

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown hair, wearing a pink knit hat, a pink jacket over a red shirt, blue pants, and brown boots. She is standing next to a snowman. The snowman has a purple knit hat, a purple scarf, an orange carrot nose, and three black buttons for eyes. They are both wearing small blue snowflakes on their hats. The background is white with small blue snowflakes.

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A photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, sitting at a desk with laptops. The girl on the left is wearing a blue hoodie with 'Nashville' and 'Tennessee' text, glasses, and has headphones around her neck. She is making a peace sign. The boy on the right is wearing a blue t-shirt under a black jacket, glasses, and is also making a peace sign. They are both smiling. The background shows a classroom setting with posters on the wall.



Facebook page. If your email address or other contact information changes, please be sure to notify us! If you have never received an invitation to Alma, please reach out! Thank you!

FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

Please return your cap & gown order forms ASAP!

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME & EARLY DISMISSALS

While we understand how hard it can be to get healthcare appointments, please remember to try and schedule students' appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. When it comes to things like driving lessons, extracurricular activities, and things of that nature, we very much appreciate it if they could be set up for times other than during school hours.

Please remember that when students are to be dismissed early, parents should notify Mrs. Roberts via the attendance email no later than the morning of the dismissal unless it is an emergency situation. If the student is not driving themselves, a parent should also come in to sign them out.

Students who are ill need to tell their teacher, who will send them out to see Mrs. Roberts for an assessment. Should they need to leave school, she will contact the parent. **Reminder: students are not to have cell phones in class.**

SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are in need of Clorox wipes and could use more ramen noodles and healthy snacks, please. Thank you.

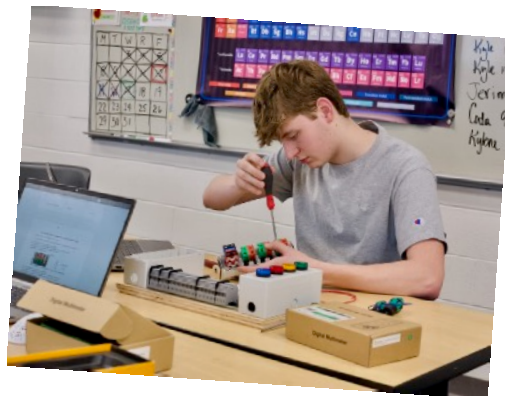
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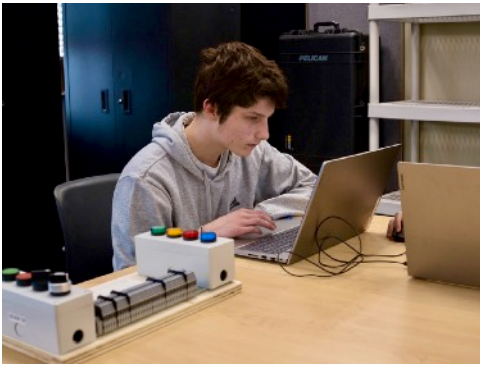
- ☑ **Tuesday 1/23 – Info Night for Prospective Families**
- ☑ **Wednesday 2/14 – First progress reports of S2**
- ☑ **February 17 & 28 - VEX Robotics State Championship**
- ☑ **Monday 2/19 – No Spark classes (President's Day)**

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

We have started new classes and we are moving forward to the end of the year. One thing that stands out when changes are happening is the way that we communicate with each other. What is our role in communication and how do we make sure that everyone is on the same page? This is a challenge that everyone has, and when you look at it everyone believes that they have communicated and it ends somewhere else.

Communication is a weird thing. Sending out a message is only part of it. Listening to others, clarifying what has been heard, and following through are also key parts. It is just as important for a person to make sure that the message is received as it is that they sent it.





As students move through their time here at Spark Academy, they will continue to find ways and opportunities to learn how to communicate and take ownership of what is going on around them. They need to ask questions, have conversations and be an active participant in making sure that everything is communicated.

Communication is work and it is not a box that you can check off on a to do list. Please take the time to look at how we communicate and figure out ways to make it better.



Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

