

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR SALES

Please keep selling those calendars! Students can turn in their tickets and money to Mrs. Roberts at the front desk any time. The top 3 sellers each week will get lunch purchased for them from the MCC café by Mr. Tuttle!

FYI if a family sells their ten calendars, it pays for just ONE of their student's Running Start classes. Thank you for your support!

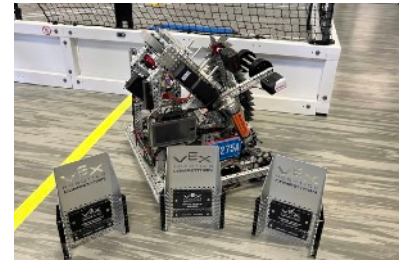
NEWS FROM THE ROBOTICS TEAM

The event at MCC last Saturday was a success thanks to the volunteers. We appreciate every one of our Spark family members that showed up to help out. Thank you!



Spark team 'Axon' took First Place in the qualifying matches, had the top Skills score, and won the Excellence Award. Congratulations to Caleb Smith and John Larochelle!!

The next competition is being held at Pinkerton Academy this coming Saturday, 11/12 and we will have three Spark teams competing, one of them for the first time! Please come and cheer them on. The opening ceremony is at 9:00 AM.



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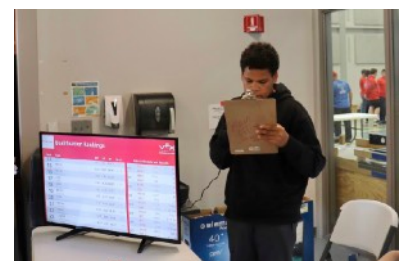
Thank you to Ms. Sarita Pickett who presented on the intricacies of intellectual property and patent law, and to the representatives from Green Mountain Communications who talked with students about their work in creating cellular and network infrastructure. And a big shout out to all of the students who attended these presentations - you all demonstrated strong soft skills and presentation etiquette; you all rose to the occasion. Well done to all! Let's keep up this momentum as we continue to engage in work-based learning and career exploration activities.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Spark Academy is happy to announce that we are creating an Ambassador Program for our student leaders. Students who are interested in serving as information night-, shadow day-, corporate-, and/or conference & event-ambassadors should complete and submit an application. Eligible students should be in good academic standing, have good attendance and behavior, and have demonstrated that they are responsible and dependable. Please see Mrs. Minery for more information.

SPRING SEMESTER COLLEGE CLASSES: FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

All Fourth Year students need to meet with their advisor ASAP if they intend to take college classes in January. We have asked them to get their signed forms turned in to MCC **by Friday, 11/18**.





IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER

As we head into Covid, Cold & Flu Season again, we would like to remind everyone to do their part to keep our community healthy. This means that when students are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, they should stay home. In addition, we ask that you continue to follow current CDC guidelines with regard to COVID exposure and/or positive test results. That information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

We have masks available for anyone who needs one during the school day. Thank you.

On the topic of good health, we have sent some information in a separate email regarding updated state requirements for school immunizations for the 2022-23 school year. Please check your mail and be sure to send any updated immunization records to Mrs. Larochelle, if applicable.

ITEMS NEEDED!

General supplies: If anyone would like to donate items to us, current needs include coffee K-cups, creamer, coffee cups with lids, and healthy snacks for the students.

Snack sale: Student Council is hosting a snack sale next Wednesday 11/16. Please send in your store-bought, individually packaged snacks any time before then!

SCHEDULING EXTRA HELP

Spark students, please be respectful and arrange after-school extra help sessions **ahead of time** with your individual teacher(s). It is discourteous to just assume that teachers will be available with no prior notice. Thank you!

TUT TUT, LOOKS LIKE RAIN: A SHOWER OF UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we go into November we have the focus of raising money for our students. We do this in a few different ways. We have a Calendar Raffle, Giving Tuesday, Golf Tournament, NH Gives and Corporate Asks. It is important to remember that we are a charter school that needs help with funding to provide all the opportunities that every student has access to during the school year.

Right now we are in the midst of our Calendar Raffle. Our goal is for every student to sell 10 calendars. This amount of money will allow us to pay for 1 running start class for every student. It can help us provide Exploration Wednesday events for the whole school, which create exciting opportunities for every student to learn from an experiential event.



All of these events help us reach our mission "to empower our students with opportunities to master technical skills, both practical and theoretical, in the context of a high school and early college program that emphasizes the dignity and value of work."

Thank you all for your support in helping us find ways to support our mission.

Have a great long weekend!

John Tuttle
Director