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October 9, 2020

Dear Spark Families,

As we have a holiday on Monday, the 12th, we will change our schedule for the upcoming week as follows:

Monday, 10/12 -----Holiday -----No Classes

Tuesday, 10/13 -----In-Person Day for 2nd Year Students / Remote Day for 1st Year Students

Wednesday, 10/14 -----Remote Day for All Students -----**Regular Class Schedule**

Thursday, 10/15 -----In-Person Day for 1st Year Students / Remote Day for 2nd Year Students

Friday, 10/16 -----In-Person Day for 2nd Year Students / Remote Day for 1st Year Students

**Please Note:**

The only school day that is altered for next week is Wednesday which will feature the **regular class schedule**.

**Community Outreach:**

Please continue to help us reach out to the community about the great opportunities that Spark offers by connecting those families with us. At this time we cannot schedule in-person open house programs, but we are able to give families a tour of our school during the school day. These daytime tours give families a chance to see us as we really are in the course of the day-to-day school experience. In my opinion, these tours are the best way to allow families to see how it feels to be a Spark student. Connect interested families with Mrs. Larochelle at [admissions@sparkacademyNH.org](mailto:admissions@sparkacademyNH.org), and we will take care of the rest!



**SPARKConnect:**

SPARK Connect is a private Facebook group where families and students attending SPARK Academy of Advanced Technologies can connect. We help support and encourage each other and keep up a positive school spirit even when we can't be together in person. All SPARK families are welcome to join. Here's the link: [bit.ly/3iC6nGd](https://bit.ly/3iC6nGd)



### Remote Learning Etiquette:

The faculty reminds our students that we need to see their faces and that they need to be engaged in every remote class, and we know that parents cannot be overseeing every aspect of the remote learning experience. However, your help will go a long way toward making every student's Spark education as productive as possible.

Unfortunately, there are many distractions online. We can, however, use this experience to teach an important life lesson about the need to focus on our

tasks in the midst of so many lures for our attention.

I want to thank those of you whom I have been able to speak with as you drop your kids off to school. These moments have been valuable to me as I try to keep my focus on your perspective as to the success of our hybrid model. Please never hesitate to reach out to me with any thoughts that will help us make Spark Academy the very best high school of its kind! I can always be reached at [denismailloux@sparkacademyh.org](mailto:denismailloux@sparkacademyh.org).



### Your Survey Responses:



Thank you for responding to our September Survey regarding the Spark hybrid learning experience! I am just now compiling the responses, but have had a chance to read all of your comments. I agree with you that the social element of school life is very important. Please know that we welcome your suggestions and will work to improve our "hybrid" life. Your preference for the in-person experience is shared by all of us. Until we can reach the goal of a total in-person instructional model, we will keep working at the opportunities before us. A

survey will be sent to you each month to help us continually evaluate our progress.



### Thank you!

Thanks so much to all of you who have donated cards and/or puzzles for the MCC Veteran's Project which Spark is participating in! We couldn't do it without you!

*The photos in today's newsletter are of our 1st year students as they begin working directly on their robots.*

Yours in Spark,

Denis Mailloux  
Director