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Dear Spark Community,

As we all explore new territory together, there is much for us to be grateful for. Yes, our technologies bring new possibilities for remote learning, but I have come to appreciate even more the very important human qualities that are making this experience worthwhile. Perhaps our current journey will give us valuable additions to our lives and an even greater appreciation for simple things. As I see the faces of the wonderful staff who are making "Spark Online" so effective, I know that it is they and our families who are making this time meaningful, worthwhile, and very, very human.

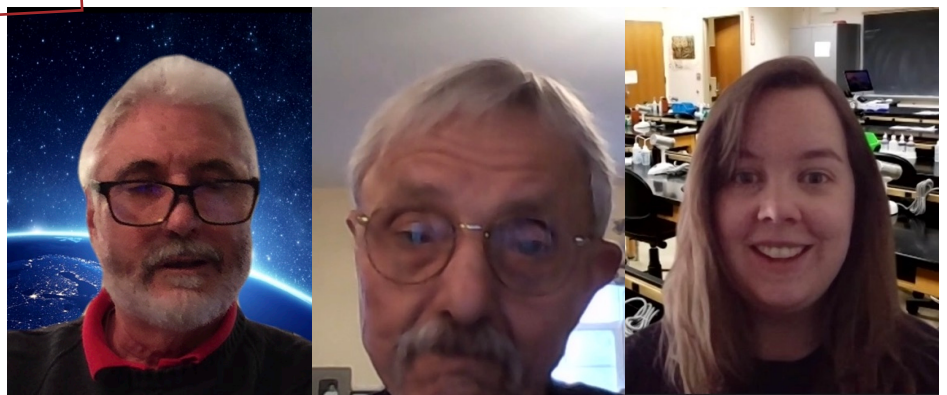


From Mrs. Larochelle...

In between Zoom class sessions and department/staff meetings and when he is not grading, Mr. Larochelle has been coordinating with area businesses for materials to 3D print face shields to donate to our local health care workers. MCC is allowing him access to his lab to print and assemble them

I sense that our community is becoming even stronger as a result of all this. We may be physically separate, but we are all in the same strange place where the comfort of family and friends is more important than ever. I've reminded the staff to be sure to nurture their own health and well-being at a time when we are so focused on others. I would remind all of our families to do the same and support each other every day.

As you now know, the staff and I meet by Zoom every morning to discuss our progress and to share ideas to improve support to our students and provide more social contact through our Zoom meetings. On the next page, you will see the schedule of Zoom meetings and assignments for next week. You will see that we now have three half-hour Zoom meetings per week in Humanities, allowing us more opportunity to discuss together and share ideas.



We have added optional meetings each day at 4:00 pm for students of both cohorts to hang out together on Zoom. Staff will be dropping in on these meetings as they are school-sponsored, meaning that everyone needs to behave appropriately while simply enjoying each other's company.

Here is the new schedule...

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Spark Academy Weekly Student Work Schedule							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Date								
8 am			Weekly Staff Meeting					
9 am	Weekly Staff Meeting	Weekly Staff Meeting		Weekly Staff Meeting	Weekly Staff Meeting			
10 am	Wright Technology Zoom Required	Wright Technology Zoom Optional Help		Wright Technology Zoom Required	Wright Technology Zoom Optional Help			
	Newton Biology Zoom Req.	Newton Biology Optional Help		Newton Biology Zoom Req.	Newton Biology Optional Help			
11 am	Newton Technology Zoom Required	Newton Technology Zoom Optional Help		Newton Technology Zoom Required	Newton Technology Zoom Optional Help			
	Wright Biology Zoom Req.	Wright Biology Optional Help		Wright Biology Zoom Req.	Wright Biology Optional Help			
noon	Algebra 2	Algebra 2 Optional Help		Algebra 2	Algebra 2 Optional Help			
1 pm	Geometry - Required	Geometry - Optional Help		Geometry - Optional Help	Geometry - Optional Help			
2 pm	Humanities Zoom Meeting for Wright Required		Humanities Zoom Meeting for Wright Required		Humanities Zoom Meeting for Wright Required			
2:30	Humanities Zoom Meeting for Newton Required		Humanities Zoom Meeting for Newton Required		Humanities Zoom Meeting for Newton Required			
3 pm	Algebra 1 - Required	Algebra 1		Algebra 1	Algebra 1			
4 pm	Spark Open Zoom for All Students	Spark Open Zoom for All Students	Spark Open Zoom for All Students	Spark Open Zoom for All Students	Spark Open Zoom for All Students			
5 pm		Humanities Assignment Due - Files on the Portal	Technology Assignment Due					Technology Assignment Due
6 pm	Biology Reading/pract 7s Due Study guide due	Biology Reading/pract 7s Due	Biology Reading/pract 7s Due Weekly Activity	Biology Reading/pract 7s Due	Biology Reading/pract 7s Due Lab Due			
6 PM	Economics Assignments Due by Email to Mr. Losier- Check Email from Mr. Losier	Humanities Assignment Due - Instructions & Files on the Portal	Humanities Assignment Due - Instructions & Files on the Portal	Humanities Assignment Due - Instructions & Files on the Portal	Humanities Assignment Due - Instructions & Files on the Portal			

appreciate your feedback on this topic. Just email Mrs. Larochelle with your thoughts.

I want to thank you, our parents, for all you are doing to support your Spark students and our teachers. Together, we are making this work!

Finally, please help us continue to get the word out to prospective families as we look forward to next year.

From Mrs. Harnois...
This is an unusual time, but I am seeing the Spark community persevering. We are supporting each other through this remote learning transition and beyond. I miss the in-person relationships I was building with students, parents, and Spark staff. But this experience will be something that makes our community stronger. Continue the good work that you are doing, remember to reach out if you need anything, and do your best to get some fresh air when the weather is nice.

The staff is working on new ways to bring exploration to our Wednesdays with virtual tours, documentaries, and movies to be enjoyed together. Netflix Party seems to be the easiest way to share many of these experiences. Please let me know if access to Netflix Party is a problem for you, and we will see what we can do to help. We hope these shared explorations will add some fun to our time together. More information on this will be sent home via email next week.

We have not yet determined what will happen with the April break. During this week's Humanities Zoom, most students seemed to agree that it might be better to continue as we are to the end of the year and finish our year a week early. I will be reviewing our options with the board soon and would



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I will leave you with a few samples of our student art work for their Biology Class and wish you a great week as we continue to prove that the Spark spirit shines brightly, face-to-face or online!

Yours in Spark,

Denis Mailloux
Director

