

SPARK Academy

NEWSLETTER



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VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Saturday 11/4 there is a VRC scrimmage event at MCC and the Spark teams are competing! It runs from 9:00-4:00 and is free to attend. Thank you to the parents and students who have signed up to volunteer.



ANNOUNCING LIMITED EDITION SPARK MERCHANDISE!

For a very short time, we will be making special editions of Spark Academy apparel available online – just in time for holiday shopping! On Monday 11/6 when the online store becomes available, we will send out the link via email and publish it on Facebook and on the Alma bulletin board. You will have just **one week** to place your orders, so please don't wait. All orders are paid for online and will ship to you directly.

CORRECTION TO THE CALENDAR

The academic calendar that is available as a download on the website indicates that we have Nov. 22, 23, and 24 off for the Thanksgiving break at the top, but underneath in the key it says the 23rd and 24th only. We DO have all three days off and we apologize for any confusion this has caused!

SHORT WEEK

Remember that next Tuesday 11/7, which is election day, we have a full day of school WITH busing (please be sure to vote!) There are **no Spark classes** on Thursday 11/9 (staff workshop) or Friday 11/10 (Veterans Day.) Students taking college classes should always be sure to refer to the MCC academic calendar for notification of days off for MCC classes.

ALMA NEWS

There is a feature in Alma called the bulletin board, which is for school-wide announcements.

The bulletin board is accessed by clicking the bullhorn graphic in the upper right corner of the screen. It will have a red circle with a number in it to indicate that there are new announcements.

Remember that our first progress reports will be available in Alma the week of



11/13, after first quarter grades close next week. There will be at least one more progress report before the end of the semester as well. For information about progress reports or if you have still not logged in to Alma for the first time, please refer to the past two issues of the newsletter. You can also email Mrs. Larochelle.

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024-25

We are already collecting applications, holding school tours, and hosting shadow days as we search for next year's two new cohorts of Spark students. Our next Info Night for Prospective Families is Thursday, 11/9 at 5:30 PM.

THANK YOU

The members of our Student Council Activities Committee worked hard to create a day of holiday fun for our school community this week, and they did a great job.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 9 Info Night
Nov. 9-10 No Spark classes
Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break (no Spark classes)
Dec. 14 Info Night

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

Halloween has passed and now we start to get ready for the holiday season. Please make sure that you are looking at all the events that are happening and ways that you can help support your student and Spark Academy.

We will be sending out a link to everyone that is interested in being a volunteer to get all the paperwork completed. This will also help with the communication of different ways to help out. If you are signed up for an event already, thank you for your support.

Grades will be ending next week on Wednesday. We have been reviewing all of the missing work and ways for the students to help improve their grades. Check in with your student to help them manage their time and find ways to get things done. Remember that they have PLANNERS as well as online tools and we ask that you reinforce their use, just as we do.

This weekend we will be participating in a VEX Robotics Competition, the first one of the year. Good luck to the team! We would like to have a SPARK BINGO in December, and we will be sending out a link for new SPARK merchandise - get some great holiday gifts. Also look for dates to meet with the Parent Support Committee to help create more events in the future.

John Tuttle
Director

