



## YOU CAN'T HIDE SPECTRUM PRIDE!



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### Important News!

#### Christmas

Families you may bring in treats, store bought only for your child to share on Thursday, December 15.

#### Transportation Update

Please remember that when it snows to allow some extra time for the drivers. If there is a snow day we will follow Lorain. If they cancel we will as well. If your child is transported by Elyria bus and they close for the day there will be no transportation for your child that day. We will not count them as absent if they are a bus student.

#### Graduation

The date for Graduation has changed and will now be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 12pm. The last day of school is still June 8th. Seniors last day will be June 5th - the day of graduation.

### A message from our Principal...

As we conclude 2022, and break for the winter holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make Spectrum an amazing place to be. This school year has brought many new things, new management, new staff, new curriculum, new technology, new furniture, a new PBIS system. I'm the face of all of these things. I have seen staff and our families rise in the face of challenges we faced as we have worked tirelessly to continue to improve services to our families. Above all I have witnessed families support our school in ways that I have never seen before. Parents have brought treats on kindness day and for Thanksgiving day to help bare the cost of these events. Parents, families and community members participated in our first ever round table at disability awareness night and it was a beautiful discussion. As we prepare to plan events for the rest of the year I want to initiate a small parent group. I know many of you have been asking to be part of it. My plan is to hold a monthly meeting (in person or virtually) and work collaboratively with the teachers to prepare for events like Skate night in February, the Art Show, Drama productions, Easter and Spring celebrations, Field day, Prom and graduation. If you are interested in helping on the parent group can you please email me at [jaclynsmolinski@spectrum-school.com](mailto:jaclynsmolinski@spectrum-school.com).

Thank you for continuing to entrust us with your most precious gift, your children. I am grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, resourceful and resilient students, families and staff for continuing to build a great program for our students. Often, they make us laugh, sometimes they make us cry, but always they make us think. Most of all, they make us better.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school.

Respectfully,

Jaclyn Smolinski, Principal and Director of Operations



### Join Us for Breakfast with Santa!

Enjoy breakfast and crafts, and visit with Santa!

Saturday, December 10th  
9:00- 11:00 am  
at the Antler's  
300 Washington Ave  
Lorain, OH 44052





## December Spirit Week!



MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH - MAD ABOUT PLAID

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL OR PLAID!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - HOLIDAY HAIR, DON'T CARE

WEAR A FESTIVE HAT OR HAIR ACCESSORY, AND/OR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SOCKS!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH - GRINCH DAY  
WEAR AS MUCH GREEN AS YOU CAN, OR DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CHARACTER!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - POLAR EXPRESS DAY  
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY PAJAMAS, OR YOUR FAVORITE REGULAR PAJAMAS!



## Upcoming Events!

Saturday 12/10  
Breakfast with Santa  
9am - 11am @ The Antlers  
300 Washington Ave  
Lorain, OH 44052



Monday 12/12-Thursday 12/15  
Spirit Week

Friday 12/16 - Monday 1/1  
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL





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### A message from our Social Worker...

Hey Families!

With the new year approaching, what better time to set new goals? A vision board is great way to put those aspirations into motion.

What is a vision board?

A vision board is a collage of images and words representing a family's wishes or goals, intended to serve as inspiration or motivation.

How can my family participate?

Together, reflect on the upcoming year. Jot down ideas of plans. Use magazines, photos, quotes and sayings to make a visual support to putting the resolutions into action. Paste the images on a poster board.

Where should I put the finished product?

Display the project where it will be easily seen, This will definitely be a conversation starter for visitors, and accountability for those who contributed to the plan.

Feel free to email pictures, can't wait to see!

Tis the season,

Ms. Shatela Evans, LSW

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### A message from Gail

Remember to ask for a new lunch application if anything has changed since the beginning of the year. Changes in job status, income, a new family member etc... can affect your child's lunch status.

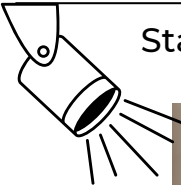
Applications are always available. Call 440-654-4174 and I will make sure one gets home to you in your child's bookbag.

### A message from Gladys

Thank you to all the parents that keep in touch with me about their children's absences and doctor's appointments. Staying in touch helps me help you.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Staff Spotlight!



#### Ryan Caswell

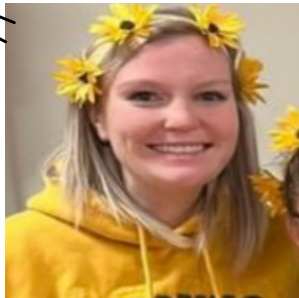


Mr. Ryan was nominated by his coworkers because he always goes above and beyond in the classroom. He truly cares about his students. He also has the patience of a saint. This is Mr Ryan's 8th year working for Spectrum. When he has free time he is a gamer.

"Mr. Ryan always goes above and beyond in the classroom. He truly cares about his students. He also has the patience of a saint"

" Mr. Ryan is my hero."

" Mr. Ryan will accomplish what is asked of him. He also keeps his sense of humor."



Paige Green

Ms. Paige was nominated by her coworkers because is constantly supporting everyone on the floor! This is Paige's 3rd year working at Spectrum. In her spare time she likes to spend time with her husband.

"Ms. Paige truly knows and loves each of her students and it shows each day in her interactions with them."

"Paige is always available to help when asked."



Derek Baker

Mr. Derek was nominated by his coworkers because goes beyond everyday helping out staff and students. This is Mr Derek's 2nd year working for Spectrum. When he has free time he likes to sleep!

"You Rock Derek"

"Derek is my go to person. If something needs to be done he will get the task completed with a smile on his face"