

# SPARK Academy

NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR WINNERS

Oct. 13 – Norman Drew (ticket sold by Mason P.) \$20

Oct. 14 – Karen Redcross (sold by Aiden G.) \$20

Oct. 15 – Ruby Burton (sold by Aiden F.) \$20

Oct. 16 – Myla Hamel (sold by Tristan N.) \$20

Oct. 17 – Marc Cote (sold by Tristan N.) \$20

Oct. 18 – Tom Kane (sold by Nate) \$20

Oct. 19 – Mike Inman (sold by Chase) \$100!

Congratulations to all and THANK YOU, Ruby Burton for donating your winnings back to Spark!



## REMINDERS

There is a lot happening next week. Please take note!

**Tuesday 10/24:** Information Night for Prospective Families (5:30)

**Wednesday 10/25:** Regular class schedule, all laptops must remain at school

**Thursday 10/26:** PSATs & SATs (see instructions below)

**Friday 10/27:** School Photos Make-Up Day (8:30 – 9:30 ONLY)

## ALMA NEWS

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, Alma is our new information management system. As the year progresses, we will be rolling out different features, including a more seamless integration with Canvas.

1. You should have received an email from [notifications@getalma.com](mailto:notifications@getalma.com). This email contains your username (firstname.lastname) and a link to set your password.
2. Please check your Spam and any hidden Inbox folders and do a search for "getalma" if you do not see the email. Please also be sure to add "[notifications@getalma.com](mailto:notifications@getalma.com)" to your email contact list. If you provided us with more than one email address in your application packet, please check both email





addresses. Contact Mrs. Larochelle if you are 100% certain that you did not receive the automated email from Alma.

3. Click on the link in the email and follow the instructions for setting your password. Your password must be between 7-30 characters and it must match three of the following four requirements:

1. Letter
2. Number
3. Capital Letter
4. Special Character (!@#\$%^&\*)

4. Once you have successfully set your password you will be redirected to your Alma homepage where you can log in! You can bookmark the login page for easier future access.

Your Alma homepage: [sparkacademynh.getalma.com](http://sparkacademynh.getalma.com)

Once you are logged in to Alma, be sure to check your profile and verify that the address & phone number information we have for you is correct. You should also be able to see your student's information.

## SAT AND PSAT INFORMATION

**Fourth-Years:** We are administering the SAT on Thursday, October 26th. All students are encouraged to attend; it provides us with longitudinal data. Please email Mrs. Minery if you will not be there. The test is approximately 4 hours. We will start as close to 8am as possible, so plan on getting to the school by 7:45. Anyone who arrives after the timed section starts will not be permitted in the classroom. There is no make-up date.

**Third-Years:** Third-year students are required to take the PSAT/NMSQT on Thursday, October 26th. As juniors they are eligible for qualifying for the [National Merit Scholarship](#). Students who have a college class are encouraged to work with their college instructor about making up work. Since this test is digital, **all students are expected to bring in their computer and charging cord on Wednesday, October 25th and will leave them at the school that evening. If a student does not bring in their computer and charging cord, there will be a call home for this material.** The test is approximately 3.5 hours. We will start as close to 8am as possible, so plan on getting to the school no later than 7:45. Anyone who arrives after the timed section starts will not be permitted in the classroom. There is no make-up date.



**Second-Years:** Second-year students are required to take the PSAT/NMSQT on Thursday, October 26th. **Since this test is digital, all students are expected to bring in their computer and charging cord on Wednesday, October 25th and will leave them at the school that evening. If a student does not bring in their computer and charging cord, there will be a call home for this material.** The test is approximately 3.5 hours. We will start as close to 8am as possible, so plan on getting to the school no later than 7:45. Anyone who arrives after the timed section starts will not be permitted in the classroom. There is no make-up date.

**First-Years:** First-year students are required to take the PSAT 8/9 on Thursday, October 26th. **Since this test is digital, all students are expected to bring in their computer and charging cord on Wednesday, October 25th and will leave them at the school that evening. If a student does not bring in their computer and charging cord, there will be a call home for this material.** The test is approximately 3.25 hours. We will start as close to 8am as possible, so plan on getting to the school no later than 7:45. Anyone who arrives after the timed section starts will not be permitted in the classroom. There is no make-up date.





## DOOR DECORATING

Once again, students will be decorating the Spark classroom doors for Halloween! You may begin collaborating now. We will devote some time next Wednesday for you to work on this as well. First- and Second-Year cohorts will decorate their homerooms and the Third- and Fourth-Year students should work together to decorate the door of room 312. All decorations are confined to the doors and doorways – NO inflatables or other items should be in the hallway. Doors will be judged by

Spark teachers & staff members during the Halloween Jamboree on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>!

## ATTENTION FOURTH-YEARS!

Mr. Brown will be sending you an email on behalf of the Yearbook Staff to see what you would like for a theme. If you want your vote to count, please respond!



## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we continue to go through the school year it is important to look at ways that we have progressed and made an impact. We have been working on our SPARK values every day and are seeing great steps in all areas. Kindness is a key part of creating the type of school that we want to be.

Kindness is expressed in many ways and sometimes it is hard to show how you have been kind. Here are a few examples of how we at Spark Academy have been showing kindness as a community. Our Parent Support Committee brought in breakfast for all the teachers; our students have logged over 300 hours of community service; our teachers have been staying late to provide students with extra help; and everyone is greeting each other with a smile in the morning.

Sometimes kindness is a small gesture, but in the long run it can make a big difference with very little cost on your part. Please take some time and show kindness to the people around you. It will make every situation a little bit better.

Have a great weekend.

John Tuttle

Director

