



2016 **SPARK**

January 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 17th 2017 (March 3rd is the cancellation date)
8:35-10:35 every Friday

Parents/Guardians:

- Note that the all fees range from \$0-25 *except for Babysitting. Fees are due on January 27th.
- You may pay by cash or cheque (payable to George Street Middle School)
- There are 33 options; we will do our best to ensure students get one of their top 6 choices.

Creating Friends Through Our Community: Volunteering and Life Skills.

1. Babysitting - certificate upon completion

Students who are 12 or will be turning 12 during this school year will be eligible to take the certified babysitting course. Participants will go through the training to become a qualified babysitter. You will learn about child safety, how to react in unpredictable situations, how to care for and change an infant and all the responsibilities involved when being asked to babysit young children. Participants will be expected to attend all four weeks and write a test at the end of the course. Students who pass the test will receive a certificate qualifying them to babysit and be paid for their services.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex #21

Fee: \$35

2. Good Neighbour

What are employers looking for? Would you make a good employee? Find out about job skills then go into our community and be a "good neighbor" by sharing your skills with local merchants or community groups. Being a good volunteer will make our neighborhood a better place (and may someday help you get a job)! **Grade 8 students only.**
You can not do this SPARK twice in one school year.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #302

Fee: \$0

A better ME: Through Physical Fitness and Wellness

3. Archery

This is an introduction to the sport of archery. Students will learn the proper techniques and form from experienced archers. Students will get lots of practice time and even participate in team against team competitions. You cannot do this spark twice in one school year.

Enrollment: 28

Meet in room #301

Fee: \$20

4. Rockwall Climbing

Want to learn how to rock climb? Then this SPARK is for you! Every Friday session will consist of members of the UNB Rock and Ice club offering 30 minutes of instruction on climbing techniques and safety, followed by 30 minutes to practice your skills in their indoor rock climbing wall. Students will walk to the facility and back to the school.

Enrollment: 16

Meet in Room #215

Fee: \$25

5. Lift Fitness

Get fit with some of the best trainers in Fredericton. Focus will be on core strength, flexibility, team work, and fun fitness challenges. Get ready to increase your level of fitness in a safe and fun environment. Gym clothes, inside sneakers, and a water bottle are required.

Enrollment: 16

Meet in room #202

Fee \$20

6. FloorBall

Floorball is a fast-paced, exciting and safe game. At first glance, it resembles floor hockey or ball hockey but is played with specialized light-weight fibre glass or carbon fibre sticks and rules that promote safety and skill. This is for boys and girls, all grade levels.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the gym

Fee: \$0

7. Swimming

Students will take the bus to the Fredericton Indoor Pool for some swimming fun - (no instruction). All students must wear modest swimwear.

Enrollment: 50

Meet in room #214

Fee: \$10

8. Tennis

Tennis Anyone? This SPARK promises to be lots of fun and will be held at the brand new Abony Family Tennis Center! This SPARK is a great idea whether you have played tennis before, or you have always wanted to try. You will learn the basic fundamentals of how to play tennis, the rules of the game and experience fun games and mini matches! We will supply the racquet and all you need to bring are your NON MARKING sneakers and a smile!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #315

Fee: \$20

9. Winter Wonderland

Join URec's (UNB) Outdoor Recreation Leader for some learning & adventures in the 'Outdoor Classroom'! Here students will learn snow science, discuss winter adaptations for plants and animals in NB, work on identifying animal tracks, build some winter shelters, and of course, play around in the snow. The goal of the URec Outdoor Classroom is to help students fall in love with winter, so dress for extended winter outdoor play, as we will be going outside every time!

Enrollment: 25

Meet in room #304

Fee \$10

10. Skating

This is a one hour free skate at the Grant Harvey Center. Skates and helmets required. Wear warm clothes. There is no instruction; you need to know how to skate already.

Enrollment: 50

Meet in the Library

Fee \$10

11. Healthy Cooking

Do you enjoy eating delicious, healthy food? Do you have an interest in learning how to be more creative in the kitchen? If so, the Healthy Cooking Spark is right for you! Join us at Greener Village for an enhanced and enjoyable cooking and eating experience.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the annex room #22

Fee \$10

12. Yoga

Join us in a journey through a relaxing yet invigorating practice of yoga and mindfulness. Tammy, our qualified yoga instructor will guide you through several sessions of yoga and use mindfulness techniques to help calm your mind, relieve stress and give your body what it needs to be positive and live a more fulfilling lifestyle.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the cafeteria

Fee \$12

Technology At Its Finest

13. Robotics

Do you love working with electronics? Do you enjoy building robots? This SPARK is for you! Using LEGO MindStorm system, during this SPARK you will build robotic systems. Also, you will compete with others to see if your robot can complete the obstacle course. We will walk to Science EAST to build the robots!

Enrollment: 16

Meet in room#201

Fee: \$20

14. SPARKumentaries

Are you the next Steven Spielberg or Zack Snyder? Are you interested in learning the ins-and-outs of making your own movie? Well here's your chance! Eighteen (two teams of nine) lucky students will have the opportunity to work with a professional filmmaker to create their very own movie.

Enrollment: 18

Meet in room #304

Fee: \$20

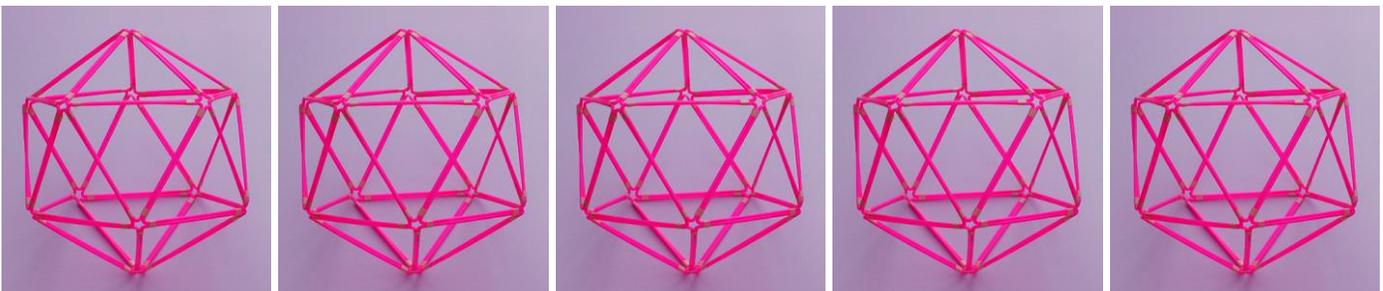
15. Making Math Life Size

Calling all self-proclaimed math geeks. Brilliant Labs has an issue, and that issue is we have 664, one metre long, black pipes just waiting for your creativity. This SPARK will introduce students to life-size geometry as they plan and construct interactive polyhedra using the latest and greatest in tools including 3D Printing, Arduino and of course some major geekery. Requirements: A protractor, imagination and the ability to pronounce: icosahedron.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in the Brilliant Lab

Fee: \$0



Discover The Creative YOU: Through Artistic Expression

16. Creating with Clay

In the clay hand building SPARK, students will learn a number of different hand building techniques. These techniques include coil pots, slab work, pinch pots, and more. One technique will be taught each week, and projects will be painted on the last day of SPARK. Students can take home all of the work they create.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #110 Art Rm

Fee: \$10

17. Graffiti

Learn a thing or two about the world of 'Graffiti & Murals'. Spray paint, pro markers and cool new art materials will be used along with experimenting with cool new art effects for large scale painting! See your final products on display in the school for all your friends to see!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #310

Fee: 25\$

18. Clay Cafe

If you like crafts, you will love this SPARK. We will be walking down to the Clay Café store for each SPARK session. You will have a few choices of pottery to decorate. You may also want to bring a toonie for a treat.

Enrollment: 50

Meet in the tech rm #113

Fee: \$25

19. Winter Watercolour (& Crafty) Designs

Come join the fun! Explore winter watercolour techniques along with some mixed media designs. No experience necessary. Bring along any winter scene photos, objects or cartoons that inspire you.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the Annex Room #32

Fee: \$10

20. Set Design for the Production

If you're creative, crafty and committed, "set-design and assembly" is the SPARK for you! You will be creating all kinds of gadgets and gizmos to appear in the GSMS production of the Little Mermaid! We will be painting our humongous set pieces, as well as creating coral reefs, puppets and much more! See your hard work (painting, cutting, assembling, and gluing) pay off when it all comes to life in March!

*Since we will be painting and using glue/other "messy" items, you may want to wear clothes you don't care about, or bring a art smock or change of clothes!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in Room #303

Fee: \$0

21. Artist Workshop: Make your Own Art Books

Have you ever wanted to create a book from beginning to end? From folding and designing the pages to stitching and attaching the cover you will have this process in the bag! You will never have to buy a journal again!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room # 205

Fee: \$25

22. Picasso Pals

This SPARK will get your creative juices flowing. If you enjoy beautiful pieces of art and creating your own, you will love this SPARK. We will visit the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and be guided through some techniques for creating artistic masterpieces. You will also have the opportunity to visit a senior's Home and show off some of your artistic skills with the residents.

Enrollment: 35

Meet in room # 103

Fee: \$10

23. Fashion, Beauty, Art

Are you interested in beauty, fashion and art? This SPARK activity aims to incorporate all three! Learn about hairstyling, makeup, henna tattoo, fashion design and more! This SPARK will include guest speakers and hands-on activities. Let your creative side shine!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the science room #309

Fee: \$10

24. (very cool) Japanese Culture

Are you curious about the Japanese culture? This SPARK covers all sorts of interesting aspects of it: watching Japanese Anime (in English), learning how to draw Manga cartoons, playing traditional Japanese games, learning a few Japanese words, the art of origami (folded paper designs), calligraphy or artistic writing using the traditional ink and brush techniques and creating Japanese plays called Kamishibai (form of Japanese street theatre and storytelling). Also learn how to create some delicious Japanese foods such as sushi. All of this will be taught by our guest teacher from Japan, Mr. Tanaka!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #305

Fee: \$10

25. Knitting

Do you know how to knit? Do you want to learn how to knit?? If you answered yes to either question, this is the SPARK for you! Beginners will learn the basics of casting on, knitting, purling, yarn & needle selection, and pattern reading. Those who already know how to knit may wish to select a project that requires working on double pointed needles or knitting in the round. Bring your own supplies or choose from those provided. Come enjoy a peaceful atmosphere as we spend time knitting together!

Enrollment: 10

Meet in room #312 (EAL Room)

Fee: \$0

Do you have the rhythm? Love to perform?

26. Recording Studio

Do you play an instrument, write songs and love music technology? Have you always wanted to become a famous record producer? This SPARK is for you. Students will learn the basics of studio recording while producing a completed song as a final project. You will use the latest studio gear including, iMacs, Midi Keyboards, professional microphones and Garageband to capture and mix your own recording. This is for serious students only who are passionate about music." Preference to students who have written original music already.

Enrollment: 10

Meet in the band room

Fee: \$15

27. Performing Spark

Canadian Music Ensemble will explore songs about Canada both folks songs and contemporary. We will also write our own songs to perform at a school event. Students are invited to bring their guitars and ukuleles. There will an introduction to tin whistles and recorders.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #104

Fee: \$0

And if you want something a bit unique....

28. Cake Boss

If you want to learn how to decorate cakes then this SPARK is for you. You will learn a variety of techniques to create designs, flower motifs and other imagery- all on delicious surfaces such as cookies, cupcakes and mini cakes. And best of all, you can eat your homework! You cannot do this spark twice in one school year.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #216 (main staff rm)

Fee: \$20

29. Games Unplugged

Unplugged on Queen Street has over 600 individual and group board games, and we want you to come and check them out! There are sure to be games you haven't even heard of! Come try something new and enjoy the huge array of games to choose from. We will walk every Friday to the Unplugged location.

Enrollment: 40

Meet in Room #212

Fee: \$10

30. Escape from George Street

A unique SPARK! Real-life room escape games are an immersive adventure game in which people are locked in a room with other participants and have to use their wits, persistence and collaboration skills to escape the room within a set time limit. Whether you are with a group of family members, friends, co-workers or even strangers, your goal is simple: find clues, solve puzzles, and work together to open the locked door in under 60 minutes. If you want to learn how to create our own George Street ESCAPE ROOM - this SPARK is for you!

Enrollment:24

Meet in Room # 210

Fee: \$0

31. Chess

If you are interested in learning more about this ancient strategic game, this SPARK is for you! You will learn what the pieces are and what they can do, the proper rules of the game and different strategies for you to apply to your games against other participants

Enrollment:20

Meet in the Annex Room #23

Fee: \$0

32. Book club

If you like to read, you'll love this SPARK! We'll be taking time to enjoy a good read, talk about our favourite books and take a trip or two downtown. We'll check out the public library, get a library card if you don't already have one and hang out at Read's coffee shop. Every great book deserves a cup of hot cocoa!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in the library

Fee: \$0

33. All About Dogs

The aim of this SPARK is to educate you on a variety of dog breeds by bringing them to our classroom. In this spark you will listen to their handlers talk about the breed and the types of work that the dog is involved in. You will have an opportunity to interact with the dog and ask questions to the owner. You can expect to meet at least two dogs per session. We will have a tail waggin time. If you are a dog lover or if you are curious to learn more about dogs and you are not allergic to them, then this is the SPARK for you

Enrollment: 30

Meet in room #307

Fee: \$0