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School Community Newsletter — June 3, 2022

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NH GIVES IS NEXT WEEK: ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE!

Are you ready to support Spark Academy during the 2022 NH Gives campaign? It runs from 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 7th until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8th.

Here is our link: <https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/spark-academy-of-advanced-technologies>

NH Gives has a \$200,000 site-wide bonus pool available to every organization that raises at least \$300, and the more you raise, the higher your bonus. Please SHARE our

NH Gives profile link with your friends & family and GIVE if you have the means and are happy about all that we are providing for our students!

DONOR APPRECIATION

Get a little something for giving

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Donate \$50 or more at nhgives.org between 5pm 6/7 and 5pm 6/8



\$15 OFF \$40

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Then check your email for instructions on how to get your discount code.

\$15 off food and beverage purchase of \$40 or more
Valid for use at T-Bones, C.J's, & Cactus Jack's locations only.

NH GIVES

TURBOCAM LOVES OUR STUDENTS

Turbocam had some great things to say about our students on their Facebook page after a recent visit to Spark:

"Turbocam's Employee Growth & Development administrator, Kim Nicols, recently met with students from Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies. Spark Academy started three years ago, sharing a campus with Manchester Community College. This program allows first, second- and third-year high-school students to take advantage of college level math and manufacturing certifications.

Kim showed the students some of Turbocam's exciting work. "I loved seeing their VEX

Robots and appreciated their gratitude, enthusiasm, and ready resumes. It was great sharing the Turbocam mission, our story, and showing a glimpse of the products we get to make right here in New Hampshire. Thanks for the invite!" Make sure you are following Spark on Facebook if you want to stay up to date: facebook.com/SparkAcademyNH

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE NEWS

END-OF-YEAR TEACHER LUNCH

Let's show our faculty and staff how much we appreciate them with an End-of Year Lunch!





Please send your cash or check donations for the lunch to the attention of Katie McQuaid. Checks should be made out to Spark Academy.

Lunch will be served on the day after classes end: Wednesday, June 15th.

Thank you to those who have already sent in your contributions!

FINAL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

5/30 'Dinner & A Movie' gift basket worth \$150: Mr. Pouliot

5/31 GRAND PRIZE \$500 cash: Jessica Hoyt

Congratulations to all the winners, and we thank everyone who bought and sold tickets for their support.

THANK YOU, CHRETIEN FAMILY!

We would like to thank the Chretien family for the donation of the beautiful "Spark Academy" customized cornhole set including boards, bags, and carrying case! We will take every opportunity to enjoy it as a school. THANK YOU!

SUMMER HOURS

If you need to contact us over the summer, please use email as your primary means of communication rather than calling the main telephone number. We will be available for limited hours during the last two weeks of June and will respond to urgent matters only during the month of July. You should expect to begin hearing from us via email in early August regarding busing, supply lists, and everything else we need to communicate to you to prepare for the start of the school year.

SAVE THE DATE!

The inaugural Spark Academy Golf Classic will be held on August 22 at Pembroke Pines Country Club. Various corporate sponsorship levels are available, and volunteers will be needed - please contact Mr. Tuttle if you can help in either capacity:
john.tuttle@sparkacademynh.org.



Our final Student Council-sponsored Bake Sale of the Year will be on Friday, June 10, which is also Spirit Day!

GOFUNDME FOR SKILLS USA TEAM

As previously reported, there will be a team representing Spark Academy at the National SkillsUSA Mobile Robotics competition in Atlanta, GA! A GoFundMe has been started privately to help with travel expenses. Please consider a donation if you can:
<https://gofund.me/b90dcea7>



TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we get closer to the end of the year, I continue to think about ways to create a safe school for all and ways that we can improve our safety measures. There has been a lot of really bad news out in the world; how do we continue to make sure that we are safe and still create an environment where all can learn and grow?

In an article about enhancing school security from ASCD that I stumbled across, they talked about how school leaders should not

overlook the importance of connection. This made me really think about the ways that we are bonding as a school and community. COVID made this difficult, but now we must move forward and not let that become an excuse. How are we connecting as a community and how do we grow? If we start to connect with each other, can this help make our school safer?

I am not 100% sure that this answers all the questions about a safe school, but I know that this is something that we need to improve. I want to have families connecting, talking, and working on ways to support the school. I want everyone to become involved and do their part to create a positive community. So here is my challenge and pledge: let's get all Spark families together and have each family figure out how they can be part of our community. This can mean volunteering, joining the parent support committee, fundraising, or anything else that contributes in a meaningful way to our school community.



On 8/29 from 4:00-6:00 we will be having a SPARK FAMILY COOKOUT on the MCC campus. This will be our very first event that will include our students and families from all four years/grades! At this event, we will be able to begin to bond and discuss ways that we can work together. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a great weekend and thank you for being part of our community.

John Tuttle

Director

