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## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### ADMISSIONS NEWS

We are still accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year! If you know any families with motivated, hardworking

8<sup>th</sup> graders who are looking into options for high school, please send them to our next Information Night on Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 PM.

### LEDDY GROUP PRESENTS FIRST SESSION

This Wednesday our third- and fourth-year students took part in an 'Intro to Interviewing' session presented by Jessica Lapaglia of Leddy Group, a NH-based privately



owned staffing company. Through these ongoing sessions, Leddy Group is connecting our students with the skills and tools necessary to be successful in the job search. Thank you, students, for being engaged and respectful. Next up... mock interviews for fourth-year students on March 22!

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

In 2016 the NH Department of Education replaced the 11th grade Smarter Balanced statewide assessment with the **College Board's SAT**. The goal is that less time is being used to "teach to the test" while ensuring that all students are prepared to succeed in college and careers. The SAT with Essay covers English language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics and will be **at no cost** for every 11th grade student required to take the assessment.

Spark Academy's administration of the test will be on Wednesday, March 29th. **All 11th-grade students should arrive by 7:40am**. At a MINIMUM the test will take 4 hours and 7 minutes to complete, so we will get started as close to 8:00am as possible.

On test day please bring the following:

- $\cdot$  snacks and water
- approved calculator

I also encourage you to be as rested as possible (early bedtime!) and fed.

## ATTENTION!

We have limited quantities of Spark sweatshirts available in various sizes for \$30 each. First come, first served. Please see Mrs. Larochelle or Mr. Tuttle if you would like one.

# SEMESTER ONE HONOR ROLL

#### **DISTINCTION:**

Tommy Brown Adam Fultz Riley Glaser Kyle Maillet Kyle Mitchell Alistair Weddle Ki'yel Barker Jo Carter Matt Mullin Isaac Swanson Enrique Hernandez Kieran McCurdy Julius Soti

#### **HIGH HONORS:**

Travis Garside Nathaniel Kaneland Skyler Peace Michael Paradis John Larochelle HONORS: Oliver Carter Cayson Hall

Parker James

Shyla Burns Rowan Frawley Kyle Larochelle Connor Mitchell

**Travis DesRoches** 

Jacob Anderson Raden Chretien Angalena Negron Caden Qualey Wilfredo Santiago-Lopez Palton Williams

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ARE IN BLUE, SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS ARE IN GREEN, THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS ARE IN RED, AND FOURTH-YEAR STUDENTS ARE IN PINK.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

## LAPTOP REMINDER

We have had several laptops needing to be sent in for repair recently. Please remember that it is the student's responsibility to properly care for their borrowed laptop, and carelessness or abuse may result in a fee. Thank you!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 18 – Staff Workshop, NO Spark classes March 29 – SATs (third-year students) March 31 – End of marking period April 24-28 – Spring Break

## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As I watched the Bruins game last night, I was sad to see that they actually CAN lose a game. It reminded me how people can work as a team to reach a goal. This year has been a very exciting one for the Bruins because of their great success. Everyone is doing their part, and no one is too big for any role. Being a team does not always mean success every day, but it does mean that you communicate and work together for the higher goal. At Spark we continue to find ways to help students learn and experience this type of situation, so they can be both leaders and great team members.

This week we had two visitors that came to talk about leadership and future goals of employment. Peers-Not-Fears came and talked with the second-year students about the idea of leadership and changing their mindset about what a leader is. The goal is to think that everyone is a leader or has the ability to become one. Leddy Group came in to meet with all the third- and fourth-year students to talk about interviewing and setting goals on preparing for a successful interview.

Thank you all who were able to attend my parent Zoom meeting last night and please stay tuned to see what we need







at Spark and ways that you can help us in reaching our goal to be the best that we can be.

Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle Director