pape


New Online Ticketing for High School Events in the Wisconsin Valley Conference

Go to: www.spicket.events/wisconsinvalley to purchase tickets for:

Varsity Football
Varsity/JV Soccer, Hockey, Wrestling
Varsity/JV/JV2 Volleyball, Basketball

Passes are good for all home and away regular season conference games.

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Adult WVC Pass

This ADULT WVC pass entitles the holder to claim 1 ticket for each regular season HOME & AWAY game within the WVC schools during the 2022-2023 school year. ** This pass is not eligible for away non-conference events or WIAA post season events.

General Admission	\$90.00
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Family Up To 4 WVC Pass

This FAMILY of 4 WVC pass entitles the holder to claim 1 ticket for each member to each regular season HOME & AWAY game within the WVC schools during the 2022-2023 school year. ** This pass is not eligible for away non-conference events or WIAA post season events.

Family up to 4 members	\$250.00
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High School Student WVC Pass

This High School STUDENT WVC pass entitles the holder to claim 1 ticket for each regular season AWAY game within the WVC schools during the 2022-2023 school year. ** This pass is not eligible for away non-conference events or WIAA post season events. **ID may be required at the gate.

HS Student	\$25.00
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Co-Curricular Fees

It is important to note that the payment of fees for participation in activities does not assure an equal amount of participation by all participants at all levels. Though the District encourages as much fair and equal participation as possible for all children; there are some situations where the competitive nature of the activities may not allow for equal playing time.

Fee Structure

Grades 9-12 Co-Curricular Fee Schedule

Boy's Hockey	\$500
Baseball, Basketball (Boys and Girls), Football, Gymnastics, Soccer (Boys and Girls), Softball, Track & Field (Boys and Girls), Volleyball, Wrestling, Girl's Hockey	\$150
Swimming (Boys and Girls), Cross Country (Boys and Girls), Golf (Boys and Girls), Tennis (Boys and Girls)	\$100
Tennis (Boys and Girls)	
Cheer & Stunt (Co-Ed), Fall Play, Poms, Musical, Showtime	\$50
All other clubs & activities are included in the SPASH Student Activity Fee	\$50

Waivers, Reduced Fees, and Payment Options

There are four possible alternative fee payment plans:

- 1) Students qualifying for free lunch may request a fee waiver and/or participate in activities at no charge.
- 2) Students qualifying for reduced lunch may request a 50% fee waiver reduction and/or participate in activities with a 50% reduction of assessed fees.
- 3) Students not covered under a) or b) above, may request a payment plan to have fees paid by April 1st, and/or may request a payment plan of 2 or 3 installments over the course of each sport season or activity.
- 4) Families experiencing special financial hardship may request a waiver/reduction of fees by filing the form and attaching a statement of circumstances.
 - Fees for free and reduced participants will not be waived without a parent or guardian signing this form.
 - The district athletic director or principal will approve or deny payment plan requests and financial hardship requests for school sponsored athletics.
 - The principal will approve or deny payment plan requests and financial hardship requests

Refunds

If a student is no longer able to participate in an activity due to circumstances beyond his/her control, a refund may be requested.

Examples of requests for refunds that would be approved include:

- 1) A season ending injury in a sport or an activity that wouldn't permit further participation
- 2) A family who leaves the district part way through an athletic season or part way through the school year for a year-long club or activity
- 3) Participants that do not make a team as a result of the tryout process will receive a full refund.

Examples of requests for refunds that would not be approved include:

- 1) A student being removed from a team, club, or activity for academic or disciplinary reasons
- 2) A student being removed from a team, club, or activity for athletic code or club/activity rules violations
- 3) A student who voluntarily decides to no longer participate
- 4) Participants who complete at least 50% of a season will not qualify for a refund.

STATE & FEDERAL ANNUAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Asbestos Notification: Under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the AHERA Act is the requirement to annually notify all workers and building occupants (or their guardians) of asbestos-related activities. Beginning in 1988, all buildings owned, leased, or "under the control of" the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an

independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the School District prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for managing the asbestos. Where the asbestos-containing materials are found, the District has in place an Operations and Maintenance program. The District has accomplished the following compliance mandates regarding the administration of asbestos in school buildings: Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC) was contracted to be the school's consultant for asbestos. The District is continuing with the Operations and Maintenance Program as designed for the School District. This ensures that all asbestos materials are kept in good condition. The buildings are inspected by an accredited inspector every three years. All outside contractors shall contact the Lead Maintenance person before commencing work. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by contacting the school office. Questions related to this plan should be directed to the designated Asbestos Program Manager, Chris Budzinski (Building and Grounds Manager) who can be reached at 715-345-5518. Our goal at the District is to be in full compliance with asbestos regulations. It is our policy to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our students and our staff members.

Military Opt-Out Forms Available: For parents/guardians who do not want their child's directory data released to military branches, a "Military Opt-Out Form" can be [downloaded here](#) or from the SPASH Homepage under the Parents tab. This option is available as a part of the No Child Left Behind legislation. For the complete policy on Student Records, please go to the district webpage at www.pointschools.net, Board/School Board/Policies/347.

Image Opt Out Notice: The District may photograph, videotape and record audio files of students and their accomplishments for presentations in newsletters, web pages and/or the District's social media channels. Occasionally the media, either television and/or newspaper, will feature activities of individual students or groups of students who have excelled at a particular activity, and along with the story, will want to videotape and/or photograph students.

The District is proud of the tremendous accomplishments of our students, your children, and looks forward to sharing their successes with the larger community; however, we are also sensitive to the fact that for reasons unique to each family, it may not be wise for pictures of students to appear in any media.

If you do NOT want your student's image (video, photo, and/or audio) to be displayed, please send a letter stating the same to the Superintendent's Office in writing by September 19, 2022:

**Superintendent's Office
Bliss Educational Services
Center 1900 Polk Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

Please be advised that this notice is only intended to address consent related to photographing, filming and/or videotaping conducted by the District, its officers, employees, agents, and/or representative. This non- permission will be in effect until revoked in writing by the parent/guardian.

Additionally, please inform your student of your desire so that they may assist us in fulfilling your request. Be aware that if a student is involved in a high-profile activity, or is a public figure by choice (such as athletics or student council), it is likely he/she will be photographed and/or videotaped. Also, because the school and grounds are relatively public places, we cannot guarantee that your student's image will never appear as part of an incidental crowd photo or video. For more information, please reference Board Policy.

We value your family's right to privacy and look forward to communicating the accomplishments of students in the upcoming year.

Nondiscrimination, Anti-Harassment, & Anti-Bullying: The district is committed to maintaining a policy of non-discrimination in all aspects of the district's operations. Acts of discrimination will not be tolerated. The district is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free from any form of harassment, including, but not limited to bullying and sexual harassment. The district is committed to maintaining a policy of equal opportunity for students in curricular, co-curricular, student services, and other programs operated by the district. The district is committed to maintaining a policy of equal opportunity in all personnel matters and procedures. It is the intent of the district to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain that discrimination, including bullying and harassment, does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations.

Non Discrimination: The Stevens Point Area Public School District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law in the educational programs or activities which it operates or in employment practices. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the district's pupil services office by calling (715)345-5454.

Sexual Harassment: It is the policy of the Stevens Point Area Public Schools/Ben Franklin to maintain an educational environment that is free of sexual harassment. To assist students in becoming aware of this policy, a shortened version, along with examples of unacceptable conduct, has been placed in their handbook and posted in each classroom. In addition, individuals have been designated to assist students in reporting violations of this policy. Please assist us in implementing this policy by reviewing it in your student's assignment notebook, which is provided to your student on the first day of school. If you have any questions about the Sexual Harassment Policy or wish to obtain a copy of it, please contact the Main Office.

Student Alcohol & Other Drug Use: In order to establish and maintain a drug free educational environment, students of the Stevens Point Area Public School District shall not knowingly

possess, use, distribute, sell or be under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, and other mind altering chemicals as defined by Wisconsin Statutes and local laws while on school property or during school sponsored activities. Substances classified or presented as “look-alikes” shall be considered and responded to as if they were, in fact, the actual chemicals. Students violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with established procedures. Use of a drug authorized in accordance with a medical prescription from a registered physician for use during school hours shall not be considered a violation of this policy used in accordance with the physician's directions and by the individual for whom it was prescribed.

Student Privacy: Activities involving collection, disclosure or use of personal information, for marketing or selling information. The administration of any survey containing information related to: political affiliations, mental and psychological problems, sex behavior, illegal, and anti-social, - see WI statute for complete .S.C. 1232(h)

For complete policy notices, please go to: www.pointschools.net and click on the parents/guardian tab and select annual notices.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2022-2023

Aug. 15 – Senior Registration Date 7:30am – Noon & 1- 4pm
Aug. 16 – Junior Registration Date 7:30am – Noon & 1 – 4pm
Aug. 17 – Sophomore Registration Date 7:30am – Noon & 1 – 4pm
Aug. 18 – Make-up Registration Date (all grades) 3 – 7pm
Sept. 1 – First Day of School – **sophomores & new students ONLY**
Sept. 2 – No School
Sept. 5 – Labor Day – No School
Sept. 6 – First Day of School – all grades
Sept. 6 – Class Ring Order Forms available in the Main Office
Sept. 6 – Back to School Night 6:00 – 7:30pm
Sept. 19-23 – Homecoming Week
Sept. 20 – SPASH Picture Day, 10am – 1:30pm, auditorium
Sept. 21 – Mr. SPASH 7pm Field House
Sept. 23 – Homecoming Parade @ noon
Sept. 24 – Homecoming Dance 7:30 – 11:30pm
Sept. 28 – College Planning Meeting 5:30 – 6:30pm
 - Financial Aid Night 7:00 – 8:00pm
Sept. 30 – Deadline to order class rings
Oct. 12 – PSAT @ UWSP 7:35am
Oct. 18 – Picture Retakes – auditorium 10am – 1:15pm
Oct. 18 – Choir Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
Oct. 20 – Orchestra Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
Oct. 22 – ACT @ SPASH 8am
Oct. 25 – Winter Sports Meeting – 6:30pm
Oct. 27-28 – Professional Development Day – No School (E-Learning Day)
Nov. 4 – End of 1st quarter
Nov. 4 – Fall Play, auditorium – 7:00pm
Nov. 5 – Fall Play, auditorium – 7:00pm



Nov. 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 11am – 7pm – no school
 Nov. 15 – Jazz Band Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
 Nov. 17 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4 – 8pm
 Nov. 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break
 Dec. 1 - Jostens @ SPASH – Senior Meeting - Graduation Order Information
 Dec. 6 – ASVAB, auditorium - 7:30am – Noon
 Dec. 7 – Professional Development Day – No School (E-Learning Day)
 Dec. 13 – Choir Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
 Dec. 15 - Orchestra Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
 Dec. 20 – Band Concert – auditorium – 7:30pm
 Dec. 26 – Jan. 2 – Holiday Break – no school
 Jan. 3 – School Reconvenes
 Jan. 4 – Elective Showcase 4:30 – 6:00pm
 – Incoming Sophomore Parent Night 6:00 – 7:00pm
 Jan. 6 – Deadline to Order Graduation Cap/Gown Materials
 Jan. 19 – End of 1st Semester
 Jan. 20 – Recordkeeping Day – E-Learning Day
 Jan. 26-28 - SPASH Musical
 Feb. 9 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00pm
 Feb. 16 - Jazz Night at the Moose 5:30pm
 Feb. 17 – Professional Development Day – No School (E-Learning Day)
 Feb. 18 – Winter Formal
 Feb. 27 - Spring Sports Meeting 6:30pm
 Mar. 4 - District Solo Ensemble
 Mar. 7 - ACT - Juniors only 7:30am - 12:30pm
 Mar. 8 – Professional Development Day – No School (E-Learning Day)
 Mar. 9 - Choir Concert 7:30pm
 Mar. 13 - Band Concert 7:30pm
 Mar. 14 – Orchestra Concert 7:30pm
 Mar. 15 - Career Fair 2 - 7pm
 March 20-24 - Spring Break
 April 4 - District Jazz Concert 7:30pm
 April 6 – Professional Development Day – No School (E-Learning Day)
 April 7 - No School - Good Friday
 April 22 - Prom
 May 1-12 - AP Exams
 May 4-6 – Showtime 7pm
 May 8 - Academic Awards Night 7pm
 May 11 - Orchestra Concert 7:30pm
 May 8 – Athletic Awards 7:30pm
 May 16 - Choir Concert 7:30pm
 May 24 - Band Concert 7:30pm
 May 26 - Graduation Rehearsal 8am
 May 28 - Graduation 1pm
 May 29 - No School
 June 2 - Last Day of School





Dear Parent/Guardian:

Several important changes are happening this school year. Please read this letter carefully and contact the Food Service Office if you have any questions.

Universal free meals through the federal government have expired. However, for this school year only, the Food Service Department will provide universal free breakfast to *ALL* students and free lunch to any student who qualifies for *free or reduced price meals*!

All families are encouraged to apply for free & reduced price school meals. One meal application affects many areas, such as increased federal funding to support education, technology, and internet access. Families who qualify for free or reduced price meals also qualify for discounted school fees or fee waivers, scholarship opportunities and discounted fees for SAT, ACT, and AP Tests.

Applications can be completed online through Skyward Family Access after August 1st. A paper application can also be obtained from your school office, by contacting the Food Service Office, or by downloading an application from the district website; www.pointschools.net at Departments >Food Service >Free/Reduced Meal Applications. When completing an application, please complete all requested information on the application, sign it, and return it to your school office, or the Food Service Office, as soon as possible. Incomplete applications will be returned and, therefore, take longer to process. **If you receive a “Notice of Direct Certification” for the current school year, please do not fill out an application unless you feel you may qualify for a better benefit.**

Students will once again use their Personal Identification Number (PIN) during meal service to make service lines run quicker. PIN numbers can be found in Skyward Family Access under Food Service. Food Service Cashiers are always available and happy to assist our students!

The Stevens Point Area Public School District participates in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program. All students grades **K-5** who are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are also eligible to receive free milk during milk break. Any student who does not qualify to receive free milk may pay \$30.00 per semester to participate. Milk fees are due by September 9th, 2022 for the first semester and January 20th, 2023 for the second semester.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Food Service Office by emailing foodservices@pointschools.net or by calling 715-345-5435.

Sincerely,

Lori Epstein
Food Service Manager
Stevens Point Area Public School District

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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