**SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL**

Home of the Spartans

May 5, 2017

***CULTURE***

**Prom 2017:** 269 students celebrated an evening of *Simple Elegance* at St. George’s in downtown Grand Rapids. Teegan Galdeen became our Prom Queen, and Matt Mauer our Prom King. A special thanks to junior class advisors, Ms. Bridgette Veeneman and Mr. Art Weiss, for their important role in making our prom a safe and meaningful event.

**Varsity Baseball**: The Spartans swept Spring Lake in three games this week to climb into a first place tie in the OK Blue standings. A huge showdown is looming next week against West Catholic. Congratulations to Coach Jordan Morse and his team.

**Spartans Shine**:

* Freshmen Evan Grahs recently placed 2nd in the Source Code event at the Regional Science Olympiad Competition hosted by Grand Valley State University. In addition, Evan placed 1st in Source Code at the State Science Olympiad Competition hosted by Michigan State University.
* Senior pitcher Bryce Davis is a finalist for Mlive.com’s “Who’s Your Ace” poll. The poll is open until 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 10th, and responders can vote more than once. Please support Bryce by [CLICKING HERE!](http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/news/article/1665390512188221734/grand-rapids-instant-poll-whos-your-ace/)
* Our Varsity Softball team is also a finalist for a Mlive poll. Vote for the Spartans as the Team of the Week, by [CLICKING HERE!](http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/news/article/-5145834283548737565/grand-rapids-team-of-the-week-poll-may-4-11-now-open/)

**Summa Cum Laude**: Our highest honors have been awarded to the following students whom have maintained a 4.0 grade point average or higher during their career at Sparta High School:

John Gailbraith Valedictorian

Teegan Galdeen Salutatorian

Jayln Stuart Salutatorian

Mya Kaliniak Trenton Smith Ryan Wooten

Sarah Reiter Ryan Wooten Vanessa Hubert

Abigail Slaktowski Riley Kutzli Decklyn Scott

Alexandra Ferguson Emma Gray Andrew David

Yazan Chabti Clarissa Hubert Kyle Pickney

Braden Kilpatrick Nathan Robbins Jasmyn Van Natter

Amanda Hurst Jobito Cabrera Natalie Wright

**CURRICULUM**

**Spring Musical**: Director Mar Higgins, and her Drama students, will present Disney’s *A High School Music*. Hours of hard work and dedication have gone into the preparation of this production. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $7.00 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at the door, and reservations can be made in advance by calling 616-887-7505 ext. 2909. Show times follow:

Wednesday May 3 – Friday May 5 7:30 pm

 Saturday May 6 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

 Sunday May 7 at 2:00 pm

**COMMUNICATION**

**May 19th 2017:** During this half-day for students, each graduating class will be organized into its own activities. Those activities are outlined below:

 Seniors: Graduation Practice, Guest Speaker, and Senior Exit Survey. Meet in the auditorium at 7:30 am. Once these activities are completed, Seniors will be excused from school. (KCTC students that are required to attend KCTC will be excused from SHS activities.)

 Juniors: College Visits. Students are expected to spend the morning visiting a college of their choice. Sparta High School will be sending busses to Davenport University for a tour. Juniors that sign up for that experience will leave school at 7:30 am and return at 10:45 am. Students that choose to visit another college must complete a college visitation sheet and turn the completed sheet into Mrs. Pfeffer. (KCTC students that are required to attend KCTC will be excused from college visits)

 Sophomores: Junior Achievement’s Reverse Job Shadow. Members from the business community will visit SHS and educated students on Career Readiness. Students are expected to be in attendance from SHS from 7:30 am – 10:40 am.

 Freshmen: Life Unplugged! Students will experience a process of having real-life variables (salary, mortgage payment, insurance, children, etc) being applied to them, and they will have to make adult/real-life decisions of lifestyle and discretionary spending. Students are expected to be in attendance from SHS from 7:30 am – 10:40 am.

*Kent Innovation High School Students*: Transportation will be provided to from KIH. Students can opt to remain at SHS. If students choose to attend KIH, they will have to arrange for afternoon transportation from Sparta High School to home.

*1st, 2nd, and 3rd Session KCTC Students:* Transportation will be provided to and from all session of KCTC. 3rd Session students will have to arrange for afternoon transportation from Sparta High School to home.

**Upcoming Calendar Events**:

Wednesday, May 10: Class Meetings for 9th – 12th graders from 10:45 – 11:10 am.

Friday, May 19:  Half day for students, professional development for staff

Tuesday, May 23:  Senior Awards Night @ 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Friday, May 26:  Last day for seniors.

Wednesday, May 31: Senior Check-Out and Commencement Practice

Thursday, June 1:  Commencement @ 7:00 pm in the Gymnasium

Thursday, June 8:  Half day for students, professional development for staff

Friday, June 9: Half day for students, last day of school

May 10th Daily Schedule:

1st Period 7:20 – 7:58

2nd Period 8:03 - 8:50

3rd Period 8:55 – 9:43

4th Period 9:48 – 10:45

5th, 6th, and Seminar as normal