

## School Community Newsletter — August 20, 2021

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### DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS,

In case you missed last week's newsletter, here is the schedule for **opening week** once again. Please note that orientation days are **not** full days for the students.

### OUR OPENING WEEK...

For Our Year 3 Students:

- We are asking for volunteers from among our Year 3 students to join us on **Wednesday, August 25th**, from 9:00 am to Noon to help us plan orientation for our Year 1 and Year 2 students.
- Orientation for all Year 3 students will take place on **Wednesday, September 1**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For Our Year 2 Students:

- Orientation will be on **Thursday, September 2**, from 8:00 to 11:00 am.
- Students do not need to bring supplies.
- Students **do** need to bring \$6.00 with them to purchase four notebooks and four-color pens.

For Our Year 1 Students:

- Orientation will be on **Thursday, September 2**, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.
- Students do not need to bring supplies.
- Students **do** need to bring \$6.00 with them to purchase four notebooks and four-color pens.

Friday, September 3 will be a regular school day with classes from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Once again, families should contact Mrs. Larochelle if they have transportation problems for these dates. We will make arrangements for the students to stay with us for the entire school day if necessary.

### BUSING...

If you are a Manchester family and if you need busing services, please be sure to check your email for communication from Mrs. Larochelle.

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION...

All Spark families should be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Larochelle requesting **emergency information**. It is of the utmost importance that we have that information from your student on the very first day of school, orientation day.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO YEAR 3 STUDENTS...

Spark students entering Early College this fall should plan to attend the MCC New Student Orientation, Thursday, August 26, from 4 - 7 pm. Use this link to get to the college's New Student Orientation Page <https://www.mccnh.edu/admissions/orientation>. Be sure to complete the RSVP form.

## CHANGES TO THE SPARK GRADING SCALE...

In order to make the transition to Early College classes more seamless, we are adopting the Manchester Community College Grading Scale for all Spark classes. This scale will be in effect with the start of this academic year.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Numerical Equivalent (GPA)
A	93.33 - 100	4.0
A-	90 - 93.32	3.7
B+	86.67 - 89.99	3.3
B	83.33 - 86.66	3.0
B-	80 - 83.32	2.7
C+	76.67 - 79.99	2.3
C	73.33 - 76.66	2.0
C-	70 - 73.32	1.7
D+	66.67 - 69.99	1.3
D	63.33 - 66.66	1.0
D-	60 - 63.32	0.7
F	below 60	0.0

## DONATIONS...

Please look at the Spark website and go to the "Wishlist" under the "Donate" tab to see the items we are seeking as we open the school year. The wish list will be updated. However, we are very happy to report that a Spark family has just purchased the last two refrigerators that we have asked for. We are very **grateful**! Thank you for your generosity.

## QUESTIONS...

Please submit any questions you may have to Mrs. Larochelle at [jennifer.larochelle@sparkacademynh.org](mailto:jennifer.larochelle@sparkacademynh.org) so that we can help make the start of this school year as smooth as possible for you.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,



Denis Mailloux

Director.