



School Community Newsletter — September 1, 2022

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIP!

The NH Construction Career Days event is back on this year, and Spark Academy will be attending! More details will follow, but please make note of the date: Friday, September 23. Any parent who wishes to volunteer as a chaperone should contact Mr. Tuttle or Mrs. Larochelle.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Updated emergency information and permission to dispense medications forms went out via email today. Please complete and return to us **as soon as possible**.
- We will be opening up the opportunity for new members to join the Spark Academy Robotics team soon – watch this space for details. The team meets after school and there is a fee to join.



- Any student who drives to school needs to obtain an MCC parking permit, available from the Spark Academy front desk. These do not need to be renewed if your student had one last year **UNLESS THE STUDENT NOW BRINGS A DIFFERENT CAR TO CAMPUS**.
- Spark Academy school picture day is Tuesday, October 18 .
- School laptops will be issued next Tuesday. Please note that they cannot be brought home until we have a signed Acceptable Use Policy form returned to us. This form will be sent to you in a separate email.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Ice Cream Social for all Spark Families will be on Monday, September 12 from 3:00-5:00 PM. In addition to ice cream and socializing, there will be an opportunity to order new Spark merchandise! There will also be booths for students to learn about Spark Academy clubs they can join.

Our first Student Council Bake Sale of the year will be on Wednesday 9/28!





COVID & GOOD HEALTH REMINDERS

We would like to remind everyone that any student exhibiting symptoms of illness should stay home. Spark Academy has followed and continues to follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control regarding known exposure to Covid and positive test results. Here is the abbreviated version:

- Instead of quarantining if you were exposed to COVID-19, wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate from others when

you have COVID-19.

- You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.

If your results are positive, follow CDC's full isolation recommendations.

If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.

- If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask when you must be around others at home and in public.
 - If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5.
 - Regardless of when you end isolation, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 until at least day 11.
 - You should wear a high-quality mask through day 10.



Further details can be found on the CDC's website here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to Fourth Year student Enrique Hernandez, who is one of 62,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service.



Enrique earned this recognition by excelling on his PSAT/NMSQT and in his classrooms. Great job, Enrique!

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We have completed 2 days of school and things are starting to get back to normal. We have had some challenges with our computers and will distribute them on Tuesday. No need to worry about homework - we did not assign any yet.

As you all can see, the pickup and drop off are busy times and I ask that you be patient as we work out a few of the kinks. The First Year students are having some trouble opening their locks and lockers and this will get better!



During the first day of school, I met with all of the students to talk about school safety and respect. We went over Fire Drills, Lock Down drills, and how to treat others. We had our first Fire Drill on 9/1/22. If you have any questions in regard to these discussions please reach out to me. The safety of and respect for all students is very important to us at Spark.

Students with IEP or 504 plans should have received an email from Ms. Minery to set up a time for us to meet to make sure that these plans are updated and correct. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these plans or just specific questions about your child, please reach out to me.

Parent involvement is an important part of Spark and there are many different ways that you can be involved. You can join a committee, go on a field trip, help with fundraising or support in the school. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please let me know. We will also be able to discuss this more during our Ice Cream Social.

Have a great long weekend and please be safe!

John Tuttle
Director