



igniting your purpose!

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Once again, it has been a very busy week at Spark Academy. We were privileged to be invited to participate in *One Day of Community* hosted by the Manchester Christian Church and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. The event allowed us to add to the many opportunities offered to families through this program and the ongoing work of both organizations. We were able to get our message out to the community and may have found a great ongoing service opportunity for our students.

We are very near to our cap of thirty students for this year; however, we will run one more open house on Thursday, August 15th, at 6:00pm to help ensure that number and to reach families that may want to consider Spark for the 2020-2021 school year. The open houses have been a great way for us to get the Spark message out and to begin the ongoing dialogue between families and Spark that will always help us improve our school and challenge our students in the best of ways. That dialogue continues with the individual family meetings that I have always found to be a great way to start the community experience with our families. I hope that those of you who have met with us have found those meetings beneficial as well!

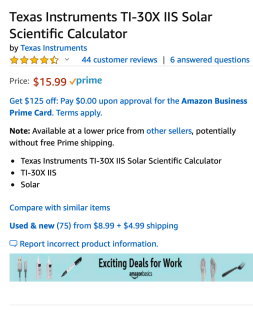
We will have a simple *Family Night* near the end of August (date to be determined), to give all of you a chance to meet your son's or daughter's classmates and their parents/guardians. Mr. Larochelle and I will be grilling hot dogs & hamburgers, and there will be no speeches — only time to get to know each other better as your kids begin their Spark experience. There is to be no judging of our grilling skills!

ParentingNH Magazine has been so kind as to include Spark as its cover story for September. The model we have constructed seems to be attracting a great deal of interest! At the heart of that model, however, are our students and our mission to prepare them for successful and happy lives in our ever-changing and technologically-rich world.

A few quick notes...

- Manchester families should check the MTA website for busing times and routes.
- A supply list will be going out this week. We want to make your "before school shopping" as simple as possible. Therefore, we will have the following items here at Spark for your kids to purchase at cost:

- Simple “grid” style notebooks to be used in all classes
- Four-color Bic pens for our four-color note-taking system
- Each student will need a calculator with trigonometry functions. I have included a recommended model that you can purchase at Amazon. Students may certainly use other models, but this suggestion may make your lives simpler if you need to purchase one. The price seems pretty reasonable.



The calculator above is a far cry from a model I stumbled upon while taking photographs at the Portland Architectural Salvage Company a couple weeks ago! There wasn't much trigonometry being performed on this model!



We, at Spark, are looking forward to seeing all of you at our *Family Night*. Don't hesitate to contact us through admissions should you have any questions along the way.

Until then...

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