

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

We have made the decision to preemptively cancel school tomorrow due to expected weather conditions. Report cards will go out to parents via email. College students should remember to watch for MCC alerts regarding MCC class cancellations!

TRIVIA NIGHT POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to the possibility of inclement weather, we have decided to postpone tonight's Trivia Night event until Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 5:30pm to 7pm.

Even though the forecast predicts a late start to the wintry mix, we want to be mindful of folks who are traveling from farther away.

Please re-mark your calendars for Thursday the 26th!

VRC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FEBRUARY 18TH & 19TH

MCC/Spark Robotics is once again hosting the VEX NH/VT State Championship. It is a two-day event: the high school competition is on Saturday, February 18 and the elementary school competition is on

Sunday, February 19. **We are looking for volunteers!** We will need people to help with giveaway bag stuffing (Friday night), concessions, queueing, field reset, and judging.

Please watch your email for an opportunity to sign up to help, and/or feel free to email Mrs. Larochelle and let her know when you're available.

Also, if you like to bake or if you have a favorite chili recipe and a crockpot, we will be sending out a link soon for concession stand donations. Thank you!

DRONE TEAM

Spark Academy is partnering with St. Anselm College to start a **brand new drone competition team!** Students will learn how to design, build, and compete with different types of drones, and will have the opportunity to attend regional competitions in the spring. They will also learn about the uses and ethics of drones, all facilitated by staff mentors from St. A's. **The first meeting of the drone team is 3-4pm**



on Tuesday, January 24 - either sign up via [THIS FORM](#) or just show up on the 24th. Contact Mr. Long with any questions.

Photos in this week's newsletter are from our first week at the Adventure Lore program!

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

This week as a school we have been talking about a new start. The new semester has begun, and we wanted to think about what worked and what we need to continue to improve. What are our priorities and how are we going to organize the new classes?

Organizational skills that we will be working on this semester are: prioritizing, setting a timetable, time management, avoiding procrastination, documentation, multitasking, planning effectively, self-motivating, setting goals, and coordination.

These are 10 key skills that need to be practiced for every student to be successful. Please look forward to our coming newsletters to see the progress the students are making and the ways we will be working on organizational skills.

Thank you all for taking the time to meet with me on zoom this week and if you ever have any questions please reach out.

Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

