



2018 JUNIOR IRONMEN ROBOTICS TEAM

An invitation 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at the Academy of St. Paul

Why: Last year Don Bosco Prep successfully collaborated with St. Joseph School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy in forming two middle-school robotics teams. This year we are seeking to expand the program to students at the Academy of St. Paul.

What: A FIRST LEGO League Team (www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fli)

Who: Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades in 2018-2019 from the Academy of St. Paul, (boys and girls). The program is limited to 10 students.

When & Where: The team will meet at Don Bosco Prep from 10:00 to 2:00 on most Saturdays from October 6 through mid-November. (Additional days may be necessary to prepare for competitions.) A competition will be held in mid-November at a high school to be determined (most likely Clifton or Pascack Hills).

How much: The participation fee is \$175 (payable to Ironmen Robotics.) Additional fees may be required if a team qualifies for the state or world championship. There is also an option to pay a lunch fee of \$60, which covers lunch every Saturday (usually pizza). Alternatively, students may bring their own lunch.

Mentors: Adult leaders of FIRST robotics teams are called mentors. One ASP parent has volunteered for Fall 2018. A second parent mentor is also desirable. No particular knowledge or skills are required except a general comfort with science. Fr. Lou Konopelski, SDB, the head mentor of the high school team, also helps with administrative details. He, along with some high school students, also provide advice and some direction. Mentors will be required to meet safe environment requirements of the Archdiocese of Newark, the Salesians of Don Bosco, and FIRST.

If you are interested: please send an email by Thursday 10/4 to Brennan Burke at BrennanBurke@gmail.com. Please indicate your child's name, gender and grade. If you would be willing to be a mentor, please indicate that as well. You may also contact Fr. Lou with questions at frlkonopelski@donboscoprep.org.