



Stuyvesant Robotics

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Welcome to the Stuyvesant Robotics Team!

You are now part of our robotics family. We warmly welcome you and encourage you to participate in the fun. No robotics experience is required!

On Saturday, January 5th, the new robotics game challenge will be revealed by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Students, staff, parents, and alumni will gather at Stuyvesant to watch the worldwide broadcast. Strategizing and brainstorming will commence immediately. As has been done in the past, we hope to organize a potluck lunch for this kickoff day. All are warmly welcome to attend and bring a dish for the potluck lunch. It's a great opportunity to meet people, learn more about the robotics program at Stuyvesant, and gain insight into the upcoming build season.

Over the following 6-week period, the students will spend many hours in the Stuyvesant robotics lab. They will stay late after they finish their classes. They will come to school on weekends and during their midwinter recess vacation.

Food is a very important element of this team. Students, staff, and mentors need nourishment during the long work sessions. We ask that each member family provide at least one meal for approximately 30-40 people. (Better estimates of attendance will be provided as time goes on).

This meal can be whatever you like. Some families will bring in home-cooked specialties. Other families will order take-out to be delivered to the school. Turkey sandwiches and pizza are frequent menu items. For your convenience the students will be posting to the team website the menus and phone numbers of restaurants near Stuyvesant that deliver. The team has a few vegetarian members, and several members do not eat pork. The team enjoys food from every country. Birthday celebrations are welcome. If any team members or parents know of convenient sources of inexpensive, good food, please do share the information with us. We are happy to support businesses that will offer discounts.

A schedule of team meetings will be provided soon and you are asked to choose a convenient date to provide food. You and your child will be responsible for all arrangements for the meal that you donate, including delivery, any payment due, set-up, drinks, plates, napkins, and plastic silverware. Students on the team will assist.

We must require that each and every member family contribute to this system. Sharing the obligation is an essential requirement of team membership. We can make no exceptions for students who come to meetings less frequently than others. The team appreciates, and needs, your cooperation.

Much more information will be coming your way soon. Please make sure you are enrolled in the parental (and general) e-group to receive e-mail notices. Ask your child to inform you of announcements. We have parents who have offered to assist families for whom English is not the most comfortable language.

Save the dates: 2/28/2008 to 3/1/2008 Tournament in Trenton, NJ
Please chaperone or come for just a day

4/4/2008 to 4/6/2008 Tournament at the Javits Center in Manhattan
It's very easy to attend this tournament