

# SPARK Academy

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### CHARTER RENEWAL

We are pleased to announce that Spark Academy's charter has been renewed by the State Board of Education for another five years. Onward and upward!

We are working on several exciting new programs as we continue to find ways to benefit our students and enrich the community that we are part of here at MCC. Stay tuned.



### APRIL 20 BUILD-A-BED EVENT RESCHEDULED

From Aileen Clay, Director of Student Life at MCC:

With regrets this year's MCC/SHP Build Day has been postponed to the fall (Sept or early Oct). The SHP organization was unable to staff our Build due to unforeseen circumstances. The Student Leadership Board reviewed other spring dates, yet decided that a fall build was a better alternative.

Be on the lookout (returning students) for the new date, as we continue this special service tradition. We hope the Spark Community will continue to join us.

### YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook order forms were sent home with students this week and are attached to the email carrying this edition of the newsletter. Please return them with the \$30 payment by Friday, May 3rd. If we have extra copies printed, they will be available for \$35 on a first come, first served basis.

### SOLIDWORKS CERTIFICATIONS

All First-Year CAD students will be taking their SOLIDWORKS certification exams on Monday and Tuesday of next week with Mr. Larochelle. Please do not be late for school and best of luck to all!





## PROGRESS REPORTS

The third progress report for Semester Two will be distributed and published in Alma by Friday of next week.

## FOURTH-YEAR FAMILIES

Please watch your email for information about tickets for Senior Dinner! It is going out today and we hope to hear back from you by next Thursday. Thank you!

## MCC/MEP AMT & BIOFABRICATION CAREER FAIR

We are proud of all the students who conducted tours and helped out in other ways at the AMT/Biofabrication Career Day this week. We also had members of the Spark Academy alumni sitting on Q&A panels to talk about what they're doing now and the opportunities that Spark gave them. You all did a great job, and we received a lot of compliments about you.

## EXCUSED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that parental notification alone does not automatically categorize an absence as 'excused.' Please refer to the handbook (found by clicking the Student Resources button on the website) for definitions of excused and unexcused absences.

## EXPLORATION WEDNESDAY

This week we had another visit from The Leddy Group, who worked with our Third-Year students on resume writing. We also sent a group to Bensons Park, practiced some soft skills, and gave our clubs such as Debate, Yearbook, Music, and D&D an opportunity to meet. Third- and Fourth-Year students: please see your email for signups for next week's individual coaching sessions with Leddy Group!

## SUMMER MATH

All incoming First-Year students will be required to come to a math evaluation session in August. Any student who places below where they should be (or would like to be) are encouraged to attend subsequent sessions to work on filling in their knowledge gaps. The dates are August 1, 8, 15, 22 from 9:00-12:00.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☑ Thursday, 5/9 – Family Engagement Trivia Night 5:30
- ☑ Wednesday, 5/15 – Staff Workshop (no Spark classes)
- ☑ Saturday, 5/19 – STEM Day at Pease AFB
- ☑ Wednesday, 5/29 – Senior Dinner
- ☑ Thursday 5/30 – Graduation 12:00





## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

I have two exciting announcements to make this week. First, I am so excited to announce that we met with the Department of Education Board and have received our 5-year renewal approval for our charter. Special thanks to Dan Larochelle, Ann Williams, and Jennifer Larochelle for taking the day and supporting us during our presentation. This is a very exciting time for us because it is one of the next steps in creating our path as a school.

Second, I would like to announce that we have finished creating our pre-apprentice program with Summit Packaging for a Tool and Die Maker. This is going to be a great learning experience for our students and creates another opportunity for students to have a hands-on experience.

Thank you to all the students, staff and families that have been working with us to create this school and environment for all students to be successful. We will continue to develop and grow, and cannot wait to see where we end up in our next five years.

Have a great weekend.

John Tuttle

Director

