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Public Charter School Grades 9-12

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our trip to the NH Construction Career Day seems to have been a success. Our students were really engaged and interested as they learned about the various construction-related careers available to them. In addition to the fun of this hands-on experience, we learned of the very important safety needs that careers in the world of construction require.

I had two discussions with construction leaders who wanted to emphasize their need for a reliable and responsible work force. They seem very much interested in Spark Academy and in knowing that our graduates will be part of that reliable workforce. It is never too early for

students to begin thinking about their future and to begin setting long-term goals. The need for advanced technologies obviously crosses every boundary, and it is quite likely that someone in our school will become involved in some level of commercial or residential construction. Driving the equipment is fun, but the technology behind every aspect of the construction world creates many avenues for those who are ready to seize opportunities.



Our next exploration day will be to the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH, on Wednesday, **October 9, from 9:00 to 1:00**. Transportation to and from the school will be as it always is. We will be returning to Spark in time for everyone to head home at their normal time.

We are looking for two parents to join us as chaperones. Please contact Mrs. Larochelle if you



will be able to help us! It should be a very enjoyable and informative trip.

The cost of admission and transportation will be **\$15.00 per student**. A field trip form and reminder for payment will be sent home this Friday.

**We will be closed on Monday, October 14th, for Columbus Day.**

**The PSAT 8/9 will be administered on Wednesday, October 16th.** The students will arrive to and depart from school as they always do. The students should get a good night's rest and should have breakfast. They should bring their No. 2 pencils.

While the PSAT has no impact on a student's academic record, it is an important means for schools to assess their programs. The test can also highlight skills for students to improve upon although we keep in mind the fact that the PSAT provides information based on only one day's performance. Please encourage your student to take the PSAT in a manner that provides us with the most reliable results.

As we prepare to begin the admissions process for the 2020-2021 school year, I am asking for your thoughts to help us reach prospective families. Please feel free to email me at [denismailloux@sparkacademynh.org](mailto:denismailloux@sparkacademynh.org) with your ideas both in the messaging and the means for getting the word out.

Finally, Spark Academy will be hosting an "Ice Cream & Information" program on "Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention" on **Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6:30pm**. We thank our friends at *Making It Happen, The*



*Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester,* and other agencies for joining with Spark in this very important effort.

You are all invited to attend. Please bring your student with you and invite others to attend as well. The Manchester Community College Community has been invited to be with us as we join other schools throughout our state in the important effort to support good mental health.

The event will be held in the MCC Multi-Purpose Room.

I also want to thank our guidance counselor, Mr. Losier, for connecting us with so many important resources. We are so fortunate to have someone of his experience and skill to enhance our school community!

As you can see, October is a busy month for us! Feel free to contact us with any questions as we make our way through our many activities.

