

Parents and Guardians,

Spirit Week at STEM is here! Please note the different items taking place this week with the Spirit Days. We have added some other announcements below the Spirit Week items to this email announcement as well.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week is designed and led by the Student Council. Besides providing some feedback and asking the student leaders our clarifying questions, activities this week are the result of students and their work. Students may wear clothing throughout the week that supports each day's theme. The House with the most participation will receive a prize at the end of the week.

- Today: College Day (Yes, I am in VT attire!): picked to encourage and support further education
- Tuesday: Twin Day: show your great collaboration skills
- Wednesday: Career Day: what career sparks your passion
- Thursday: Book Character Day: what have you read that inspires you
- Friday: House Color Day: show your pride in your house and personality

House colors are as follows:

- Staupers: Light Gray & Maroon
- Tesla: Green & Gold
- Einstein: Blue & Purple
- Mirzakhani: Charcoal & Teal

Spirit Week concludes with two items. **On Friday afternoon, the third house competition will take place and its awesome. But the festivities will get even better that evening with our fall STEM Jam. STEM Jam starts at 5:30pm and ends at 8:30pm, and is a great time to have fun and get together.** STEM Jam includes gaming opportunities, movies, food, dance, and, in the fall, the one and only STEM Haunted Hallway!

Student Led Conferences – Reminder

Reminder: Student Led Conferences will take place on the following dates and times. All parents are expected to participate.

9th and 10th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter, you, and a STEM faculty member. Please contact Amy Robinson, robinson_amy@hcde.org, to reserve your 20 minute time slot.

- Tuesday, November 1st: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am
- Wednesday, November 2nd: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am
- Thursday, November 3rd: 4:40pm, 5pm, 5:20pm, 5:40pm, 6pm, 6:20pm, 6:40pm

11th and 12th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter and you, and your son/daughter will take you from class to class. You can come anytime between 8am and 9:15am on Wednesday, November 2 OR between 4:40pm and 7:00pm on Thursday, November 3. Teachers will be in each room as you move from one room to the next with the student leading the activity. This is a required student led activity for all 11th and 12th grade students. You do not need to sign up prior to coming.

Important Note: If after the student led conference, you would like to come back on a different day and have a conference with a particular teacher or teachers, you can set that up through our front office.

STEM 101

STEM 101 took place last week and the participation was fantastic. We have also now created a webpage on the school's website for the STEM 101 activities. If you were unable to make it or just want to get more comfortable with Google Classroom, Powerschool Grading, and Tech Safety, just head to the website and a pathway has been made to help you learn from anywhere you have internet access. The webpage can be found by going to the STEM School Chattanooga website and clicking on the STEM 101 link in the left toolbar. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to connect with Mr. David or Mr. Otero for more help.

Young Innovator Honorees

Not just one, but two STEM School seniors, Ellie Betts and Katie Stiffler, have been selected by the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce as finalists for their Young Innovator award. This award is new this year and was developed by the Chamber as a way to recognize students who are creating meaningful and impactful innovations for our region. We wish both of these seniors our best as they compete against the best and brightest. Well done, well done!

Have a great week. Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen
Principal