



## igniting your purpose!

October 16, 2020

Dear Spark Families,

I want to thank all of you for your cooperation with our COVID-related procedures. Every family has been great, whether it be with the wearing of masks, completing of forms, or self-quarantining due to travel outside New Hampshire. I also want to thank you for your contributions of cleaning supplies though I would ask for more contributions of COVID-effective wipes if you can do so. So far, the Spark Community appears to have had no COVID cases, and we certainly want to keep it that way! I know this requires extra diligence on the part of all of you, and want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts and commitment.

I also want to thank those of you who have volunteered to help us get the word out about Spark. It's difficult to reach prospective families when so many matters are calling for our attention. Furthermore, Spark offers a huge program when coupled with the Manchester Community College curriculum. I think our school is so different and offers so much that it is difficult to express everything that Spark has to offer. **If you know of a family that should be considering Spark, please ask them to contact us at [admissions@sparkacademynh.org](mailto:admissions@sparkacademynh.org) so that we can invite them to visit the school to see your kids in action.** The program and the atmosphere really need to be experienced for new families to understand what Spark is about.

Sue McGowan, Spark parent and head of our admissions committee, will be reaching out to all of you with ideas for additional networking opportunities. Perhaps inviting current and prospective families to coffee with the director will be one way to do this. I'm game if you are! Please help with your ideas and family networks. That's the best way to tell our story!

### Virtual Tour...

Next Wednesday, October 21st will feature a virtual tour for all Spark students with NH Ball Bearings, Inc., from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, followed by a health class from 9:15 to 10:30, and Humanities videos/discussions from 10:45 to Noon. We will have to keep the schedule flexible to accommodate for the length of the virtual tour. This tour is made possible through the efforts of NH MEP, the NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership, as part of our state's Manufacturing Month Program. We want to thank both organizations for making this opportunity possible!



**Next Friday, the 23rd**, will be a workshop day for our teachers. Students will have no classes on that date and may want to take advantage of the extra time to get caught up on assignments – especially where November 13th will be the end of the first marking period.

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings, November 18th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

We will send details to you next week so that you can schedule Zoom meetings with our teachers to check in on your student's progress. Zoom seems to be the wisest approach right now and offers more ease than in-person meetings. Follow-up meetings with teachers including in-person meetings can certainly be scheduled in addition to these Zoom meetings on November 18th.

### **Student Council...**

Spark's Student Council has taken the time to help us fine-tune our daily mask breaks. The students have chosen one half-hour mask break with the option for study hall if they wish. We will welcome any further suggestions from students and parents that are within state and MCC requirements. Together, we will make the most of this!



### **Finally...**

How do our students begin exploring injection molding, evaluating methods and optimal use of materials? With Play-Doh, of course! Little did you know that all those hard-to-remove carpet stains could lead to a promising career!

That is it for this week. Please don't hesitate to send me your suggestions as we work together to make Spark the best high school of its type in the region!

Yours in Spark,

Denis Mailloux  
Director