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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR WINNERS

Buffalo Wild Wings & Hair Haven GCs: David Lawrence

Free admission to Clark's Bears: Michelle Frigo

Montshire Museum tickets: Davide McCurdy

Fantastic Sam's \$75 GC: Natasha Riddle

\$100 Cash: Madelyn Mailloux

Congratulations to all!!

BUS FOR THE HALF DAY

We had several families indicate that they were in need of transportation for the 11:00 dismissal on Friday 12/23, so we will be paying for a school bus.



FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, members of Hooke, Tesla, & DaVinci cohorts visited both the **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard** and **Novel Iron Works**. The students really enjoyed learning about these two workforce opportunities that are available to them.

FUN FACT

The first semester ends on January 13, which means we are almost halfway through the school year!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

- The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awards more than \$7 million in private scholarships to students who demonstrate great educational potential but have limited financial resources. Applications open on January 17, 2023. Visit <https://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship/> for more information.

- The Student Council is preparing activities for the afternoon of Wednesday, December 21st. We hope that you will consider donating a baked good to fund student-led events. Stay tuned for more information.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Are you interested in becoming more involved in supporting our school, students, and faculty? Please email Katie McQuaid katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com and Sarah Carter saffronandclove@gmail.com to let them know. They are forming working groups and could use your help.



ROBOTICS TEAM NEWS

Spark Academy Robotics is having a terrific and very active season this year. Last weekend two senior teams competed in The Wave signature event at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where they had the opportunity to play against some really good teams from all over the country. Spark had a good showing (Axon seeded 12th out of 80 after the qualifying rounds) and a valuable experience. This weekend several Spark teams – including some first year ones – will be competing at the Pemi-Baker tournament in Plymouth, NH. Good luck to all!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 23: Half day (11:00 dismissal)

December 26 – January 2: Holiday Break

January 12: Info Night for Prospective Families

January 16: No Spark classes (Civil Rights Day)

CURRENT NEEDS

Sincere appreciation for everyone who sent in food for our student population. Thank you! We could also use large bowls & plates (NO Styrofoam please) and paper towels.

TUT TUT, LOOKS LIKE RAIN: A SHOWER OF UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we continue to get closer to the holidays, it is important that students are reviewing what they have for work and making sure that they are keeping up to date with their work. I understand that many schools start to have holiday parties, watch movies, and generally have less work during this time, but we have a lot to cover. Each and every day brings new assignments. Students, it is important to make sure that you are keeping up with your work.

Parents are encouraged to look at their students' Canvas accounts regularly to see what is missing and know how your child is doing in each class. Also, if there are any plans to miss school days it is important that the student is meeting with their teachers to make sure they have a plan on how to get the work in that they will be missing. I would like to say that I believe everyone chose Spark Academy because of our hands on approach and the engagement that happens in class. Missing a day of school really means missing a lot of learning experiences that can't really be made up.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and we can set up a meeting. I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

John Tuttle
Director

