

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN SUPPLIES THIS WEEK! PLEASE REMEMBER THERE ARE NO SPARK CLASSES ON MONDAY 1/16.

IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING WITH MR. TUTTLE

First, second, and third year parents: please watch your email for a Zoom invitation from Mr. Tuttle. He would like to take 20 minutes of your time next week to go over some important changes we are instituting for your students in the second semester. All Zooms will be on Tuesday 1/17: First Year Parents at 5:30pm, Second Year Parents at 6:00pm, and Third Year Parents at 6:30pm.



TRIVIA NIGHT - THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

For our first student & family engagement of 2023, join us for a fun game of trivia (pizza and refreshments provided) on **Thursday, January 19 from 5:30pm-7pm**. Bring a team of up to 5 players, or play by yourself; **prizes include tubing passes to Gunstock, our fabulous Spark merch, and more!**. This is a great way to get to know the Spark community and to connect with Spark staff. Please email Mr. Long (matt.long@sparkacademynh.org) with any questions. **TO EASE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, STUDENTS MAY STAY AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY UNTIL TRIVIA NIGHT AND WILL BE SUPERVISED DURING THAT TIME.**

WHAT'S NEW

We are implementing several new programs for the enrichment of our students this year such as [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com), Discovery Education, Pathful, and Adventure Lore. Some are free resources, some were paid for by the state, and some were made available to our students through grants. Please share any feedback you have going forward!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Congratulations to all our first-year students for making it through their first semester at Spark Academy! Next Tuesday everyone gets a fresh start on a clean slate. Take what you've learned about communicating your needs,





strengthening your time-management skills and collaborating with your peers to further develop your work ethic. Even if you don't have a clue as to what you want to do in the future, keep in mind the general direction in which you want to go and be mindful of whether or not your choices will lead you there.

Mr. Long and I will be meeting with every second-year student in February to discuss their educational goals. Soon there will be information sessions by various MCC Department Heads and we will be registering students for their first early-college courses by April vacation. It is important to stress that we have high expectations for behavior and academic achievement for those who want the freedom and privileges of being a college student. We greatly appreciate when

parents/guardians reinforce these standards, as well.

I look forward to witnessing the growth of each of our students. They all have incredible potential, and I will do whatever is in my power to help them accomplish their goals. Please reach out if I can be of any assistance as we transition to the new semester.

ASVAB TEST ON WEDNESDAY 1/18

All second and third-year students will be taking the career-aptitude ASVAB test next Wednesday, January 18, beginning sharply at 8am. Please make sure students eat breakfast and have a good night sleep before the test, and that they arrive on time to school (by 7:55am for this test). Check your email (sent by Mr. Long on Tuesday) for more details, and please talk to Mr. Long if you have any questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to Spark Academy's Student Council members for the second semester!

Darwin- Adam Fultz and Kyle Maillet

Franklin- Theo Martinez and Kyle Mitchell

Tesla- Shylah Burns and Josephine Carter

Hooke- Matthew Mullen and Isaac Swanson

Davinci- Travis DesRoches and Philip Stillman

Fourth-years- TBD



DRONE TEAM – FIRST

Spark Academy is partnering with St. Anselm College to start a **brand new drone competition team!** Students will learn how to design, build, and compete with different types of drones, and will have the opportunity to attend regional competitions in the spring. They will also learn about the uses and ethics of drones, all facilitated by staff mentors from St. A's. **The first meeting of the drone team is 3-4pm on Tuesday, January 24 - either sign up via [THIS FORM](#) or just show up on the 24th.** Contact Mr. Long with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

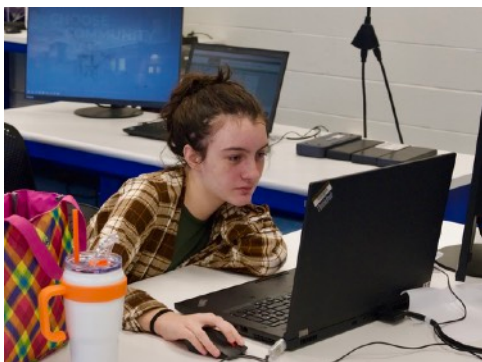
Monday, January 16 – No Spark classes (Civil Rights Day)

Thursday, January 19 – Spark Family Trivia Night

Tuesday, January 24 – Info Night for Prospective Families

Monday, February 20 – No Spark classes (Presidents Day)

Photos in this edition of the newsletter are from Intro to Robotic Design and Physical Science class activities.



TUT TUT, LOOKS LIKE RAIN: A SHOWER OF UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are now at the end of the second quarter and it is time to start thinking about our next step in the year. It is important that we all reflect on how we are going to make this next semester better than the last. What are our goals?

I am asking that every individual student and every class take the time to look at what they are doing to move towards the next step. It is time to start putting what you want to do into action. Start practicing the skills that are needed for your future. Getting organized, being on time, meeting deadlines, and being respectful to others: these are skills you cannot just turn on or off - they have to be practiced.

Starting on Tuesday we will be implementing some changes on what is expected for each group. We will be raising the bar. I will be meeting with every class and talking about the changes and what is expected for all.

Welcome 2023, the year to be the best you can be.

Sincerely,

John Tuttle

Director

