

# SPARK Academy

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

December's Information Night has been rescheduled from 12/14 to 12/7 at 5:30 PM. If you know anyone who was planning to attend, please help us spread the word. Thank you!

### ALMA NEWS

All weather-related school closings and other such notifications will be sent out through Alma. In your user settings, you can choose to receive those notifications via phone call or text message. Please check that we have a current phone number for you. It is helpful if we have students' cell phone numbers as well, for this same purpose.

Our Alma homepage is [sparkacademynh.getalma.com](http://sparkacademynh.getalma.com).



Please remember that you can also message teachers or other staff members directly in Alma, and it utilizes your existing email (there is no separate Inbox to keep track of.) If you wish to connect with other parents, you can opt in to be included (and thus view other parents) in the directory. You will not show up in the directory and you will not be able to view other parents if you do not opt in.

The next progress reports will be published on or about December 11. They will be viewable from each student's Report Card tab.

Several members of the Spark community have still not activated their Alma accounts! Please make sure that you use the link in the original invitation email to set your password (parents/guardians) or to use the Sign In With Google single sign-on

option (students.) If you have looked in your Spam folder and still cannot locate the invitation email, please contact Mrs. Larochelle.

### LUNCHES

We are going through our donated lunch food very quickly lately, so please be sure to remind your student to pack a lunch! We are now in need of more ramen, microwave mac and cheese, Chef Boyardee meals, etc. Please send them in with your students or drop them off at the front desk any time during the school day. Thank you! We greatly appreciate everyone who has donated food for our students this year, and everyone who continues to do so.





## VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION TOMORROW

This Saturday some of the Spark Robotics teams will be competing at North Andover HS! More info about the event here: <https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/vex-robotics-competition/RE-VRC-23-2380.html#general-info>

## GOOGLE REVIEWS

If you're happy with what Spark Academy is doing, please consider leaving a positive review for us on Google. Thank you!

## THIRD YEAR NEWS

Our third year students are working really hard this year taking Early College classes, working in the 3D print farm, figuring out how to run the school store, and exploring options for life after high school via ELOs. Keep up the good work, all of you. **If you wish to sign up for Early College classes for Spring term, please meet with Mr. Tuttle ASAP if you have not done so.**

## PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Thank you to the Parent Support Committee for arranging to have a Carver Cohort parent provide lunch for our hardworking teachers and staff this week. The chili was delicious!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 11/22 – 11/24: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/7: Info Night (5:30)
- 12/11: Progress Reports
- 12/22 – 1/02: Christmas Break

## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we get closer to Thanksgiving, I wanted to let you know some things that I am thankful for. First, my family: they have supported me through all the good and bad times. It is important for people to have a support network and I could not do this job without their support. Please make sure that you thank your family during the holidays.

I am thankful that I work at Spark Academy and have the opportunity to help people use their voice to make a difference, to share their ideas, and to build their future. It is a difficult thing to do, putting your voice out there. Not everyone agrees with your ideas, not everyone wants to hear what you have to say, and what they see as the future may not match what you see.

This is what makes life so amazing. We are all different, and yet we need each other to help us move through our lives. How we work together and talk with each other is the challenge. Having conversations is not always easy, especially with those who see things differently than we do. Building the skills to learn how to communicate, work with others, and build your future are the things that I have the opportunity to help others learn.

I want to thank everyone that has supported us at Spark Academy and I look forward to all the great conversations and opportunities to build our future that are still to come.

John Tuttle  
Director

