



School Community Newsletter — August 26, 2022



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STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Busing: Reminder for Manchester residents that there is NO SCHOOL BUS available next week! MSD starts on the 6th. We hope that we have route information to give you before then. Please be patient as they are likely still dealing with driver shortages.

Orientation: We hope that you all had an opportunity to Zoom with Mr. Tuttle this week during your orientation session. Here are some of the topics that were covered; this is not all inclusive so please reach out to each other or to us if you need clarification.

Drop off & pickup is in the upper parking ONLY. Please do not drive through the crosswalk!!!

Early dismissal requires an email in advance from a parent or guardian AND if the student is not a driver, the adult picking them up MUST COME IN and sign out their student. Please use attendance@sparkacademynh.org to report absences and early dismissals.



Fourth year students do NOT need to sign in at Spark at 8:00 AM unless they have a college class at 8:00 AM. They must sign in at Spark before their first college class of the day.

We will assign all students a 15" school laptop for school use. If you plan to bring it home, you will need a bag or backpack with a padded compartment.

There will be NO PERSONAL ELECTRONICS allowed in Spark classrooms except during the midday break. Students may use their phones during that time to text or respond to texts from parents. Any phone calls must go through the front desk. Phones should be secured in lockers at all times except during the midday break. Please do not bring tablets, laptops, gaming units, or any other unnecessary personal electronic items to school. THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS are expected to follow Spark guidelines while in Spark classrooms and college guidelines while in college classrooms.



Wireless listening devices ARE NOT ALLOWED at Spark. Wired devices may be utilized in the classroom at the teacher's discretion only.

We have a dress code and expect all students to follow it. Please refer



to the handbook for guidelines if you are unsure. Safety in labs and a professional presentation are the goals of our school dress code.

Students MAY NOT have food delivered for lunch. Bagged lunches and refillable water bottles with lids should be utilized. We have refrigerators and microwaves for student use. If a student forgets their lunch, we will provide them with something to eat. Please do not bring in hot takeout food for your student if they forget their lunch! Spark students who are also MCC students (i.e., taking college classes) may eat in the cafeteria. They should NOT bring cafeteria food to Spark classrooms to eat.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

We would like to remind you to please read the updated Handbook and send in your signed acknowledgement indicating that you have done so. Thank you!

SPARK ACADEMY GOLF CLASSIC

The first annual Spark Academy Golf Classic was a huge success! Thank you again to our sponsors, players, and volunteers. We are grateful for your support and we can't wait to see to you all again at next year's tournament.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/31 – First Day of School
- 9/2-9/5 – NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- 9/12 – Ice Cream Social
- 9/13 – NO SCHOOL (staff workshop)
- 10/10 – NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- 10/18 – Open House (parent/teacher)
- 10/19 – NO SCHOOL (staff workshop)

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

It was great seeing you all at my Zoom meetings this week. We had a good showing and there seemed to be some excitement about school starting. If you did miss the meetings and have some questions please let me know.



This week we have been doing lots of things to get ready for you all. Teachers have been setting up their classrooms, Ms. Pringle has been working on the computers, Ms. Larochelle has been setting up our school information system, Ms. Minery has been reviewing student schedules and plans, Mr. Long has been meeting with companies to talk about internships and I seem to be just making a big mess moving everything all over the place.

Communication is one of the big goals that I have for this year and you will see that this newsletter is going to have important information in it so please make sure that you review this every week. We are going to celebrate the current week and let you know what is coming up in the next week. We will be sharing helpful hints and tips and any other information that is important. We will not be using this to promote programs or other advertisements.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week. Enjoy these last few days of summer and let's start this year off with a (figurative) BANG!

John Tuttle
Director

