

SPARK Academy

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ATTENDANCE / TARDINESS

Students should arrive at school in time to be settled in their homerooms before 7:55 when attendance is taken. We have a lot of First- and Second-Year students who are habitually late. Please be sure to review the attendance policy in the handbook again. Thank you.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION

We hope to see many of you tomorrow in the MPR at MCC for the season's first VEX Robotics Competition! Opening ceremony is at 9:00AM and final matches will likely wrap up between 4:00-5:00PM. Members of the Spark Robotics team will be competing, many for the first time! Limited breakfast and plenty of lunch items available for purchase. Admission to this event is free to the public.

PSATS & SATS NEXT WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday, October 23rd** all Spark students will be taking either the PSAT 8-9 (first-years), PSAT/NMSQT (second- and third-years), or SAT (fourth-years). We use this data to show their progress throughout their high-school career, so it is important that they are present on-time and ready.

Students should arrive no later than 7:45; start time is 8:00.

Once the proctors begin giving the directions, late students will not be admitted, and there is no make-up day.

All of the tests are digital. **Students will need to leave their computers and chargers at the school on Tuesday.** We encourage students to get a good night's sleep and to eat breakfast; snacks will be available.

We appreciate your assistance in helping this go smoothly by ensuring that your child/children are prepared. It makes a huge difference.





TUTOR.COM

Tutor.com is a great resource that is always available to our students via Canvas. They are running a contest through the end of the month and the school with the highest student participation percentage will win a pizza party! Last year we won their ice cream party, let's see if we can do it again.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR THE MILITARY

Stop by the card writing station in the MCC Student Center now through Nov 8th to write a card or two for a member of our deployed military troops, veterans, and military families. There is no cost to participate (even the cards have been generously donated.) It's a simple gesture yet can bring a smile to those who are away from home during the winter holidays. Card signing guidelines and more info here: <https://militaryholidaycardchallenge.com/>



SUPPLY WISH LIST

Here is the link to Spark's amazon wish list. Thank you! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1O53RBICC56D3?ref=wl_share

EXTRA HELP

Just a reminder that extra help is always available every Tuesday through Thursday after school until 4:00. Tues = Humanities, Wed = Math, Thurs = Science. All students should be using their school-issued planners to help manage their schedules.



PHOTOS

The photos in this edition show our First Year students working on their mousetrap cars for Physical Science class.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Tues. 10/22** — — — — — **All Spark laptops & chargers must be left at school**
- **Tues. 11/5** — — — — — **Workshop Day/Election Day**
- **11/6 & 11/20** — — — — — **AdventureLore Trips**
- **Fri. 12/6** — — — — — **Progress Reports**



TUTTLE THOUGHTS

---will return next week.