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DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

At the conclusion of our second full week of classes, we seem to be developing a bit of momentum despite COVID challenges and the simple angst of the start of a new school year. Our new students seem to be adjusting well, and our early college students seem to be off to a good start. It's great that a certain level of comfort is setting in. **However, it is important to realize that there is a good deal of work to be done in our classes and that it can be easy to fall behind.**

Please reach out early to teachers for information or clarification so that we avoid an end-of-quarter rush.

NO CLASSES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21...

Due to Manchester's primary elections on Tuesday, Manchester Public Schools will be closed, and school buses will not be running. **As a result, Spark Academy students will have the day off from classes, and the staff will have a workshop day.**



TESTING DAY...

Standardized tests will be administered on Wednesday, October 13th. Spark Academy uses this testing to help establish an assessment of longitudinal student progress and measure program effectiveness. This testing can provide insights regarding individual student achievement; however, the data also provides us with very important overall perspective on the entire school program.

Our first year students will be taking the PSAT 8/9 (Preliminary SAT). Second and third year students will take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merits Scholarship Qualifying Test). Teachers will

familiarize students with the format of the test and examples prior to testing day so as to help them avoid confusion on testing day. Identification forms will be completed prior to the testing date as well so that students can focus better on their tests. More information will be sent home to families as October 13th approaches.

THE SPARK ACADEMY PARENT/GUARDIAN FACEBOOK PAGE...

Please consider joining the Spark Academy Parent Facebook Group, *Spark Connect*. Email Sue McGowan at susan.mcgowan@sparkacademynh.org to join. Facebook helps us to get the word out about our school, and your participation really helps!

PHOTOS...

This week's photos are of some of our third year students in their Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Class.

Sincerely,



Denis Mailloux

Director

