



Fall SPARK Booklet 2026

Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 Rain date: Nov. 6



Please rank your top 5 choices beginning with your first choice as number 1.

1. **Tie Dying & More** – Students will explore a variety of creative techniques, including fun folds and patterns, ice dyeing, reverse dyeing with bleach, and bubble dyeing. They will create spirals, geodes, stripes, galaxies, and other unique designs while adding personality to their clothes. Students should wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty. All supplies and 2 shirts per week are included. Students may also bring extra items they would like to dye, and they don't have to be white!

Cost: \$27

Location: GSMS, Room 306

2. **Sports @ Queen Square** – Students will walk to Queen Square and have the opportunity to play a variety of sports. If you like football, soccer, soccer baseball or basketball, join us for four fun filled, active weeks at Queen Square Park. Proper clothing and footwear required.

Cost: \$0

Location: Queen Square

3. **Ultimate Frisbee** - Join us for a fun and energetic Ultimate Frisbee session designed for all skill levels! We'll start by learning the basic rules of the game, including how to score, the flow of play, and the importance of teamwork and the "Spirit of the Game." We'll practice fundamental throwing and catching techniques, and get our bodies ready with a warm-up that includes light jogging, dynamic stretching, and simple disc-handling movements. We'll finish the session with a scrimmage, where you can apply what you've learned in a friendly, game-like environment. It's a great way to build skills, get moving, and have fun!

Cost: \$0

Location: Morrell Park (walking)

George Street Middle School

4. **Self-Care Studio** - A fun way to teach any student about self-care. This SPARK will be at Mane Institute Cosmetology School. Students will have different themes each week that involve hair techniques and styling, nail and skin care. We encourage all genders. If anyone is required privacy to have their hair shown, we will have a space with privacy and female only stylists.

Cost: \$25

Location: Mane Institute Cosmetology School (walking)

5. **LaunchPad Sports** - Try baseball, softball, and cricket over four fun weeks at Launchpad Sports! Each week you'll rotate through stations, test different bats and swings. With their hitting simulators you will get to see how fast and how far you can hit, try throwing targets with a radar gun, play quick games with friends, and finish with a friendly Home Run Derby. No experience needed, equipment provided if you don't have your own.

Cost: \$35

Location: LaunchPad Sports Facility (by bus)

6. **Swimming** – Students will be bused to the Fredericton Indoor Pool where they will have fun swimming with friends. Please note that swimming lessons are not provided, so previous swimming experience is necessary, or the use of a life jacket will be recommended.

Cost: \$6

Location: Fredericton Indoor Pool (by bus)

7. **Yearbook**- Love taking photos? Want to make eye-catching designs? Join us to learn basic photography tips and Canva design skills that will make your pictures pop and your layouts shine. Perfect for anyone on the yearbook committee or those looking to level up their creative skills.

Cost: \$0

Location: GSMS, Hub

8. **Snack n' Paint** – No experience painting? That's no problem at all. You will be painting right along with artist, Andrea Parent Milley in a "follow the leader" type approach to creating your very own masterpieces. Each week you will go home with a completed piece of art to hang on your wall. Bring your snacks and follow along!

Cost: \$28

Location: GSMS, Art Room

9. **Clay Café** - Students will get to select their two choices of ceramic pieces to paint. At the end of the four weeks, pieces will be glazed and sent back to the school for the students to take home. (All supplies are provided by Clay Café for the price)

Cost: \$30

Location: Clay Café (walking)

10. **YMCA Basketball Skills & Drills** – Want to improve your basketball skills, learn some new moves, and have fun? YMCA's Coach Roman is coming to our gym for an exciting Basketball Skills & Drills session! No experience? No problem! ALL skill levels are welcome! Come ready to move, learn, and play! What you need: PE clothes, indoor sneakers, and a water bottle. Come hit the court for four weeks of fun!

Cost: \$15

Location: GSMS, Gym

11. **Speedcubing** – Learn how to solve a cube, improve your time, compete with friends, and work together to create our new 1200 cube mural of a monarch butterfly! Solve tiny cubes, medium cubes, giant cubes, 1x1, 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, and many more types of cubes! You might even be the first GSMS student to solve the Rubik's impossible! All levels of speedcubers welcome (even if you have never solved a cube before)!

Cost: \$0

Location: GSMS, A33

12. **Hand Built Pottery with Courtney Johnson Ceramics** - In this SPARK, you will get the opportunity to play around with clay, YAY! We will learn about the fundamentals of making functional objects with clay and different surface design techniques. Everyone will get a chance to make their own slab-built mug or cup, a few little pinch pots and whatever else we come up with along the way! Your creations will be glazed so that you can take home your very own piece of pottery made completely by YOU! If you like being creative and don't mind getting your hands a little muddy then this is the SPARK for you!

Cost: \$24

Location: GSMS, Science Lab

13. **Sports @ Wilmot** - Join this SPARK if you like being outdoors and playing sports. We will bus to Wilmot to play tennis, football and basketball. We have some basketballs, football, and a few tennis rackets to share. Please bring a tennis racket or other sports equipment you would like to play, if you have one. Be sure to bring a water bottle and comfortable shoes and clothing.

Cost: \$5

Location: Wilmot Park (by bus)

14. **Games Unplugged** - Board game lovers unite?! If you love playing board games and discovering new ones, this SPARK is for you! We will be spending four mornings at Games Unplugged downtown playing their huge selection of games. They have over 500 games of all genres and skill levels. Bring your friends and competitive spirit, it's time to put away those phones....it's board game time!

Cost: \$25

Location: Games Unplugged Boardgame Café (walking)

15. **Bowling @ Kingswood** - Have some fun bowling with your classmates! No experience necessary. The group will travel by bus to Kingswood for four sessions. Students will be placed into smaller groups per lane. **Socks are required. Shoes will be rented and required on the lanes.

Cost: \$25

Location: Kingswood Entertainment Centre (by bus)

16. **Kingswood Golf-** Would you like to learn more about playing golf? During this SPARK, you will learn about the fundamentals of the golf game at the beautiful Kingswood Golf Course. Skills such as weight transfers, balance, swinging the golf club and putting. The fee includes four golf lessons by a PGA Pro and transportation. If students have their own equipment, they can drop off their golf bag each Thursday evening since clubs aren't permitted on the bus.

Cost: \$28

Location: Kingswood Golf Course (by bus)

17. **Beading With The Beads Knees** - Led by Melcolm Beaulieu, a Mi'kmaw artist, this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop invites all students to learn the basics of Mi'kmaq beading while creating their own beaded piece over four sessions. Melcolm and their assistants will guide you step by step, share insights from their artistic journey, and hold space for thoughtful discussions throughout the sessions.

Cost: \$15

Location: GSMS, Room 202

18. **Good Guys Mini Golf** – Good Guys Golf is a nine hole indoor minigolf park. There are also table top games to play with friends while taking a break. Come check out this terrific location and play a few rounds of mini golf with your friends. No experience necessary.

Cost: \$30

Location: Good Guys Golf (by bus)

19. **Public Library Adventures** - Come with us on a walk to the Fredericton Public Library and discover your next great read! You'll get to listen to a few fun, short book talks featuring exciting titles and different genres you may not have discovered yet. Then, it's your turn to explore! You'll have time to browse the shelves, discover new books, sign out a book to take home, and relax with some reading time before we head back to school. Come discover a new book, explore the library, and find your next favourite read!

Cost: \$0

Location: Fredericton Public Library (walking)

20. **Walking SPARK** – Join us for an outdoor adventure walking the trails of downtown Fredericton! Explore nature, get some fresh air, and enjoy the beauty of our local surroundings as we explore the scenic trails. Whether you're looking to relax, connect with friends, or get some exercise, this activity is perfect for all fitness levels. It's a fun way to unwind, clear your mind, and discover hidden gems in nature. Students should wear comfortable, appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Mornings may be chilly, so please come prepared by dressing in layers.

Cost: \$0

Location: Downtown Trails (walking)

21. **Magic the Gathering** – Wizards and Planeswalkers alike! Come join us to learn a new game, or return to show how much you've improved over the Summer! New and experienced players welcome, no materials needed, everything will be provided! Practice planning, strategy, and a little bit of luck with an exciting new game!

Cost: \$0

Location: GSMS, Room 201

22. **Tennis @ Abony** - Students will travel by bus to the Abony Family Tennis Centre. Whether you are an experienced player or you simply want to try tennis for the first time, this is guaranteed to be a fun time! You will learn the basic fundamentals of how to play tennis, the rules of the game

and play mini matches. **You will need indoor, non-marking sneakers and a water bottle, but you do not need your own racquet.

Cost: \$28

Location: Abony Tennis Centre (by bus)

23. **Global Minds Leadership** - Are you a grade 7 or 8 student who was part of Global Minds last year? Are you interested in planning activities for our club this year? If you answered yes to both questions, this is the SPARK for you! Global Minds aims to celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity of GSMS. Together, we will create our yearly calendar, decide which celebrations and festivals to highlight, develop fundraising ideas, look at merchandise options and potential service projects. Join us as we seek ways to offer new, educational, and fun opportunities throughout the school year.

Cost: \$0

Location: GSMS, Room A32

24. **Jewelry-Making and More!** - Make it. Wear it. Love it. 💎 Ready to shine? During this SPARK, you'll design and create a variety of amazing projects: *Macramé bracelets and keychains, *Memory wire bracelets, necklaces, and earrings (for pierced and non-pierced ears!) * Diamond dots keychains and stickers and * Stretchy friendship bracelets You'll learn fun techniques with a large variety of beads, wire, hemp, and dazzling diamond art to craft pieces that sparkle with your own style. Walk away with unique, one-of-a-kind creations you'll be proud to wear, show off, or give as gifts! Let your creativity run wild! No experience necessary.

Cost: \$25

Location: GSMS, Room A14

25. **Diamond Art** - Join the fun with diamond art! It's like painting, but with shiny, colorful gems. Create amazing designs by sticking sparkling "diamonds" onto a canvas, piece by piece. It's easy, relaxing, and super satisfying to see your artwork come to life, plus there's a design for everyone. Your dazzling masterpiece can then be shown off or gifted to someone special. Come shine bright at diamond art SPARK!

Cost: \$20

Location: GSMS, Room A24

26. **Sewing SPARK** - Come learn the basics of sewing in this fun, hands-on SPARK! Students will learn and practice sewing skills while creating their own pouch/pencil case with a tie closure to take home. As a group, students will also work together to create a yellow and purple quilted GSMS banner. Each student will have the opportunity to contribute to this collaborative project, which will be proudly displayed in our school. No sewing experience is needed. Just bring your creativity and a willingness to learn!

Cost: \$22

Location: GSMS, Room A22

27. **Minecraft Challenge** - 🎮 Ready to turn your biggest ideas into Minecraft masterpieces? The Minecraft Build Challenge SPARK is where you can unleash your creativity, tackle exciting build challenges, and bring incredible ideas to life! Compete head-to-head against other students in 4 weeks of Minecraft Build challenges to win prizes and earn bragging rights.

Cost: \$0

Location: GSMS, Tech Rooms

28. **Come Play Pickleball!** - Travel to the newest indoor pickleball courts for some fun! With this SPARK you will learn the basics of pickleball in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Each week you will go through warm-ups, skill practice, and games with new skills to focus on each week! By the end of this 4 week program, you will be able to play full pickleball games confidently and safely. You will need indoor sneakers, comfortable clothing, and a water bottle to attend!

Cost: \$30

Location: Backspin Fredericton (by bus)