

Academy of Advanced Technologies Public Charter School Grades 9-12

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Please remember to check your student's grades regularly on the Spark CANVAS portal. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help doing so.

October 30, 2020

Dear Spark Families,

COVID Update:

We are very fortunate in that the Spark Community appears to remain free of COVID infection. Thank you once again for the united effort everyone is making, allowing for us to progress through this school year in a safe manner. Our hybrid model, while still no replacement for full-time in-person instruction, appears to be working well due to the ongoing efforts of students, parents, and faculty. Thank you!

Running Start:

Our sophomores are able to qualify their tech courses this year as "Running Start" classes which will allow for dual credit, both at Spark Academy and MCC. We want to remind all sophomores and their parents of the registration process.

Here are the major steps from Mr. Larochelle:

- 1. Go to https://ccsnh.dualenroll.com/users/sign in
- 2. Create a student account.
- 3. Select Spark Academy towards the bottom of the list.
- 4. Write down your login information.
- 5. Enter your cell phone number. The system will send you a text message.
- 6. Enter personal information you will need your social security #.
- 7. Enter parent information.
- 8. Select your class ADMT 110 MFG Processes.
- 9. Register.
- 10. Wait for Mr. Larochelle's approval in the system.

Here is a video from Major Wheelock, coordinator of MCC's Running Start Program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gh4xW3dOYk0. This video is worth watching. It includes information regarding the governor's scholarship for Running Start Students.

Halloween Activities:

Thanks to Student Council's efforts, we have very much enjoyed the students' costumes, our Scooby Doo movie, our draw-a-monster-contest, and the imposter game.

Next Week's Schedule:

A reminder to all that we will not be holding classes on Tuesday, November 3rd, either in-person or remote, as that is election day. The schedule for next week will be as follows:

Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th:

We will not hold classes on this date. The rest of the week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will feature our regular class schedule.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

We have set aside Wednesday, November 18th, from 1:00 to 5:00pm for you to Zoom with your student's teachers. Please contact each teacher directly through email to schedule the best time to meet. We will be trying to keep these meetings within a 15 minute window. However, please know that you can schedule a meeting with any of us at any time to discuss your student's progress.

Inclement Weather:

Remote learning has added more flexibility when winter weather strikes. When snow threatens to an extent that travel is likely to be a problem, we will have totally remote days. Announcements will be going out to you via email and the Spark Emergency Communication System.

Continue Spreading the Word:

Thanks to those of you who have been able to connect us with prospective families. In-person tours during the school day seem to work very well as a way of allowing families to get a sense of what Spark is all about. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

Yours in the Spark Mission,

Denis Mailloux

Director