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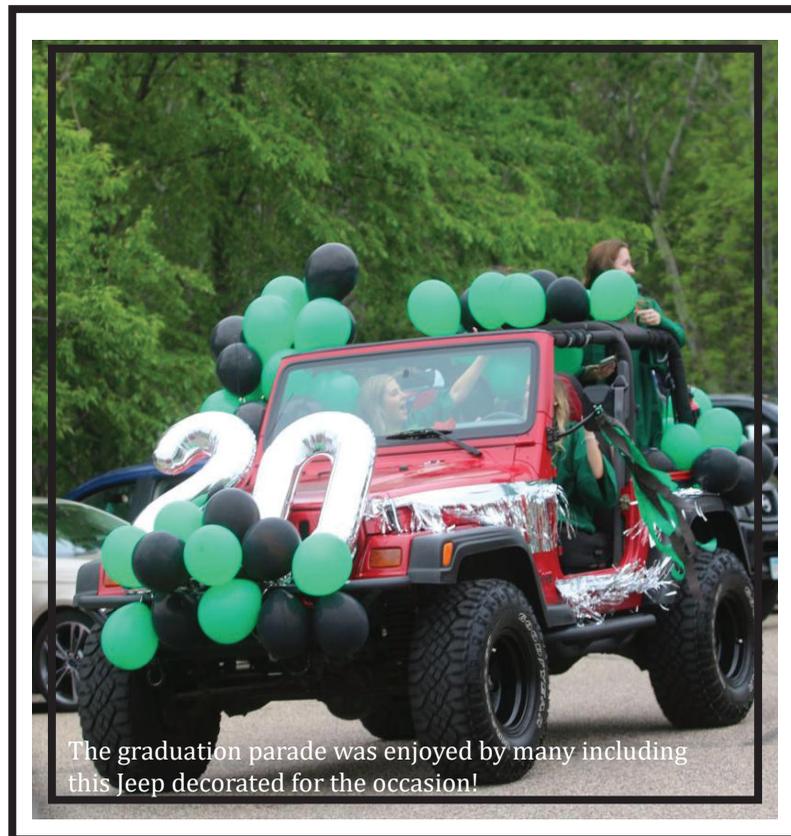
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The graduation parade was enjoyed by many including this Jeep decorated for the occasion!

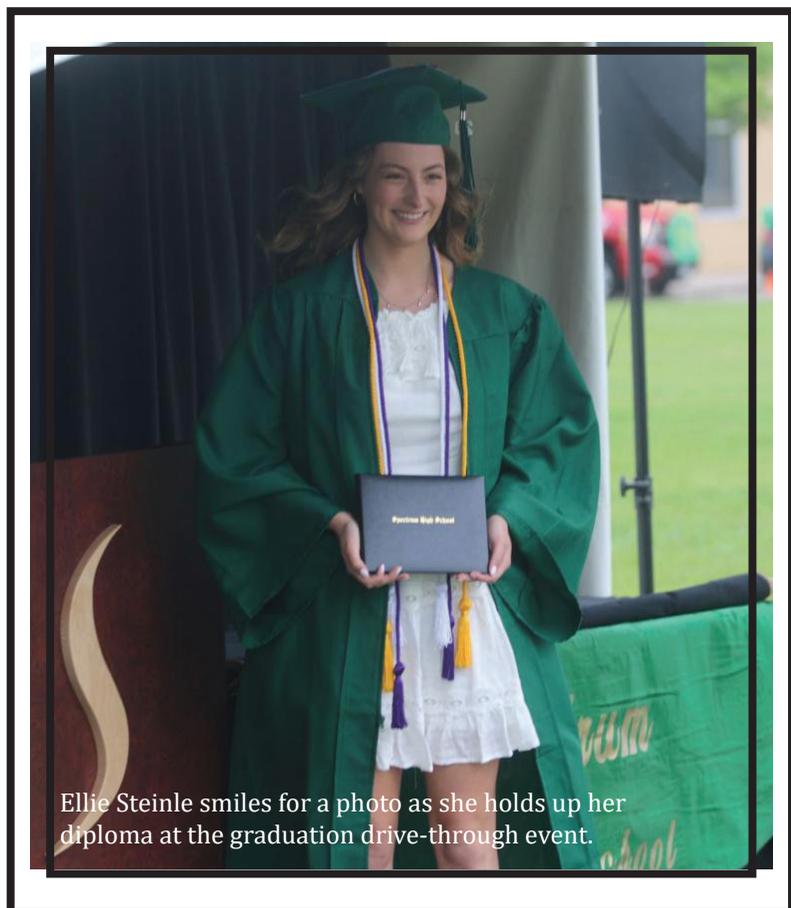
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Ellie Steinle smiles for a photo as she holds up her diploma at the graduation drive-through event.

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## Fall 2020 Outlook

COVID 19 caused the world to approach many areas of their lives differently. For schools, this included the way education is delivered and received. In addition, Spectrum has been planning for and implementing new ways of cleaning and sanitizing, the physical layout of classrooms, lunchrooms, and large meeting spaces to encourage social distancing, and the way we deliver meals and transportation. Each of these will likely look a little different in the fall.



Guidance on planning for the fall will be clarified by the Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health during the summer, at which point Spectrum will finalize its plans and communicate with staff, students, and the community. Things may look and feel a little different to ensure our number one priority of keeping people safe. While Spectrum is hopeful that students and staff will safely be allowed back on campus full-time in the fall, the school is also preparing to continue with distance learning or some type of hybrid approach, if required to do so.

## Highlight on Distance Learning

Distance learning at Spectrum, as with all schools across Minnesota, has been challenging. Teachers, administration, and staff poured themselves into organizing content, developing policies, and finding new and innovative ways to support students and families from a distance. Students had to learn new ways of learning, develop new motivations and self-discipline, and find ways to remain connected to their teachers and friends. Parents and other family members had to rearrange many aspects of their lives to support, encourage, and motivate their children toward success while dealing with many other factors affecting their lives and families.

Spectrum is extremely appreciative to its families, students, teachers, staff, and administration for all of the work done to make distance learning as successful as possible under the circumstances this spring. We are so grateful for the sacrifices people have made and the positive way people took in approaching a difficult situation. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are looking forward to the time when we can all meet back on campus and can continue to encourage and educate our students – in person!

## Volunteer Hours Recap and Summary

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the many volunteers that have helped to create such a welcoming and friendly atmosphere at Spectrum. We are grateful for the generous contributions of time, effort, and finances that have benefited so many functions of the school, which include:

- Conference Meals and Treats
- Daily Lunch Servers
- Athletic Events/Concessions/Tickets and Meals
- Theater Contributions
- Monetary Contributions
- Book Fair
- Treats for Fine Arts Events and Dances
- Chaperoning Field Trips and Dances

These are just a handful of the many different areas of the school that have been supported by you. Research indicates that students' success in school is often tied to the academic support and involvement of their parents/guardians, **and this year we have accumulated a grand total of 3,469.32 hours of volunteer time!** Again, our sincere thanks for the generosity of each family that gave of themselves in volunteer hours this year! For questions regarding volunteering, please contact Janice Dammeier, Volunteer Coordinator, at [jdammeier@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:jdammeier@spectrumhighschool.org).

# CLASS OF 2020

## Accomplishments & Recognition

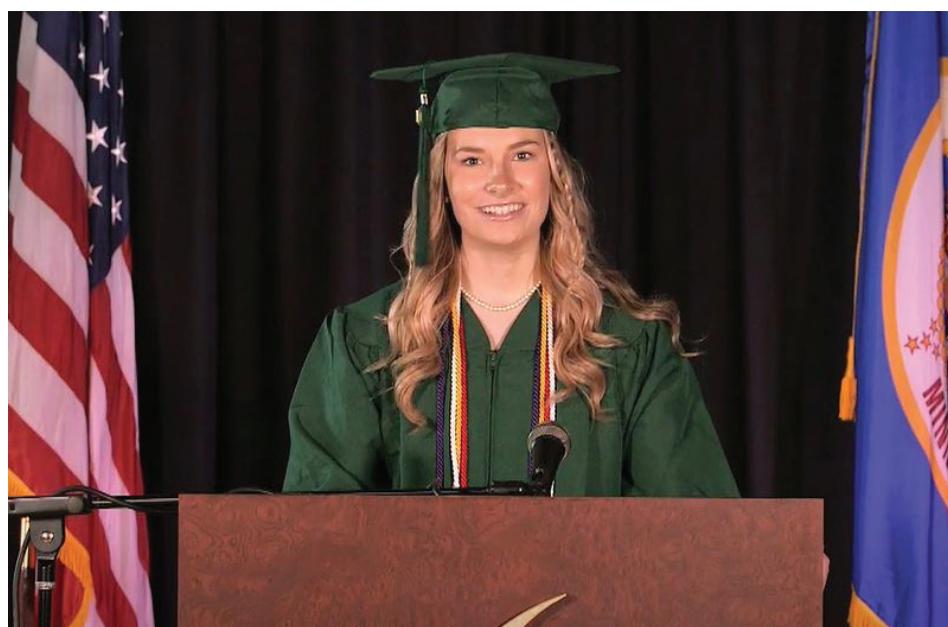
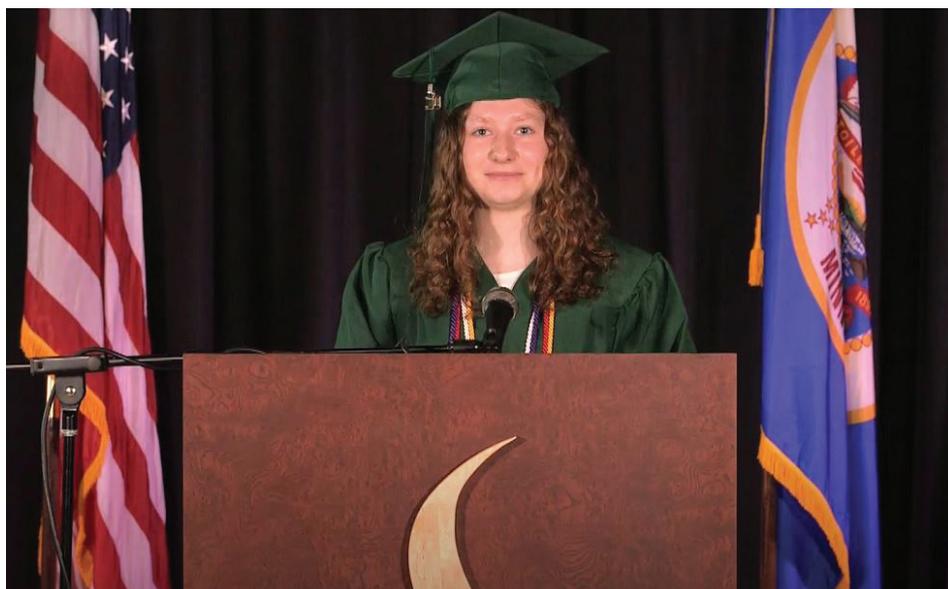
Spectrum's graduating class of 2020 saved over \$905,000 dollars by taking advantage of the high school's C@SH courses!

We are proud to announce the Spectrum Class of 2020, where 64 out of 74, or 86.5%, earned at least 1 college credit over the course of their high school career for a total of 2,683. Based on the average cost of tuition at a public college in the United States, this is a savings of nearly \$905,000 to our students and their families!

The following seniors earned more than 40 credits: *Kaylee Betzler, Kelly Blancett, Earl Foster, Jonathan Gertz, Maggie Heino, KayLee Johnson, Audrey Kotek, Max Lawrence, Katherine Lemcke, Caleb Rogers, Ellie Steinle, Anna Suiter, Cameron Sundstrom, Tate Thein, and Abby Thompson*

These seniors completed all of the curriculum requirements of 45 credits within specific goal areas to earn the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum: *Tristan Christaansen, Lynnnda Haben, and Noah Schlueter*

Spectrum's Class of 2020 had fifteen graduates who earned an Associate of Arts degree concurrent with their high school diploma. In order to achieve this distinction, students are required to complete over 60 college credits within specific goal areas. This year's recipients are: *McKenzie Alders, Elise Berry, Isabella Dorval, Natalie Duerr, Julia Fahrner, Carter Hansen, Andrew Hattling, Hailey May, Noah Ritter, Nicole Sagstetter, Noah Schaber, Grayden Snyder, Alexis Wallace, Camille Wilder, and Lauren White.*



Photos provided by Clint H.

**Congratulations to  
Spectrum's  
Class of 2020 –  
we are proud of you!**

*Isabella Dorval (top) is class  
Valedictorian, and McKenzie Alders  
(bottom) is Salutatorian.*

# Spectrum's Graduation Ceremony



Spectrum had the honor of having Representative Eric Lucero as the keynote speaker for this year's graduation ceremony.

Emotions were high as students decorated their vehicles in school colors and paraded around the Spectrum campuses, led by local police (with siren blaring), to cheering crowds! It was a joyous occasion to celebrate our seniors, while also seeing many of the staff, families, and students for the first time in over two months.

The evening of May 21<sup>st</sup> was capped off by the 2020 Spectrum Virtual Graduation Ceremony – enjoyed by graduates with their families from the comfort of their homes. The ceremony included speeches from McKenzie Alders (salutatorian), Isabella Dorval (valedictorian), and our keynote speaker, Representative Eric Lucero. It also included special virtual performances by our Spectrum band and chamber choir, recognition of achievements, honoring graduates by name, and the turning of tassels.

While the Spectrum Class of 2020 graduation plans were not typical – families, staff, and students made the best of the limitations with a parade, an outdoor stage walk, and a virtual ceremony.

At the end of the parade route, graduates had the opportunity to walk across an outdoor stage while their name was read over a loudspeaker by Mr. Leland (High School Principal), where many were greeted by their family and had their picture taken.

Congratulations Class of 2020! – and thank you to everyone who made time to come out, congratulate, and celebrate our seniors!

## Spectrum High School Celebrates 2020 Scholarship Recipients

Class of 2020 seniors completed their Senior Capstone Legacy projects and presentations during fall semester. In January, students presented the outcomes of their community service by either a traditional presentation, a video montage, or a recorded TED talk. Judges selected the top presenters in the 3 categories. These students will receive scholarship awards funded by First Bank Elk River.

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### First Bank Elk River Senior Scholarship Recipients

#### Traditional Presentation

<b>McKenzie Alders</b>	
<b>Nicole Sagstetter</b>	<b>\$300</b>
	<b>\$200</b>

#### Video Montage

<b>Kaylee Johnson</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Bethanie Hinkley</b>	<b>\$200</b>

#### TED Talk

<b>Kelly Blancett</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Steven Morse</b>	<b>\$200</b>

Additional seniors were selected through Spectrum High School’s application process to receive scholarship awards. The following students received awards from community organizations.

<u>Student</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Community Organization</u>
Martha Bergley	\$1,000	Elk River Rotary Club
Isabella Dorval	\$1,000	Three Rivers Community Foundation
Isaiah Drew	\$500	Rogers Lions Club
Natalie Duerr	\$1,000	Zimmerman Fire Department
Andrew Hattling	\$1,000	The Bank of Elk River
Will Koch	\$520	First Bank Elk River
Kiera Larson	\$1,000	Lucas Consulting
Katie Lemcke	\$2,000	Elk River Lions Club
Noah Schaber	\$1,500	Ramsey Lions Club
Camille Wilder	\$500	Rogers Lions Club

Spectrum wishes to express our deepest gratitude to all of the community organizations for partnering with the school to support our students’ post secondary plans.

## SPECTRUM DISTRICT CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS



We are thankful for the staff, students, and parents who made time to complete the 2019-2020 Climate Survey this year. Climate Survey results help the school to get a snapshot of our successes and areas where we can focus our improvement efforts. The summaries from our 2019-2020 Student, Parent, and Staff Climate Survey results are included following this article. The results were reviewed by the School Improvement Team/World’s Best Workforce Committee as well as the Spectrum School Board in April and provide information for administration as we work to continually improve our programs and services.

### Spectrum Middle School STUDENT Climate Survey

#### **Highlights** (90% to 100% Agree or Strongly Agree)

- Spectrum provides challenging curriculum and learning experiences
- Spectrum’s teachers explain their expectations for their classes
- Spectrum’s teachers keep my family and me informed on how I am doing in school
- I treat adults at Spectrum with respect

- I feel like Spectrum's staff and teachers treat me with respect
- Spectrum's teachers are willing and available to help when I need it
- Spectrum is a safe place for me to learn
- I respect school property
- Spectrum's teachers use current technology to help me learn
- Spectrum's teachers encourage me to stay organized
- I offer to help other students when needed

#### **Possible Areas of Focus**

- Expanding extracurricular opportunities
- Expanded opportunities through the counseling department in response to student needs
- Building connections with students

#### **Spectrum High School STUDENT Climate Survey**

##### **Highlights** *(90% to 100% Agree or Strongly Agree)*

- Spectrum provides challenging curriculum and learning experience
- I treat adults at Spectrum with respect
- I respect school property

#### **Possible Areas of Focus**

- Opportunities for student ownership and input
- Expanding extracurricular opportunities
- Building connections with students
- Expanded opportunities through the counseling department in response to student needs
- Continue developing and refining the Service Learning program

#### **Spectrum PARENT Climate Survey**

The top 5 reasons parents/students choose to attend Spectrum are:

1. Small class sizes (177 responses)
2. High academic standards (170 responses)
3. Small school population (164 responses)
4. College courses offered on campus (129 responses)
5. Positive climate and culture (111 responses)

##### **Highlights** *(90% to 100% Agree or Strongly Agree)*

- Spectrum meets my expectations by providing opportunities that support college readiness
- Spectrum meets my expectations by offering learning opportunities through technology
- Spectrum meets my expectations by offering learning opportunities that support community outreach

- Spectrum meets my expectations in regards to maintaining high expectations for students
- Spectrum provides information about my child's progress and grades that is easy to access
- Spectrum meets my expectations regarding maintaining a safe learning environment for my student(s)
- My student receives a quality education at Spectrum
- Spectrum's teachers are approachable
- Spectrum's teachers are accessible
- Spectrum's administration is approachable
- Spectrum administration is accessible
- Spectrum's school counseling department staff are approachable

#### **Possible Areas of Focus**

- Expanded opportunities through the counseling department in response to student needs

#### **Spectrum STAFF Climate Survey**

**Highlights** (*90% to 100% Agree or Strongly Agree*)

- Spectrum's administration listens to my concerns regarding my classroom or job
- Spectrum effectively communicates with me regarding work-related information
- Spectrum provides the materials/resources needed for me to do my job
- Spectrum provides the technology needed to integrate technology into the classroom
- I enjoy working at Spectrum
- Spectrum maintains a positive reputation in the community
- Spectrum provides a quality education
- Spectrum's staff and teachers are respectful to students
- Spectrum's students are respectful to staff and teachers
- Spectrum meets my expectations regarding facilities that contribute to a safe environment

#### **Possible Areas of Focus**

- Continue developing and refining the Service Learning program

# Spectrum Fine Arts

## Band & Choir Contests

### Band Contest Results

On Monday, February 10, 2020, fifteen Spectrum Wind Ensemble members participated in the *Minnesota State High School League Solo and Ensemble Contest* in Victoria. Out of the fifteen students, there were nine events total (1 flute trio, 1 flute duet, 1 brass quintet, 1 bass solo, 1 trumpet solo, 3 alto saxophone solos, and 1 snare solo). Out of these nine events, 7 of them received a Superior Rating, and 2 of them received an Excellent Rating. To date, this is the largest number of students who have chosen to participate in the contest.

Those students who earned a **Superior Rating** are: *Isabella Dorval* - Alto Saxophone Solo; *Steven Morse* - Alto Saxophone Solo; *Reece Fish* - Alto Saxophone Solo; *Jonah Hertaus* - Bass Guitar Solo; *Brendan Schroeder* - Trumpet Solo ; *Alia Hitchcock*, *Alexis Israelson*, *Holly Ponto* - Flute Trio; and *Katarina Kotek*, *Vanessa Jasso-Hernandez* - Flute Duet

Those students who earned an **Excellent Rating** are: *Samantha Morrison* - Snare Solo; *Brendan Schroeder* and *Elias Aberra* (trumpet), *Kristen Borchert* (french horn), *Austin Aldrich* (trombone), *Kanishka Wijeratne* (tuba) - Brass Quintet

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the Spectrum Wind Ensemble attended the *Minnesota State High School League Large Group Contest* at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School and received an overall **Superior Rating**, which is the highest score a group can receive! Spectrum's Wind Ensemble continues to carry on the tradition of excellence, as this is the fourth year in a row they have received this score. Achieving such a distinction is no small feat, and requires the dedication and hard work of everyone. The Wind Ensemble had been preparing for this event since last December.

The Minnesota State High League Music Contests and Festivals are an integral part of a child's music education and are for raising the standards of performance. Contests and festivals offer the opportunity to perform and/or compete where comparative accomplishment may be observed, critiqued, and evaluated by competent judges. From the results of these judgments, schools may realize their strength and/or weaknesses and use this information to better prepare for future rehearsals and events.



Photo provided by Clint H.

The band did a virtual performance of *Pomp & Circumstance* during the graduation ceremony for the class of 2020



Photo provided by Clint H.

Chamber choir performed the song "My Companion" during Spectrum's 2020 virtual graduation ceremony.

### Choir Contest Results

On February 26, 2020, the Spectrum High School Choir students and their director Mrs. Bird attended the MSHSL Large Group Choir Contest in Howard Lake, MN. At large group contest, high school choirs perform 1-3 choral pieces, work directly with a licensed vocal judge for feedback, and receive a score based on their performance. The Spectrum Choir had the opportunity to watch several high school choirs perform from the surrounding 5A region before also giving a performance for feedback.

For their performance, the Spectrum High School Choir sang two contrasting pieces, including "Shut De Do," arranged by Mark Hayes, and "Requiem," arranged by Eliza Gilkyson. "Shut De Do" is an energetic work that features call and response vocal lines with an upbeat, latin rhythm. In contrast, "Requiem" is a song of grief written in response to the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2004.

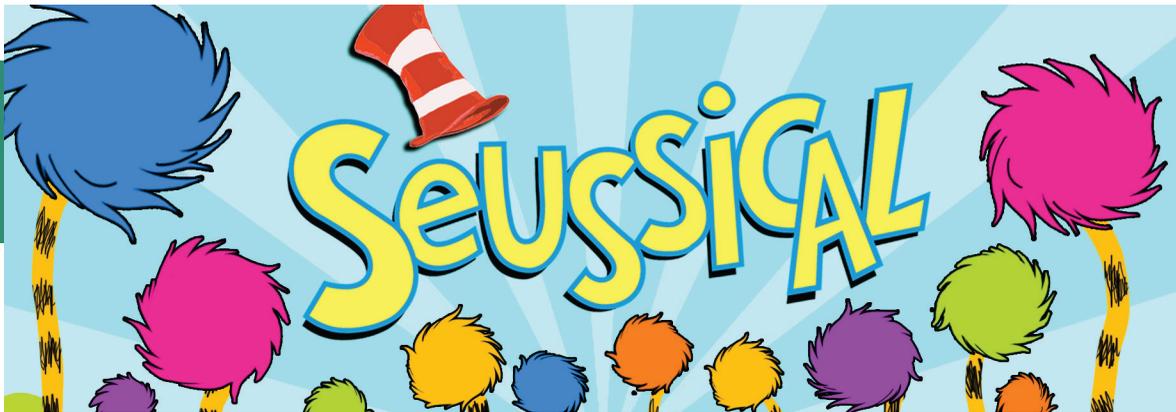
Students had the privilege of working with judge Joseph Osowski who also teaches choir in the St. Michael-

Albertville school district. They especially worked on their facial expressions when singing, and how to better follow the emphasis of a song when communicated by the choral director.

The choir received three judge scores, scoring: 37/40, 37/40, 39/40, and earning a **Superior Rating**, the highest rank you can be given! The students were thrilled to be rewarded for their hard work and will receive a trophy that will be displayed in the high school. Congratulations to Mrs. Bird and all of the members of the high school choir!

# Spectrum Theatre

## “One More Time”



Written by Kathy Stelten, Photos by Clint H. & Neighbor Dave Productions

March 13, 2020 began as the day of most opening nights do. The cast, crew, and directors were a little short on sleep because of a late night running the show “one more time”. (“One more time!” is Mrs. Stelten’s favorite phrase—and probably the cast members’ least favorite—during rehearsal). Songs were sung in showers, dance moves were practiced in hallways, and bright blue t-shirts emblazoned with *Seussical* and cast names were donned. Excitement was tangible in the air!

Just after noon, the cast and crew were summoned to Mrs. Stelten’s classroom. There, they received the news that due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, opening night of *Seussical* needed to be canceled. There were tears and questions, as well as both hopes and reassurances that this would be a postponement, rather than a cancellation, if at all possible.

Just after three o’clock, the cast and crew were again summoned to Mrs. Stelten’s classroom. They had received permission to run the show “one more time!” Cast and crew were to report the next day for a run of the show which would be photographed and videotaped (in accordance with a limited use video license purchased by Spectrum) just in case a future performance was not possible.



The citizens of Whoville make their plea for safety during the performance.

As students started to arrive for Saturday’s performance, there was a strange feeling of somber excitement. The kids knew they had a job to do. They needed to perform this show as though there was an audience. They needed to give it all the energy that an opening performance deserved, and all the respect that a closing performance had earned.

Mrs. Stelten, the director of Spectrum High School’s Theatre program, was concerned about the energy level. “I knew the kids were terribly disappointed, just as I was, that this show had been interrupted. We’d worked for weeks to get this show performance ready. And, I have to say, I know I’m biased, but I thought this show was going to be spectacular.”

She needn’t have worried, though. The students stepped onto that stage and gave it their all. The only audience members were the four adults on the creative team and the videographer/photographer, and they gave it their all, too. When watching and listening to the recording, one would never guess all that applause and audience appreciation was created by only four people.

The performance was brought to a close with the Spectrum Theatre’s tradition of ceremonial Final Bows for the Seniors. “One more time”, *Isabella Dorval*, *Carter Hansen*, and *Veronica Lee* were applauded by their audience and their cast-mates as they stepped to center stage and took a final bow.

While getting ready for the special performance, one of the cast members mentioned how, in the cast’s group chat, someone had pointed out that one of the songs included the following lyrics:

*Why rehash a nasty crash.  
Why call a hearse  
Or curse the universe!  
My philosophy is simply:  
Things could be worse!*

*Tell yourself  
How lucky you are!*



The final scene of the cast’s performance of *Seussical*.

The cast embodied that Seuss philosophy when they set aside their disappointment to demonstrate their love of theatre and their talents as they came together with their cast “family” members and gave a performance they will never forget.



The cast and crew of the one performance production of *Seussical*.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH: NHS & NJHS growing at Spectrum

The *National Honor Society* (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Spectrum would like to acknowledge some of the highlights from this year's activities and welcome the new inductees into NHS.

During the 2019-2020 school year NHS conducted 2 blood drives on campus and collected enough units to potentially save the lives of 75 people. Members conducted two food

drives; one at Halloween and the other at Thanksgiving, which resulted in donating over 500 pounds of food to *CAER Food Shelf in Elk River*.

During the holiday season, the group volunteered approximately 35 hours of their time ringing the bell for *the Salvation Army* at local stores, and in March, the students participated in the Polar Plunge raising almost \$1500 for *Special Olympics MN*. Spectrum is proud of the dedication

and commitment its NHS members have for helping to improve their local community.

In April, despite the onset of distance learning, the application process for induction consideration continued and resulted in the selection of sixteen new members. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spectrum was unable to hold the ceremony, which was to have taken place on Friday, May 1, 2020. Regardless, the following individuals were inducted:  
**In 10<sup>th</sup> grade** – Grace Beck, Tyler Cerar, Domanic Dick, Natalie Fischer, Emily Hattling, Vanessa Jasso-Hernandez, Gabrielle Kappes, Grace Knapp, Mary Moudry, Jaden Nemeth, Dominic Santa Lucia, and MacKenzie Scholer.

**In 11<sup>th</sup> grade** - Alexis Israelson, Lydia King, Holly Ponto, and Alexa Zuniga.

Congratulations to the new inductees, and thank you to this year's members for all of their hard work and willingness to contribute in the endeavors of Spectrum's National Honor Society. For more information regarding Spectrum's chapter of NHS, contact Mr. Hyde at [chyde@spectrumhighschool.org](mailto:chyde@spectrumhighschool.org).



NJHS Members; (back row) Skylar MacLennan, Grace Beck, Abigail Klingelhofer, Alaina Dorval, Grace Knapp, MacKenzie Scholer, (front row) Morgan Alders, Molly Novotny, and Emily Hattling volunteering at FMSC.



NJHS Members; (back row) Mary Moudry, Zakya Siegler, Ms. Lerom (advisor), John Bozich, Garek Garcia-Galindo, (front row) Natalie Sims and Vanessa Jasso-Hernandez, volunteering at FMSC.

Spectrum also has a chapter in the *National Junior Honor Society* (NJHS) for middle school students in grades 7 through 9. This year, NJHS completed a variety of service activities such as collecting recycling at the Middle and High School buildings, bell ringing for the *Salvation Army*, and packaging food for *Feed my Starving Children*. In addition, NJHS planned the second Spectrum Middle School-only pep fest, which was a huge success! Under the leadership of *MacKenzie Scholer* (President), *Abigail Klingelhofer* (Vice President), *Grace Knapp* (Secretary), *Molly Novotny* (HS Recycling Manager), and *Jeramyah Johnson* (MS Recycling Manager) NJHS has accomplished many great things this year.

Like Spectrum's National Honor Society, it's National Junior Honor Society also chose inductees for the 2020-2021 school year even though the ceremony could not take place as planned. This year's inductees include (grade stated is for the 20-21 school year): Hope Beck (7<sup>th</sup>), Leah Carter (8<sup>th</sup>), Megan Conroy (9<sup>th</sup>), Ruby Curtis (9<sup>th</sup>), Grace Dols (7<sup>th</sup>), Etta Glinsek (9<sup>th</sup>), Lyla Glinsek (7<sup>th</sup>), Ingrid Herstad (9<sup>th</sup>), Brycen Jones (8<sup>th</sup>), Jeremiah King (8<sup>th</sup>), Tristin Kolby (9<sup>th</sup>), Paul Lemmerman (8<sup>th</sup>), Emma Nelson (9<sup>th</sup>), Maggie Novotny (7<sup>th</sup>), Naomi Orth (9<sup>th</sup>), Benjamin Russell (7<sup>th</sup>), Sophie Schmidt (8<sup>th</sup>), and Kaleb Williams (9<sup>th</sup>)



NJHS Members; Lilian Carlson, Lizzy Rooney and Nathan Casey bell ringing for the Salvation Army.



NJHS Members; Emily Hattling, Alaina Dorval, Vanessa Jasso-Hernandez and Abby Klingelhofer bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

# 2020 School Board Election Results

The annual election for Spectrum's Board of Directors (School Board) took place on Monday, April 20, 2020. Again this year, the Board chose to utilize an electronic online means to conduct its election using the service of [\*Electionbuddy\*](#). On Monday, April 20th, all eligible voters (please see the school's website for more election information [HERE](#)) received an email message containing a link inviting them to vote in the election. This year there were three open seats up for election; one teacher member, and two parent/community members. We are pleased to announce the following results of this year's election.



Ms. Nancy Moe, a Special Education teacher at Spectrum, *was elected to the open Teacher seat*. Ms. Moe has been with Spectrum for several years, serving its students at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade building. When asked, Ms. Moe had the following to share regarding her candidacy for the position:

**“THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:**  
I have served on the Systems Accountability Committee (SAC) for the Elk River School District and on the Parent Teacher Organization for Zimmerman Area Schools.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

My previous committee work, along with my teaching experience at Spectrum, provides me with the depth of knowledge necessary to be an effective member of the Board.

**WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU ENVISION FOR SPECTRUM AND HOW WOULD YOU HELP FACILITATE THIS VISION?**

We have something really special here at Spectrum. We have exceptional teachers and staff who are truly invested in helping all of our students succeed. I am excited to do my part to help guide our district into the future.”



Next, incumbent candidate, Kathy Reed, *was re-elected to one of the two open parent/community member seats*. Ms. Reed has served Spectrum as a member of its Board since 2015, and in the role of Treasurer for much of the same time. When Ms. Reed was asked to provide information on why Spectrum's membership should consider her for another term, she had the following to say:

**“INTEREST STATEMENT – WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

I have enjoyed my tenure on the Spectrum Board of Directors these last 6 years. In my time on the board, I have gained a lot of knowledge about the function and management of charter schools and look forward to continuing to contribute to Spectrum in the future. Spectrum has had a lot of change and growth over the last several years. This is wonderful! The future is bright for Spectrum schools and I am looking forward to

helping strategically move Spectrum to the next phase.

**THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:**

I have held a position on the Board of Directors for 6 years and the Finance Committee for 3 years. These positions

have allowed me to get a thorough understanding of charter school management. This, combined with my knowledge of business and sales and marketing, allow me to look at school issues from an inside and outside perspective.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Communication, leadership, sales, business development

**WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU ENVISION FOR SPECTRUM AND HOW WOULD YOU HELP FACILITATE THIS VISION?**

With our building projects behind us, it is time for Spectrum to look to the future. Spectrum is a school of excellence. I see Spectrum continuing to grow in its academic offerings, school culture and extra-curricular's. I look forward to the opportunity to weigh in on the next phase Strategic Plan for the school and to providing leadership in this process.”



And finally, Mr. Rob Stark, parent of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Spectrum, was elected to the second open parent/community member seat. When Mr. Stark was asked to provide information on his candidacy, he had the following to share:

**“INTEREST STATEMENT – WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Spectrum is making a huge impact on my daughter’s life and I appreciate the academic focus and strongly believe in the mission and vision of the school. It would be an honor to serve parents and the school that plays such an important influence in our lives.

**THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU BRING TO THE BOARD:**

I’m a strong networker and have many ties within the community and am part of a variety of networking groups and other boards in the area. As a financial advisor, I bring knowledge of investing and budgeting to the group. In this role I would believe that strategic planning is a key skill and is an important part of my practice in my branch.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

- Financial Services
- Fundraising (I’ve led a capital campaign for my church and been part of other fundraising committees
- Strategic Planning
- Business acumen

**WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU ENVISION FOR SPECTRUM AND HOW WOULD YOU HELP FACILITATE THIS VISION?**

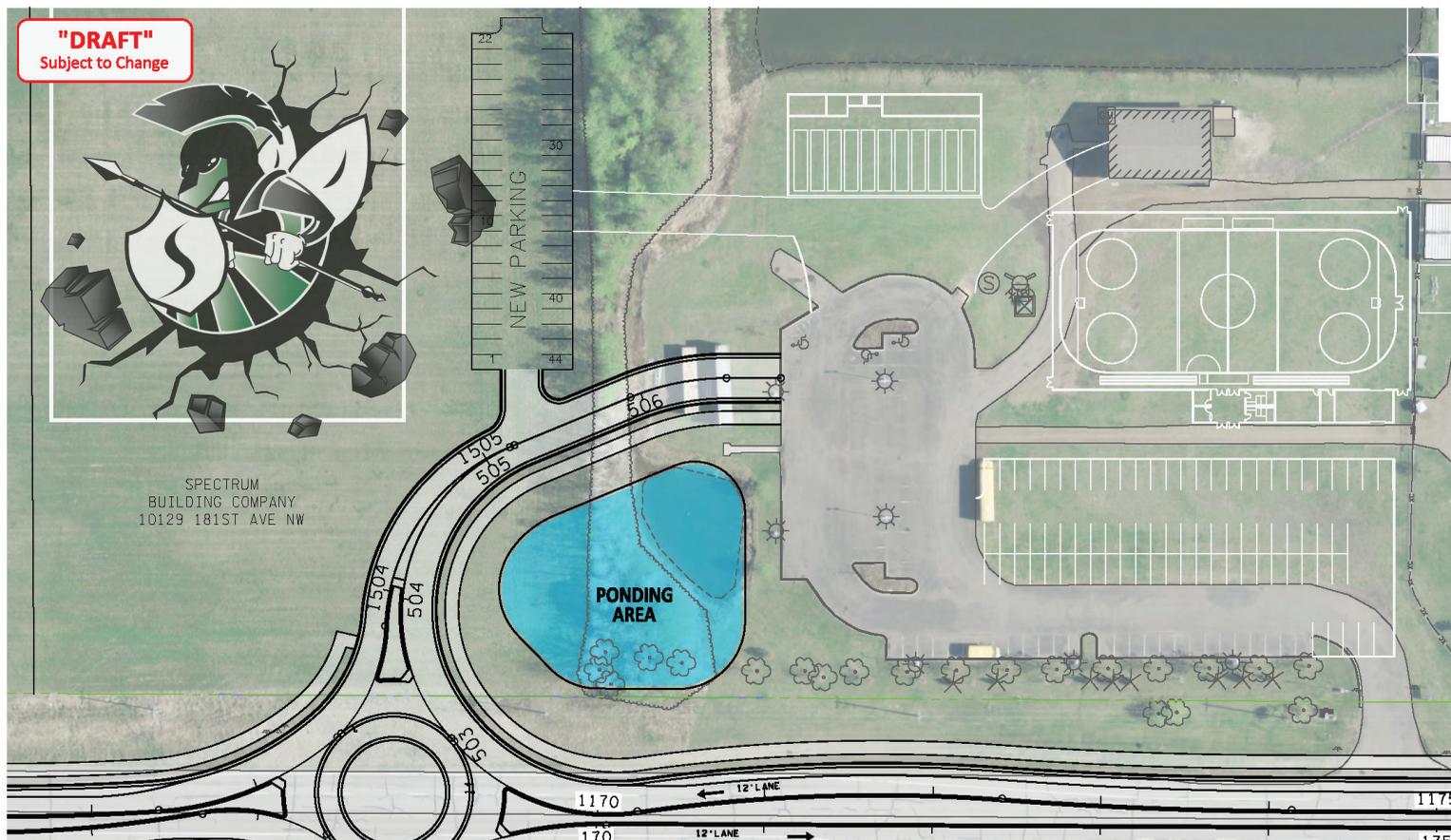
Spectrum has a strong foundation and is obviously growing. Looking ahead, I would want to be part of the team that helps provide support and feedback on ensuring sustainable and calculated growth. I have appreciated the intentionality that the school has shown in keeping student-teacher ratios at a manageable level. My daughter has benefitted from strong relationships and learning from her teachers in large part due to class size. That said, technology needs, the way students learn, and the challenges they face are ever-changing and I would like to be part of that discussion to keep Spectrum as an academic leader.”

All three of these members will be formally seated on Spectrum’s Board at its meeting in June, and each will serve a three-year term ending in 2023. Having a strong and vibrant Board of Directors guiding the school on its quest to provide excellence in education is an essential component of a healthy organization. In electing Nancy, Kathy, and Rob, Spectrum’s membership has ensured the continued legacy of strong leadership in the school.

# SPECTRUM ATHLETICS

## UPDATE

**Spectrum Athletics Spring into Summer**



Though disappointing to both student-athletes and coaches, the cancellation of spring athletics due to COVID-19 has paved the way to get a jump start on preparing our fields and facilities for what we hope will be a busy summer of athletic camps and practices. In addition, construction has begun on a new WEST athletic field that will primarily serve soccer and baseball. The WEST field will come complete with a gravel parking lot, which may be paved sometime in the future. The site for the WEST athletic field is adjacent to a new Spectrum Athletic Complex (SAC) entrance that will be constructed by Sherburne County. The new roundabout at Johnson Street is designed to enhance safety by reducing speeds along 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue and providing a path for bicycles and pedestrians. Please see the site improvement picture provided by Sherburne County, which shows the design for the new entrance.

Also under construction is a new outdoor hockey rink at the SAC which is being completed in partnership with the City of Elk River. This will be the only full-sized outdoor rink in the City, and comes complete with lights and a warming house (locker room building). Of course, outdoor lights are also an exciting new addition to Spectrum's football field with the first home football game under the lights taking place on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>!

The ground work is also being laid to add new fields for JV baseball, JV softball, and a press box for stadium events. Although the completion date for these projects has yet be determined, the SAC is taking shape to serve a brand new generation of student-athletes.

### **SPECTRUM SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMP AND PRACTICE REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Spectrum will be starting summer athletic camps and out-of-season practices the week of June 15. The return

to athletics will use a phased in approach that includes preventive strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among sports activities. The strategies for phase I may be found on the athletic web site:

<https://www.spectrumhighschool.org/athletics>

**PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE FOR ALL CAMPS AND OUT OF SEASON PRACTICES IN ORDER TO ATTEND.**

Summer camps will accept payment by credit card. There is no cost for out-of-season practices, however you must still register online in order to attend. The online registration includes a health questionnaire and liability release form.

There will not be any captain practices during the initial phase of our return to athletics. Several sports will offer out-of-season practices that will be led by the coaches (see list below). Contact the coach directly for practice days, times and locations. Coach emails are listed on the registration page.

Here is the list of the Spectrum camps and out-of-season practices this summer.

**SUMMER CAMPS (WITH REGISTRATION FEE)**

- Baseball Camp
- Girls Basketball Camp
- Boys Basketball Camp
- Cross Country – Half Marathon Camp
- Football Camp
- Hockey Camp
- Strength & Conditioning Camp – Football
- Strength & Conditioning Camp – Non-Football
- Volleyball Camp

**SUMMER OUT OF SEASON PRACTICES (FREE)**

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Dance Team
- Football
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

**REGISTER HERE FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND OUT OF SEASON PRACTICES:**

<https://spectrumhs-ar.schooltoday.com/>

Hope to see you at a camp or out of season practice this summer!

Also, new athletic programs are being planned for our middle school (MS) student-athletes in grades 6-8. Girls' volleyball will begin this fall followed by girls' basketball in the winter. These will join existing MS programs for boys in Tackle Bar football and basketball. All registration is online through the Spectrum athletic webpage. A *mandatory Fall Sports Meeting* will be *held at the high school on Monday, August 3 at 6:30 pm*. All student-athletes interested in cross country, football, soccer, or volleyball must attend this meeting with at least one parent or guardian.



*Lastly, a word of encouragement . . . your future will always be bright when you stay focused, optimistic and confident. This has been a very challenging time for all. Don't dwell on what was lost, choose instead to make the best of today and know that your greatest days are still ahead. We're looking forward to seeing our Spectrum students involved in the numerous summer camp offerings, as well as fall sports!*

*Coach Peterson  
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# Social Media Partnership



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Especially during these unprecedented times, social media has proven to be an excellent way to remain connected, and is one of the avenues in which Spectrum has chosen to invest as it strives to maintain strong connections with its families and the community. This spring, the school renewed its partnership with #SocialSchool4EDU, a social media company whose focus is to provide full social media management and to personally coach social media teams and individuals. They will continue to manage the school's social media as they guide and assist Spectrum in telling its story through the celebration of student achievement.



Some fun facts about Spectrum's social media platforms to date:

- Average weekly Facebook reach is 3,536 people per week!
- 1,497 people have liked Spectrum's Facebook page.
- Top Facebook posts:
  - 12/9 – Spectrum ACT test scores rank #23 in Minnesota!
  - 1/24 – Therapy dog will be coming to Spectrum.
- Spectrum's Twitter account gained 49 new followers
- Spectrum's Instagram account gained 32 new followers

*\*Stats from Nov. 2019-Jan. 2020*

## Spectrum SOCIAL MEDIA



**What:** Spectrum High School is growing our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube channels.

**Why:**

1. Celebrate our students
2. Keep parents, students, community, and alumni in the loop on what is happening at our schools
3. Promote events and share information like concerts, no school, or fundraiser reminders
4. Build an ongoing conversation of the positive impact our school is making in the lives of our students!

**What do I need to do?**

- If you are on these social media sites – follow us!
- Help promote the pages to your family and friends.
- If you aren't on these sites, please consider joining.

*Note: The school will continue to provide communication through traditional channels.*

# Spectrum High School New Technology Courses

TECHNOLOGY  
INTEGRATED



Spectrum High School is excited to announce that there will be three additional college course offerings in Information Technology in 2020-21. The list of courses (see below) includes an Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles course, which will be available for 9th - 12th graders. Also included are two new C@SH courses being offered through Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Both courses are available to 10th-12th graders who meet specific grade level C@SH requirements and have met the prerequisite of a C or better in 21st Century Skills. Both courses are being offered for high school elective credit as non-C@SH options as well. Additionally, both C@SH courses meet the MN Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas 7 and 8.

Here are more details about each of these new and exciting course offerings:

Available 9-12: AP Computer Science Principles: *Code.org's Computer Science Principles (CS Principles) curriculum builds upon skills learned in Spectrum's Digital Tech 8 and 21st Century Skills courses related to: the internet, big data, programming, digital privacy and security, and the societal impacts of computing. It also covers Mobile App Development.*

Intro to Information Technology C@SH or HS - CNET 1100: *This course covers the fundamentals of computer hardware and software and advanced concepts such as security, networking, and the responsibilities of an IT professional. Students who complete this course will be able to describe the internal components of a computer, assemble a computer system, install an operating system, and troubleshoot using system tools and diagnostic software. Students will also be able to connect to the Internet and share resources in a networked environment. Topics also include mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones and client-side virtualization. Hands-on lab activities are an essential element of the course. Optional CompTia A+ Hardware Certification at the end of the course (additional fee applies for offsite certification exam)*

Client Operating Systems C@SH or HS - CNET 1212: *This course focuses on teaching configuration and administrative tasks performed on the client computer in a business environment. Hands-on activities in the laboratory closely parallel classroom discussion to give the student practical experience with the use and management of client operating systems. Topics include operating system installation and configuration, file systems, resource management, user management, and security. This course helps prepare students for select Microsoft Windows and the CompTia A+ Software certification exams. (additional fee applies for offsite certification exams).*

Click [HERE](#) to view grade level specific C@SH requirements.





A group of middle school students focus on algebra in Ms. Lerom's class. (L-R Aidan Rizk, Chloe Acker, Marin Burg, MacKenzie Hubbard)

Photo Credit: C. Haley

# SPECTRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL Team Conferences

While it was only months ago, and while time is said to sometimes fly or drag, it seems as if both have occurred simultaneously. On March 5, Spectrum held its annual spring conferences. They were *arena-style*, where teachers sit in the gymnasium, parents line up to talk to them for five to seven minutes and then move on to repeat the process.

Yet there was something new this year at the middle school: *Team Conferences*. For the first time ever, Spectrum Middle School (SMS) held Team Conferences the following Monday night in place of a second night of arena-style. A *team conference* is where specific students are invited to attend a meeting with their parents/guardians, along with their advisor and a couple of teachers. In a more intimate setting than the arena-style conference, the Team Conference allows more time to talk and the ability to create an action plan for success.

Sometimes a school year can be more challenging than in the past, so the Team Conference was created to respond to those living with challenges. The group meets, not to discuss what has been happening, but to create a plan for student success, and they are held early enough in the second semester to impact its final outcome. This is a time for families and SMS to collaborate and respond to each learner, and it is time well spent.

The 2019-20 school year will not soon be forgotten and one of the reasons will probably not be that Spectrum Middle School held Team Conferences. However, we believe that because of these conferences and the many ways they support student growth, they will be a moment in time that did change students' lives and futures, and that is worth remembering.



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## Students engage in a Socratic seminar in Mrs. Rogers' class

L-R: Raven Vagle, Levi Sims, Lleyton Balabon, Riley Radde, Owen Carlson, Grace Biorn, Mariah Algaard, Milan Erickson, Claire Edison, Kaylee Greuel.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL WIN Leaders

An awesome group of 7th graders (who will be 8th graders in the fall) recently found out that they will be taking on the fun and rewarding job of being **WIN Leaders for the 2020-2021 school year!** WIN (What I Need) is a program at Spectrum Middle School to help 6th grade students make the sometimes challenging adjustment from elementary to middle school student. WIN Leaders begin the year by working with 6th graders at the *6th Grade Orientation, which will take place from 9:00-11:30 on Thursday, August 20, 2020.* The goal of the 6th Grade Orientation is to help incoming 6th graders feel comfortable and prepared for their first day of middle school. They will be working on some practical skills such as setting up their organizational binders, using their Chromebooks, becoming familiar with the learning management systems of *Schoology* and *Infinite Campus*, as well as meeting some fellow newbies and building some Class of 2027 spirit. Being able to walk into the first day of school knowing some classmates and people you can eat lunch with makes for a much less stressful first day. Throughout the remainder of the school year, WIN Leaders will meet with their small groups of 6th graders on a monthly basis during Sting Time. This mentorship has proved very beneficial to the 6th graders as well as provided a great opportunity for the 8th graders to grow in leadership skills.

## Middle School Service Learning: Water Wisdom

In an effort to provide varied service experiences for their students, Spectrum has created a new service learning course at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level. The new course title is “Water Wisdom.” Along with helping to clean area watersheds, students are able to hear about the importance of water cleanliness and conservation through a presentation by a representative from the Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation Department. Teachers and students are looking forward to the opportunities for learning and service through this new community partnership.



# LOOKING TO DISCOVER MORE?



#### **Vision Statement**

The vision of Spectrum High School and Spectrum Middle School is to be a leader in fostering academic and personal excellence through a program emphasizing high academic standards in a small-school setting.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Spectrum High School and Spectrum Middle School is to encourage students in attaining their maximum potential through a 3-dimensional strategy emphasizing:

- College preparatory curriculum;
- A technology-integrated environment; and
- Community-based outreach

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