

IT'S YEARBOOK TIME!

This year we are offering a pre-order price of \$25 for school yearbooks. The forms will go out on Monday and we ask that you return them with payment by Friday, 4/21. Once pre-orders are closed, the price for the yearbook will be \$30.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Spark Academy website has been completely redesigned and just went live this week! Take a look at www.sparkacademynh.org. Huge thanks to Sprout For Business for this long overdue makeover.

ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

All members of Franklin and Darwin cohorts are requested to be in attendance on Tuesday, 4/11 for cohort yearbook photos.



WATER TREATMENT FIELD TRIP

This week, our second-year students visited the Manchester Water Works water treatment plant. Students received a welcome and an introduction from Cheryl Wood, Microbiologist and Laboratory Manager at the facility. Then they received a tour learning about how water gets pumped straight from Lake Massabesic and then treated in multiple steps within the facility. After the tour, students had the opportunity to learn about some of the bacteria and microorganisms that live in water. They viewed samples under microscopes and within vials. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect students to chemistry, microbiology, engineering, and electronics within a career field that is always hiring. Spark looks forward to returning to MWW and opening up pathways for student internships.



WRITING CONTEST!

Manchester Community College announces the New Hampshire High School Writers Writing Contest 2023. Categories include: poetry, fiction and nonfiction, and winners will receive a scholarship for a course at MCC. The deadline is Friday, April 21, 2023. Please see the attachment to this email for more information and guidelines.

IMPORTANT: FOURTH-YEAR STUDENTS

Read your Spark email.

FREE SERVICE FOR OUR STUDENTS: [TUTOR.COM](https://www.tutor.com)

Parents, do you know about Tutor.com? Tutor.com is a free resource all Spark students can access 24/7 by logging into their class in Canvas. Whether

they're writing a paper, stuck on a homework problem, learning or reviewing a difficult concept, or studying for a test, a trained tutor can help. Check out the attached flyer for more information or contact [Melissa Minery](#).

BAKE SALE

The Student Council will hold a bake sale on Wednesday, 4/12! Cash and cards accepted.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

If anyone is inclined to send in supplies this week, we could use Scotch tape refills, pads of graph paper (8.5x11") and hot beverage cups with lids (no Styrofoam please.) Thank you!

REPORT CARDS

Quarter three report cards will go out to parents via email today and hard copies will be distributed to students to take home.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 22 – MCC Community Event: Build a Bed with SiHP

April 24-28 – Vacation (no Spark classes)

May 26 – MCC Graduation

May 29 – No Spark classes

June 2 – Spark Graduation

June 6-7 – NH Gives 24 Hour Online Fundraiser

June 9 – Last Day of School

June 12 – 2nd Annual Spark Golf Classic

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

The last few weeks I have seen a big change in student effort and this has shown in what they are learning. They are focused in class and staying after school for extra help. They are helping others that are behind and asking more questions. This is what Spark is all about: being a team and putting in the effort.

One thing that is the most depressing thing for me is when things get hard we start to blame others and come up with excuses on why we did not do something. This is not the best mindset. At Spark we are trying to build the future problem solvers and thinkers, and if we come up with reasons why things are not working, we are not solving the problem.

I talk a lot about being organized, being a leader, using your voice, helping others, and building a base knowledge of subject materials. These are all the skills that I am starting to see with the students in the classrooms. It is true that learning is not an easy process. If it was, we would all know everything already. True learning is about effort and mindset. Every student can be successful and learn as long as they work on and use these skills.

I hope that you all have a great weekend and Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

John Tuttle

Director

