# Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies

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# School Community Newsletter - May 13, 2022

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#### IT'S TIME TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!

The order form is attached to this email. Yearbooks are \$25 each and we ask that you return your order with payment to Mrs. Larochelle **by Friday, May** 

20<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to Spark Academy.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- 5/9 Angela's Pasta & Cheese gift card: Alex Frost
- 5/10 Dave & Buster's Power Card: Jillian Cote
- 5/11 Montshire Museum passes: Mary Meade
- 5/12 Vertical Dreams for Two: Samantha O'Neil

5/13 \$50 cash: Tracy Kocjan

Congratulations to all! (As you can see by the photo, Mr. Tuttle made sure the entries were well mixed.)

## WELDING FOR THE ARTIST

If your third year student is signed up for the MCC Welding For the Artist class this Summer, please send in your payment for materials as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to Spark Academy.

#### SOLIDWORKS CERTIFICATION

We are offering another opportunity for students to sit for the SOLIDWORKS Associate Level (CSWA) certification test on Wednesday, June 8. There will be two 3-hour sessions available, morning and

afternoon. Mr. Larochelle will also provide extra help and test practice after school, on request. Anyone who has already earned the CSWA and wants to try for the next level of certification should email Mr. Larochelle and let him know. He will set up a date for this as well.

#### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Please join us this Sunday at 1:00 for our cornhole tournament fundraiser for Spark Academy! You can register at the event, \$15 entry fee with cash prizes









for First, Second, & Third place. There's also a \$10 raffle for a set of two amazing Kustom Woodz cornhole boards (Boston sports team designs) worth \$325. If you just want raffle tickets, or if you have any questions, email Crystal Chretien. <u>cchretien@gmail.com</u>. Note that this event is being held at 5 Perimeter Road, Manchester.

# STATE REQUIRED SCIENCE TEST

Our third year students took the NHSAS this week as part of New Hampshire's requirements for 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

## SPARK ACADEMY OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Spark Board of Trustees is accepting nominations for parent members of the board. Being a part of the board is a wonderful way to help us continue to grow our amazing school and stay involved with your child's education. State law requires that at least 25% of our board be comprised of Spark Academy parents.

The board meets in person on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. If you would like to learn more about the role, please contact parent board members Katie

McQuaid <u>katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com</u> or Susan McGowan at susan.mcgowan@sparkacademynh.org.

#### STEM IN THE STADIUM DAY

We received a great letter from Caleb Baum of the NH Fisher Cats organization, thanking our students who represented Spark at the Fisher Cats stadium this week for STEM In the Stadium Day. It is included with this newsletter – see the last page.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

5/15: Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser 6/8: SOLIDWORKS certification exam 6/2: Information Night 6:30 6/7 – 6/8: NH Gives 2022 online fundraiser – please support Spark Academy! 6/9: NH Tech Alliance TechWomen Awards Luncheon 6/14: last day of school

## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

I was thinking the other day about success and how do you know what you are doing is working? I was



walking through the school checking in on the classrooms as usual and watched the students engaged in their work, helping each other, and laughing. In my mind that is success. There are a lot of things that we all have for goals and each of us look at success in a different way, so when you are looking at a group of people and trying to measure success it tends to get blurred.

This week we had several third year students jump into a classroom

to support the second year students in Electrical Fundamentals. As a school we told them they had to do this, but they did more than that. They did not wait for direction; they all found another peer and started to help. It was amazing to watch.

Student Council was having their meeting to discuss field day and how to organize the event - so many different ideas and voices all at the same time. Each and every one of them was respectful to each other and a great plan was made. I wish all my meetings were like that.

So when you think about success and whether or not things are working, take the time to see the whole picture and appreciate what is happening. Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director



To whom it may concern,

The Fisher Cats and I would like to thank Spark Academy for participating in our STEM in the Stadium Day on 5/10/2022.

We want to spotlight the following students: John Larochelle, Caleb Smith, Kai Caron, Matt Beaudin, and Kieran McCurdy.

They did an incredible job representing Spark Academy with the utmost professionalism for the four and half hours they were at the ballpark. The students were insightful, passionate, and courteous while presenting the various aspects of the robots to the many groups of all ages that stopped by their demonstration.

Thank you for allowing them to be a part of this wonderful day at the ballpark!

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