

CALENDAR ITEMS...

- REMINDER: There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, 2/21** and the MCC campus is CLOSED. Spark has an off site Staff Workshop Day.
- Wednesday 2/23 will be a day of REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES.
- Our next **Info Night** is Wednesday 2/23 at 6:30 PM.
- [ASVAB](#) for Davinci cohort on Friday, **February 25th** from 8-11am.
- Spark Academy's February vacation is 2/28-3/4. Please note that this is not a break from college classes, as MCC is on their own schedule.

TUTTLE THOUGHTS...

Congrats to Spark mom Heather Noon for winning the \$10 Dunkin' Donuts Card! Also thank you to all of you that responded to the request in the last newsletter. It confirms to me how effective this method of communication is to our community.



assignments is a vital skill for their future success. Remember that you have access to their Canvas account and you can also see how they are doing with their work. We thank you for reinforcing the good work habits we are trying to instill in our students!

Have a great weekend.

John Tuttle, Director



There are a lot of great things that are happening and it is important for you all to hear about the great things that are happening at our school. We have started to implement social interest groups that have been approved by our Student Council. (Art Group and Yoga Group.) Next week will be the first meeting of our restart for the robotics team. It is great to see the kids having a voice and developing a plan on how the groups will run and getting the student body to approve the idea. Future groups will be in areas of coding/gaming and yearbook.

The other great event is that we have created time for all of the students to get caught up with all of their missing assignments. This was a bit of a process but important for the students to understand that meeting deadlines and completing their





FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE...

One of the advantages of Spark Academy is the proximity to Manchester Community College and the opportunity our students have to take classes that could lead to a career pathway. In an effort to expose the students to what MCC offers, guests were generous with their time and met with members of the DaVinci cohort this week.

On Monday Peter La Monica, the Department Head of the Computer Science program, shared about the *Cloud Services IT*, the *Computer and Science Innovation*, and the *Cybersecurity Investigations* programs. A number of our students indicated that they were interested in at least one of the programs, and he invited them to check out the technology in the computer labs.

In the fall, all Spark students took a tour of MCC's state-of-the-art Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning facilities. On Tuesday, Eddie Curran, the Department Head, took it a step further by coming to DaVinci's classroom and explaining more about the program and the job security involved in a career in the HVAC field. By the end of the discussion a few of the students seemed pretty excited.

On Thursday, Colleen Jennings of the English, Humanities and Language Department informed DaVinci of the many programs that could be available to them. *College Composition* is a requirement for any of the Associate Degree programs, as well as a prerequisite for many of MCC's Social Science and Behavioral Science programs. Our goal is that our students will be ready for this college-level writing course by their fourth year.

The students finished the week with a tour of the Welding facility by teacher Sarah Groleau.

Future guests Carrie Marshall-Gross from Early Childhood and Education and Joanne Jagodowski from Art and Design will share information about their respective programs in March.



PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE NEWS...

The Spark Parent Committee is planning a calendar raffle. Kelly Mullin is looking for a co-chair to help procure raffle items. If you can help, or if you have items to donate, please email Kelly at pjandkelly@yahoo.com.

UPDATE ON MCC CAMPUS MASK POLICY...

Masks are still required in all classrooms and labs on campus and at public events, but are now optional in many of the MCC common areas. Third year students may follow the college's mask policy when they are spending time in college common areas. Our mask policy has not changed. We will review our mask policy on March 14, a week after returning from our break.



2022 VEX ROBOTICS NH/VT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FEBRUARY 19-20...

While COVID has dictated that this year's VEX Robotics state championship be closed to the general public, the entire two day event will be broadcast live. Please watch for an email from Dan Larochelle containing the webcast link if you are interested in tuning in.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL...

Just a reminder that we have a PayPal link on our website for direct donations to our school. You can also help us greatly by using our AmazonSmile link every time you purchase something from Amazon.com: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1795937>. You can access this link on our website Donations page as well. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY SERVICE...

Deadline 2/28: Pass Along Project is collecting gently used sport pants, sweatpants, and shorts in men's sizes L and XL for teen boys who are entering foster care. Students can turn in donations to their homeroom teachers. The cohort that collects the most clothing donations will win a pizza party!

Deadline 3/11: Sleep In Heavenly Peace is in need of new pillows and new twin sized mattress covers for their upcoming bed deliveries. Students can turn in donations to Mrs. Larochelle. Don't forget the upcoming Bed Build event at MCC on Saturday 4/23!

SEMESTER ONE HONOR ROLL..

We hope it is evident that grades are only one piece of the puzzle when it comes to measuring success at Spark Academy. With that in mind, we are happy to present the honor roll for the first semester of the 2021-22 school year!

DISTINCTION: FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Josephine Carter
Connor Mitchell
Matthew Mullin
Isaac Swanson

DISTINCTION: SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

Seth Lowne
Michael Paradis

DISTINCTION: THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

Raden Chretien
Enrique Hernandez
John Larochelle
Kieran McCurdy
Julius Soti

HIGH HONORS: FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Travis Garside

HIGH HONORS: THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

Caden Qualey

HONORS: FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Shylah Burns
Charles Cote
Rowan Frawley
Nathan Jarvis
Nathaniel Kaneland
Ariel O'Brien
Quinton Pray

HONORS: SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

Travis DesRoches
Johnathan Langlais

HONORS: THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

Michael Goncalo
Jared Palmer
Caleb Smith
Palton Williams