

Academy of Advanced Technologies Public Charter School Grades 9-12

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December 4, 2020

Dear Spark Families,

Remote Learning Reminder...

It will be of the utmost importance that we all make remote learning as effective as possible. Teachers have their responsibilities to continue bringing meaningful and adaptive learning experiences to our students. Students must bring their "best game" as well, and that begins with being fully present and engaged in classes.

- Classes will remain synchronous, meaning that the daily schedule will remain in effect.
- Teachers will take **attendance class by class**, and students must be present with **screens/video on**.
- Complete remote learning can present challenges. It will be most important for all of us to stay on task and make this experience the very best for our students.
- Wednesday schedules will feature a variety of activities throughout the regular school schedule. Wednesday schedules will be sent home via emails and newsletters.

A Message from Mr. Losier...

Now that Year 2 students have completed the Career/Goal form, Mr. Mailloux and I will be scheduling half hour Zoom meetings with these students to discuss career interests and possible course options for next year that might relate to their career plan or allow them to explore an area of interest. Parents are always welcome in these meetings, and we encourage you to join us if you schedule allows. Since we are meeting with students on Wednesday afternoons so as not to infringe on their instructional time in other classes, we anticipate these initial meetings will take place over the next few weeks.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>ronald.losier@sparkacademynh.org</u> with any questions or concerns and we look forward to meeting with your child and hopefully you as well.

Coffee with the Director...

I want to thank those of you who were able to meet with me (virtually) this week. It was great to connect less formally with you and to hear your thoughts. One great suggestion was that I change our approach to the scheduling of parent/teacher meetings. Message heard!

I will be available for another virtual coffee **Wednesday, Dec. 9th, at 8:00 am**. A link will be sent out to all of you by email prior to this meeting. It will be great to see even more of you if your schedules will allow. Show up, chat, let me know what's on your mind.

Virtual Open House Update...

I want to thank those of you who were able to join us for our virtual open house this week. Your presence helps us in more ways than I can count to provide prospective families with insights that

only parents and students can provide. Please consider joining us for our future virtual open house dates:

- Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm

Mrs. Larochelle will be sending virtual open house links to all prior to the Spark virtual open house dates. The Zoom links will also be available on the Spark website. As always, information can be obtained either by contacting Mrs. Larochelle directly at jennifer.larochelle@sparkacademynh.org or admissions@sparkacademynh.org.

Please Continue Spreading the Word...

Thanks to those of you who have been able to connect us with prospective families. Please steer these folks to our virtual open houses and please consider joining with them at the open house to help break the ice. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

Spark Academy: Schedule for Wednesday, December 9, 2020	
8:00 - 9:30:	Years 1 & 2: Health Class with Mrs. Harnois & Mr. Losier
10:00 - 11:00:	Year 1: "Connections" Video and Discussion with Mr. Trent Year 2: Study Skills with Mr. Losier
11:00 - 12:00	Year 1: Study Skills for Students with Mr. Losier Year 2: Mr. Gary Thomas (Guest Speaker) Zoom with & Mr. Mailloux
12:00 to 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 - 1:30	Year 1: Teacher "Office Hours" to provide extra help to Year 1 Students. Year 2: "The Day the Universe Changed" Discussion with Mr. Mailloux
1:30 - 3:00	Teacher "Office Hours" to provide extra help to Year 1 & 2 Students.

Individual Meetings with Mr. Losier & Mr. Mailloux Re: Individual Year 3 Schedules and Possible MCC Courses. These meetings will be pre-scheduled as of Monday/Tuesday with 1/2 hour time slots per student. Those Year 2 students who are not scheduled to meet with Mr. Losier & Mr. Mailloux during this period may take this time as a study period

We hope you all have a good week as we navigate our way through our temporary journey with remote learning toward all in-person times ahead! Thank you all for working with us!

Denis Mailloux Mailler/ virector