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December 11, 2020

Dear Spark Families,

Manchester Community College Campus Status

I was able to meet on Thursday with MCC President, Dr. Brian Bicknell, to discuss the college's status regarding on-campus student attendance. For now, it seems most prudent for Spark to remain fully remote. Dr. Bicknell and I will meet mid-January to assess then the prospects of our returning to our hybrid model. We all hope hybrid learning can be a relatively brief transition to fully in-person classes. Let's all keep our fingers crossed!

In the meantime, please keep me posted should your family experience any COVID contact or possible exposure. This information will allow me to keep the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services informed of Spark's status with respect to possible exposure and will provide me with data to bring to my next meeting with Dr. Bicknell.

A Reminder from Mr. Losier...

Now that Year 2 students have completed the Career/Goal form, Mr. Mailloux and I will be scheduling half hour Zoom meetings with these students to discuss career interests and possible course options for next year that might relate to their career plan or allow them to explore an area of interest. Parents are always welcome in these meetings, and we encourage you to join us if you schedule allows. Since we are meeting with students on Wednesday afternoons so as not to infringe on their instructional time in other classes, we anticipate these initial meetings will take place over the next few weeks.

Please feel free to contact me at ronald.losier@sparkacademynh.org with any questions or concerns and we look forward to meeting with your child and hopefully you as well.

Coffee with the Director...

I want to thank those of you who were able to join us for *Coffee With the Director* on Wednesday of this week. It's great to hear from you and get to know you better. More *Coffees* will be scheduled after the holidays.

Virtual Open House Update...

We have more *Virtual Open House* dates scheduled after the holidays. Reminders will be sent out prior to each open house. The links can be found on the Spark Calendar by clicking the *Calendar* tab in the main menu. Please consider attending to add your voice to our efforts to spread the word about Spark.

Also, please steer prospective families to these open houses to help us get the word out about our school.

Upcoming Virtual Open House Dates:

- Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm

Please Continue Spreading the Word...

Thanks to those of you who have been able to connect us with prospective families. Please steer these folks to our virtual open houses and please consider joining with them at the open house to help break the ice. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

Staying Safe Over the Holidays...

You certainly don't need me to repeat the words of caution from health officials regarding safety concerns. I will simply add my voice in asking everyone to be wise and stay safe so that we can all be together again soon and put COVID behind us.

----- Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is now open! -----

Spark Academy: Schedule for Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:00 - 9:30	Years 1 & 2: Health Class with Mrs. Harnois & Mr. Losier
10:00 - 11:00	Year 1: Study Skills with Mr. Losier Year 2: "The Day the Universe Changed" Video and Discussion with Mr. Mailloux
11:00 - 12:00	Year 2: Study Skills with Mr. Losier Year 1: "Connections" Video and Discussion with Mr. Trent
12:00 to 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 - 1:30	Year 1: Teacher "Office Hours" to Provide Extra Help Attendance must be taken. Year 2: Individual Meetings with Mr. Losier & Mr. Mailloux Re: Individual Year 3 Schedules and Possible MCC Courses. These meetings will be pre-scheduled as of Monday/Tuesday with 1/2 hour time slots per student. Those Year 2 students who are not scheduled to meet with Mr. Losier & Mr. Mailloux during with period may take this time as a study period.
1:30 - 3:00	Years 1 & 2: Teacher "Office Hours" to provide extra help. Attendance must be taken. Instructions from me to the students will indicate that they are to schedule time with their teachers throughout this 1 1/2 hour period.

Mr. Losier & Mr. Mailloux will continue to meet with Year 2 students at this time.

Until our next newsletter,


Denis Mailloux
Director