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- To learn more about the FRC FIRST program, visit their website at: usfirst.org.
- All students should be registered on STIMS for the team. If you haven't completed the registration process yet, please do so now. If you have questions, please give me a call. Problems with this site are normal – there are issues every year. Please call so I can help you through it. Students we are waiting on: Alex E., Andrew M., Brett, Brian, Cam, Dakota, David P., Ivan, Kaden, Kassie.
- Pay to play and team dues: the first $100 in team fees are **due November 13** and the final $75 is due January 5. There are fund raising opportunities to help cover the cost of the team fees. See Mr. Ochs for information. Pay to play fee is due to the school and should be on your school account at this time.
- There are all team meetings scheduled each Wednesday afterschool:-3:15 – about 4PM. Ending time varies with the agenda. Check the calendar for other meeting dates/times.
- The Off Season event was a fun event.

News from Team Leaders:

Mechanical: Mechanical did slight repairs to the robot strengthening the clamps on last year's robot, in preparation for the off season event. There are Safety Sessions this Thursday & Friday. Every Paladin has to take the general safety test and all Paladins using tools have to pass tool safety tests. Every Paladin has to sign up for at least one of the after school sessions either November 12, 13, 16 or Dec. 7. They must contact Drew to confirm the date they will attend.

Graphic Design: Working on the logo!

Media: Working on setting up a YouTube Channel.

Scouting: finished the system which will be used at the off-season event, and is working to create a method to scout with tablets which may or may not exist.

Marketing Team: Working on thank you notes to our sponsors.

Accounting: The Accounting team has successfully established the method in which they process deposits and requests for receipts and will continue to process these at the Wednesday meetings. If parents would like to submit any forms, they can drop it off at the front desk.

Chairman's Team: Chairman's decided on the theme for this year's presentation (Monty Python). We got some costumes for the interview. They are beginning to plan the essay and video portions of the application.

Important Dates:

FTC Qualifier – November 20/21, 2015: 20 middle school teams will be here for a state qualifier competition. Paladins are needed to assist with set-up, clean-up, and during competition jobs.

Holiday Open House: December 5, 2015: G3 and the Paladins participate in the holiday open house

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Robot a Thon – December 12, 2015 – December 13, 2015: Mandatory. During the day on Saturday the team attends conference sessions, many of which are presented by students, with teams from all over. After dinner and throughout the night, the team attends more sessions and participates in team building activities.

Kick Off – January 9, 2016: Mandatory: hosted at the Boyne City High School in the morning and then the team comes back to PHS; plan for Paladins to be busy all day; new game presented and then spend the afternoon strategizing back at PHS; Game play decision is made on January 10th – plan for another all-day session.

Build Season – January 9, 2016 – February 23, 2016.

Quick Build – January 16: Paladins host a quick build session for rookie teams to come get assistance putting together a chassis.

Bag and Tag – February 23, 2016: Robot must be bagged and tagged by this date and can only be brought out with special permission. Team and parent spirit/competition meetings begin.

Standish-Sterling District Competition – March 3-5, 2016: Mandatory: Drive/Pit Team goes down Thursday, for two nights and the majority of the team goes down on Friday morning for one night. Arrive home late Saturday evening.

Midland District Competition – March 17-19, 2016: Mandatory: Drive/Pit Team goes down on Thursday for two nights and the majority of the team goes down on Friday morning for one night. Arrive home late Saturday evening.

State Championship – April 13-16, 2016: Mandatory (if we qualify): Drive/Pit Team goes down on the 3rd for two nights and the majority of the team goes down on Friday morning for one night. Arrive home late Saturday evening.

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