

SPARK Academy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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SPARK VALUES

- **S**pirit and Community Involvement
- **P**erseverance and Growth Mindset
- **A**ccountable for Behavior, Academics, and Attendance
- **R**espect and Integrity
- **K**indness

ORDERING SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students should be in school on Wednesday, 10/2 for school photos. Third- and Fourth-Year students with college classes should drop by any time between 8:00AM and 11:00AM. Please reach out to Mrs. Roberts if you have questions or concerns. Parents, to order photos from C3 School Photography, follow the instructions below. This information was also emailed to you at the start of the week.

1. Visit our website at C3schoolphotography.com
2. Find the "Order Photos" dropdown box in the menu on the top right of the screen
3. Click on "K-11 SCHOOLS"
4. Find the "Order School Photos **BEFORE** Photo Day" option
5. Click on "PRE-PAY SCHOOL PHOTOS" in the gray box
6. Enter **Spark24** as the password
7. Enter your child's first and last name and hit 'search'
8. Order your photos by the end of the day on 10/2
9. All preorders will be **delivered to the school** and sent home with each student in 4-6 weeks

If you miss the 10/2 deadline, there is no need to worry! After all the photos have been taken and processed, 4-6 weeks following picture day, you will have the chance to view and order photos online. Instructions for online ordering **after** picture day will be sent home with your students. Orders placed at that time will be shipped to the student's home.





PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

If you missed the news, our Parent Support Committee has been reimagined this year and is now being run by Dan Larochelle. If you are interested in finding out how you can get more involved, meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 308. The first meeting is on October 8th. Join us when you can - you do not have to come every month.



ROBOTICS COMPETITION 10/19 – CONCESSION STAND DONATIONS NEEDED!

On Saturday, October 19th we are hosting the first VEX Robotics competition of the new season at MCC. We need donations for the concession stand! All proceeds go to the Spark Robotics Team. Please use the signup form if you are interested in making or buying food or supplies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A9AB2AA1FE3-51639185-vexrobotics>

If you'd like to come and help out in the concession stand on the day of the event you can sign up for a shift here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA4AF23A3F85-51633611-robotics>



Mr. Larochelle will also be looking for volunteers to help with other aspects of the competition – please watch for his email about this. Any students who work the competition or the concession stand will earn community service hours.

We also hope to see many members of the Spark community there cheering for our teams! Here is some information about the event:

<https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/vex-robotics-competition/RE-V5RC-24-6591.html#agenda>

And here is a description of this year's game:

<https://www.vexrobotics.com/v5/competition/vrc-current-game>



REMINDER

Parents should report absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals to attendance@sparkacademynh.org. You may receive a phone call for confirmation. Regular attendance is key to student success.



AMAZON WISH LIST

You can help our school any time by making a donation via our amazon wishlist! Everything ships to us directly. Thank you! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1O53RBICC56D3?ref=wl_share

PHOTOS THIS WEEK

This edition's photos are from the Wicked STEM event last weekend, taken by Spark students!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wednesday 10/2 Picture Day + Open House
- Thursday 10/3 Automotive Career Day @MCC
- Friday 10/4 NH MEP 8:00-2:30
- Friday 10/11 Progress Reports Go Out
- Monday 10/14 Holiday – No Spark classes
- Tuesday 10/22 Board Meeting

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

It was so exciting to get out on our first trip to NH Construction Career Days this week. This is one of the most popular trips for our students because they are able to experience more hands-on activities that show them what they can do in the future. So as I pondered these events on the way into work today, it made me think about the construction that we do as a Spark Student.

As Third- and Fourth-Year students, we continue to build ourselves as a student and a worker. What does this mean and what does it look like? The workforce continues to change and technology is helping change the pathway for all. Completing a task might mean that you sent an email. A meeting can be done from home in your pj's and everyone can work on the same document together just by looking on their computer.

This means that we are not talking to each other, building relationships, or understanding social cues. Here at Spark Academy, it is important for us to make sure that we have all the skills for success. This means that in the midst of our technology, we sometimes have to do things that are different or considered 'old school.' We want to develop skills, mold minds, and build community. We want to create a society and community that supports each other and creates a safe place for all to learn and grow.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you all have a great weekend.

