

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Grades close on Friday 1/13 for the first semester. All fourth-year students should have turned in their MCC Fall semester grades by today.
- ✓ Regular attendance is an essential component of students' success at Spark Academy.

TRIVIA NIGHT - THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

For our first student & family engagement of 2023, please join us for a fun game of trivia (pizza and refreshments provided) on **Thursday, January 19 from 5:30pm-7pm**. Bring a team of up to 5 players, or play by yourself; **prizes include tubing passes to Gunstock, our fabulous Spark merch, and more!** This is a great way to get to know the Spark community and to connect with Spark staff. Please email Mr. Long (matt.long@sparkacademynh.org) with any questions.

Thank you to Macy Industries, Inc. for sponsoring our first Trivia Night!!



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ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN!

We are now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. If any siblings among our current families are looking to attend Spark next year, please let Mrs. Larochelle know ASAP so that we can reserve a spot. If you know a family with a rising 9th grade student who would be a good fit for our program, please send them to one of our upcoming Info Nights! Dates can be found in the Mark Your Calendar section below and on our website.

FOURTH YEAR CHECK-IN

All fourth year students should plan to meet with Mr. Tuttle every Wednesday at 9:45 in room 314 starting on January 18th.

ELO CORNER

January is Extended Learning Opportunities Month! Learn about how to get credit for learning that happens outside the classroom, including jobs, internships, and career exploration activities.

Starting next week, students can complete and submit various activities relating to ELOs and they will be entered to win some awesome prizes. See Mr. Long for more information, and click: [Here](#) to learn more about ELOs.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs. January 12 – Info Night for Prospective Families

Mon. January 16 – No Spark Classes

Thurs. January 19 – Trivia Night at Spark, Room 314

Tues. January 24 – Info Night for Prospective Families

February 18 & 19 – VEX Robotics State Championship at MCC

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! We are so excited to think about what we can do to make this a better year than last year, so I started to think about ways that we are helping our students stand out in the workforce. There are a lot of different ways that we do this.

There is one that struck me recently and that is attendance. Talking with work professionals, it is clear that one thing needed in the workforce today: people who value the importance of showing up and being present. Attendance!!!!

How is this taught and how do we make sure that it is seen as important? Practice. Every student should view school as their 'job', and it is important for them to be there every day. By showing up to school every day, they start to learn how to show respect to others and take the time to learn.

I understand that it is also important for people to find time for themselves and make sure that they reset, which is why we have vacations and days off. Please take some time and make sure that we are using this great teaching moment to help students understand the importance of ATTENDANCE.

Thank you! Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

