

March 9, 2023

Spectrum Families,

Please review the following important information and plan accordingly.

MODIFIED SCHEDULE – MON., MARCH 13 – MON., MARCH 20

As indicated on Spectrum’s 2022-2023 [School Calendar Overview](#) and [detailed calendar](#) (found on Spectrum’s website), next week is a little different schedule for students. Please see the summary below and plan accordingly. *Note: This is especially important for students taking concurrent enrollment classes since A and B days switch and Monday, March 13 is a block day (instead of an 8-period day). It is not a C@SH Day, so C@SH students are expected to be at school on Monday, March 13.*

Date	Notes
Monday, March 13	A Block Day. Late start at 8:25 a.m. C@SH students attend.
Tuesday, March 14	B Block Day
Wednesday, March 15	A Block Day
Thursday, March 16	B Block Day
Friday, March 17	School is closed
Monday, March 20	No school for students. Professional development day for teachers.

READERS’ CHOICE AWARD

Thank you to everyone who voted in the 2023 annual *Star News Readers’ Choice Survey*. We appreciate our families voting Spectrum the “best charter school” in the readership area for the past several years!



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

You may have heard the term ChatGPT in the media recently – a computer program that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to generate text. It gathers large amounts of data from the internet to create responses on demand. ChatGPT is unique because its answers are in conversational format, similar to how people write and speak. It can write essays and computer code, solve math problems, and much more.

As with most new technologies, ChatGPT has the power to be used for good or bad. Spectrum, like many schools across the country, has become aware that a number of students have been using this technology to do their work for them. This has resulted in many hours of research and analysis for teachers as they navigate how to approach this new form of plagiarism. Spectrum asks for patience as teachers and administration determine the most reasonable response to a challenging situation.

We encourage parents/guardians to talk with their student(s) about ChatGPT. There are many resources online. [Here](#) is one that may be a good starting point. Together, we are confident that we will find ways to utilize AI technology as a useful tool, while also training students on the importance of the learning process and academic honesty.

Much appreciated,



Dan DeBruyn

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