

# SPARK Academy

## NEWSLETTER

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### SEMESTER SCHEDULES

All semester one classes finish up today. Report cards will be distributed next Friday. Semester Two schedules are available in Alma under the Classes tab; college class schedules will be distributed to Third- and Fourth-Year students separately and can be found in their MCC Canvas accounts.

### NEXT WEEK

Reminder that there are no Spark classes on Monday or Tuesday next week, but MCC classes start on Tuesday!! Students with college classes scheduled for Tuesdays need to make sure they attend their first class. Mrs. Minery has emailed you all about this as well, students.

### PLANNERS

Please remember to encourage your students to use their planners to physically write things down. We are finding that students who do this are better able to keep on top of their school assignments. Planners are checked regularly, in Humanities and other classes. Semester Two is a new start and this is a great habit to begin NOW!



### VEX ROBOTICS NEWS

Congratulations to Spark team 77275B, who won tournament champion last week at the Bow Bot Bout! This Saturday the teams will be competing in Belmont.

The VRC State Championship will once again be held at Manchester Community College this year; the dates are Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18. We will need volunteers as well as food donations for the concession stand, so please mark your calendar and watch your email!

### ATTENTION FOURTH-YEAR FAMILIES

Cap and gown order forms will be going out next week – please watch for them and return to us as soon as possible. Thank you!

## SPARK VALUES – DO YOU KNOW THEM?

### 1.Spirit and Community Involvement:

- Actively participates in school activities and events
- Demonstrates respect and support for the school community
- Contributes positively to the school's reputation and spirit
- Speaks positively about the school and makes suggestions for improvement



### 2.Perseverance and Growth Mindset:

- Shows determination and resilience in the face of challenges
- Demonstrates a willingness to learn from mistakes and embrace feedback
- Sets goals and takes initiative to improve academically and personally
- Asks for help and takes the initiative to help others



### 3.Accountable for Behavior, Academics, and Attendance:

- Takes responsibility for actions and choices
- Maintains good attendance and punctuality
- Completes assignments and tasks on time and to the best of their ability
- Communicates with instructors and classmates to ensure success



### 4.Respect and Integrity:

- Considerate of other people's space and property (school and personal)
- Values diversity and demonstrates inclusive behavior
- Upholds honesty and ethical behavior in all aspects of school life
- Considers alternate perspectives



### 5.Kindness:

- Shows compassion and empathy towards peers, teachers, and staff
- Acts in a supportive and considerate manner towards self and others
- Promotes a positive and inclusive atmosphere in the school community
- Seeks to *understand*, not to judge

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Please send in reams of paper and ramen! Thank you.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday 1/15 – No school (Civil Rights Day)**
- **Tuesday 1/16 – No school (Staff workshop)**
- **Wednesday 1/17 – Board meeting**
- **Tuesday 1/23 – Info Night for Prospective Families**

## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

We have come to the conclusion of the first semester. This is an exciting time for me because it is a true measure to see where we are and what we need to work on. We have tried a few different ways to help grow organizational skills, study skills, and Spark Values. Some have been a great success and others need some more focus. This is one part of education that I truly love: assessing where we are and looking at where we want to go.

We will continue to develop new strategies for student success and create opportunities for growth. It is up to each individual to see these opportunities and take the time to work on the things that are important to them. I would like to have everyone think about how this semester has gone and what they are proud of, and decide what they are going to focus on this next semester.

Hope you all have a great weekend and be safe.

John Tuttle  
Director

