



## SPARK Schools Need-to-Know Guide 2017

Read these notices carefully so that your family is prepared for the 2017 school year!



### First Day of School

The first day of school is **Wednesday, 18 January 2017**. Sparks Fly, our daily morning assembly, will begin promptly at 7:45am, and Grade R parents *only* are welcome to view Sparks Fly on Wednesday and remain at our school until scholars are dismissed to their classes at **8am**. At that time, we ask that you say your goodbyes and allow us to transition scholars into their new daily routines.

Mark your calendars now for an exciting opportunity to view Sparks Fly and tour your child's school during our third week of Term 1.

- 31 January- Grade R
- 1 February- Grades 1 and 4
- 2 February- Grades 2 and 5
- 3 February- Grades 3 and 6

Look for more information on social media in January about this special event hosted by your child's school leaders.

### Placard Pickup

In order to ensure the safety of our scholars, please note that parents are required to pick up their child's placard, which is used during daily dismissal, before the school year begins. **Placards for students returning to their current school will be available during the final week of the 2016 school year, 5-8 December, to be picked up during report card conferences. Placards for students transferring**



**within the SPARK Schools network or beginning their first year at SPARK will be available for pick-up 9-13 January, 2017.**

When you pick up your child's placard, you will meet your school's office manager or School Operations Manager, learn about our arrival and dismissal procedures, update your contact information, and sign-up for aftercare. **Please note the dates and times for placard pick up, as this is mandatory.**

### **“Back to School” Open Evenings**

We are thrilled to be able to invite all SPARK parents for a series of open evenings to meet our spectacular SPARK educators. **During our "Back to School" evenings, parents will be able to come at any point during the open house to tour their child's classrooms, Learning Lab, and general school facilities.** Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to find out the dates for your school's first parents evenings of the new school year.

### **Aftercare, Holiday Care, and Extracurricular Activities**

Aftercare until 5:30pm will cost **R440 per** in 2017. **All families of returning students that wish to enrol in aftercare for 2017 will be able to do so during report card conferences the last week of school,** at the same time as placard pick-up occurs. **All families of students transferring within the SPARK Schools network or beginning at SPARK for the first time will be able to sign-up for aftercare from 9-13 January, 2017.**

Please note that a full list of the extracurricular activities offered in 2017 will be available from 9 January 2017.

Holiday care is not provided at our schools during term break. Please make note of term break dates on the instructional calendar to ensure that you have arranged care for your child in advance.

### **Stationery**

The annual fee for stationery for 2017 is **R440**, which will be invoiced through the e-mail address you have supplied in January 2017. **This fee covers all stationery required at school, and no additional stationery should be purchased or sent with scholars.**

Please ensure that your child has sufficient stationery at home to complete daily homework.





## Uniform

SPARK Schools uniforms may be purchased through two vendors:

- **School and Leisure**
  - Phone: 021-705-0288
  - E-mail: [online@schoolandleisure.co.za](mailto:online@schoolandleisure.co.za)
  - Website: <http://www.schoolandleisure.co.za/schools/gauteng/spark-schools/>
  
- **Rufaro Garments**
  - Phone: 011-028-6691 or 073-927-0832
  - E-mail: [info@rufarogarments.com](mailto:info@rufarogarments.com)
  - Website: [www.rufarogarments.com](http://www.rufarogarments.com)

**Rufaro Garments will host uniform shops at SPARK Bramley, SPARK Midrand, SPARK Rynfield, SPARK Centurion, SPARK Carlswald, SPARK Silver Lakes, SPARK Randpark Ridge, and SPARK Lynedoch from 4 January 2016.**

The summer uniform will include a navy blue golf shirt with school badge, a navy blue peak cap or floppy hat with school badge, khaki shorts or skort, white socks, and white takkies. Scholars should carry a backpack that does NOT have wheels, but has sufficient space for a homework folder, water bottle, and lunch box.

## Social Media and Website

Keep up-to-date with SPARK news and spread the SPARK love to family and friends by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter (@SPARKSchools)!

All school locations and contact information are posted on [www.sparkschools.co.za](http://www.sparkschools.co.za).

