



Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

A Community of Learners Seeking Excellence Together

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A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Scotch Plains–Fanwood Community,

Have you seen our district's new logo? Thank you to everyone who helped pick this new logo to represent the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools. Over 3,000 students, staff, and community members voted on social media, in our e-newsletter, and in their classrooms. What an amazing show of #SPFPride!

I am most excited about how this new logo represents four key pillars of our school community: academics, arts, athletics, and community service. Each of you is the foundation of these pillars and plays a fundamental role in building a positive school community in which everyone is engaged and supported. Whenever you see our new logo, think about how you are contributing to each pillar!

Sincerely,
Dr. Joan Mast
Superintendent



**SPF Receives High Marks from NJ DOE QSAC
Review**

Our school district has once again been designated a high-performing district, as we met or exceeded the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) scores in all five categories. The New Jersey Department of Education assessed the district's performance on all indicators. Based on this review, the district scored:

Instruction and Program 90%
Fiscal Management 96%
Governance 100%
Operations 89%
Personnel 97%

QSAC serves as an external validation of our collective commitment to the students, families and community we serve. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the QSAC process.

Junior Elorie Howell Named Governor's STEM Scholar

Congratulations to SPFHS junior Elorie Howell on being named to the Class of 2023's Governor's STEM Scholars! The statewide initiative honors New Jersey's top high school and college students who are committed to being the future of the state's STEM workforce and economy.

Howell was selected for her outstanding achievement in STEM and her passion for unravelling the mysteries of the world through the study of forensic pathology.



Howell credited Scotch Plains Fanwood High School's science program for giving her the freedom to explore. She has been especially inspired by her sophomore chemistry teacher Mrs. Swati Bulusu.

"If it wasn't for Mrs. Bulusu, I wouldn't have even known about the Governor's STEM scholarship. With her support I was able to apply and take this great step forward towards my future," Howell said.

When she's not studying in the lab, Howell is part of her school's Red Cross Club and Chem League, in addition to participating in multiple musical ensembles. She plays in the school's marching band, percussion ensemble, and jazz band as a mallet percussionist, and she sings in the school's choir. She plans to study forensic pathology in college.

Read more about Elorie's success on [TAPInto!](#)

10 Students Named Commended Students for National Merit Scholarship Program

Ten SPFHS students have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations on this prestigious distinction to: **Benjamin E. Abrams, Hasan Ali, Riley Bhatia, Rushil Damania, Gabreilla M. Damens, Emmet Feeney, Tessa M. Going, Matthew T. Nervi, Dylan K. Patel and Emma Schramm!**



High school juniors entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their academic excellence.

Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered this year's 1.5 million strong pool of applicants.

"We are proud to call these students part of the Scotch Plains Fanwood

community," said Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent. "They have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success, and I'm confident they will represent our community in the best way possible now and in their future college and career endeavors."

Congratulations!

Featured Events

Oct. 26, 6:30 – 8 pm – Terrill Media Center Open House

Oct. 28, 4 – 5:30 pm – School One PTA Fall Festival

Nov. 9 – Coles Veterans Day Assembly

Nov. 9 – Brunner Veterans Day Guest Reader

Nov. 10 – 11 – NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)

Nov. 15, 7 – 8:30 pm – HS College & Career Night

Nov. 17, 8 pm – BOE Regular Public Board Meeting

Nov. 18 and 19, 7:30 – 10 pm or Nov. 19, 2 – 4 pm – HS SPF

Repertory Fall Play: “She Kills Monsters” in HS Auditorium

Nov. 24 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)

*Check the calendar for Halloween parades and festive events at each of the schools.

[District Calendar](#)

Did You Know?

Our school district’s mission is to educate every student to become a confident and caring life long learner who can communicate and contribute positively to the rapidly changing world. The district, in cooperation with the community, will provide an academic environment which values excellence, initiative and diversity.

Meet the Board

Jada Montgomery, *Student Representative and SPFHS Senior*

Activities: Student Government Officer, Sports Editor and Manager director of the school newspaper (The Fanscotain), Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, President of Students for Social Justice, Varsity Track and Field (shot put)



What are you most excited about as the new student representative?

Being the bridge between students and the Board of Education. The ability to amplify student voices during board of education meetings is very exciting.

Why did you want to join the Board of Education?

I had previously worked with the Board for Teacher Orientation. I gave a welcome back speech to all returning staff members. I felt very supported during the process of creating and practicing my speech. Therefore, when Mr. Donahue (one of the Assistant Principals at the High School) presented me with this opportunity, I knew it would be a great experience.

Fun Facts: I am a swim instructor at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA!

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