



# The Reporter



Rosewood's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

**AUGUST 25, 2023**

## Upcoming Events

### August 25

Wildcat Festival  
3:30pm - 7:00pm - JHS Stadium

### September 1 & 4

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

### September 5

Parent Club Meeting  
6:30pm - Media Center

### September 8

Kids Cat Football Game  
6:40pm - Students Arrive  
7:00pm - Kick Off

### September 20

Picture Day

### September 21

Skating Party  
6:15pm - Tarry Hall Roller Rink

### September 29

NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day

### October 3

Parent Club Meeting  
6:30pm - Media Center

### October 24 & 26

Parent-Teacher Conferences  
4:00pm-8:30pm

### October 26

Picture Make-Up Day

### November 1

NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day

Rosewood Families,

Welcome back to what is going to be another fantastic school year at Rosewood Elementary. The safety and well-being of our students and all the adults that serve them continues to be a main focus this year. We are excited to be back in school with your children, helping them grow socially, emotionally, and academically. We take pride in our mission to provide a positive, caring environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected. We are glad you have chosen to partner with us in your child's education. My position as principal gives me a gratifying perspective of watching children enter school as kindergartners, learning the basics of math and reading, and develop into 6th graders who learn to perform music, create and test hypotheses, write beautiful essays, and solve difficult problems. This growth is gratifying to see but only comes through the hard work and sustained effort from your children. As parents, I ask that you encourage your children to always give their best effort, persevere when learning is difficult, and see their mistakes as part of the learning process. This school year will definitely come with its challenges and ups and downs, but our positive attitudes at school and home will only make things better for our kids. We look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your children!

Luke Verbeek



## The Reporter Will be Emailed

Rosewood Elementary will be sending out our bi-weekly newsletter, the Reporter, via e-mail again this year. In fact, almost all of our communication will come via email. Therefore, it is vital that we have a current email address on file for you. Please let us know immediately by calling the school office at 669-0011 if we need to update your email address.

### **Breakfast is Served**

All Rosewood students are welcome to come to our gym Monday through Friday from 8:20-8:40am for breakfast. Drop-ins are welcome! Please join us! Breakfast is once again FREE this school year. We ask that you still please complete the application for free & reduced lunch, which can be found at [jenhudfood.org](http://jenhudfood.org).

### **Bullying Policy**

In accordance with state law, JPS has updated its policy regarding bullying. Copies of the policy are available on our [website](#). If your child reports that they are being bullied, please notify your child's teacher immediately.

### **Electronics at School**

Elementary Students may not use or possess a personal electronic device (phone, watch, personal iPad or computer, etc.) during the school day. Any personal electronic device must be kept in a locker or bag. Further restrictions may be implemented as necessary up to and including devices being held in the office for parent/guardian pickup.

### **Food Service Reminder**

If you do not want your child to have the option of taking hot lunch or milk only, please contact the food service department at 457-2400 or [lunchacctinfo@hpseagles.net](mailto:lunchacctinfo@hpseagles.net) to have your child's lunch card pulled. This is the only way to ensure that they do not have the ability to take hot lunch. You can do this at any time during the school year. You can also have a card released at anytime during the school year.

### **Friday Folders**

Starting today, a Friday Folder will be coming home every Friday (or Thursday when there is no school on Friday) with our students and will contain all sorts of information. Please empty the folder and return it every Monday to your child's teacher.

### **Hand 2 Hand**

If your family is in need of food for your student(s) on the weekends, please complete the form in your child's Friday folder. Hand 2 hand provides a backpack of food for our students every Friday, if you request one.

### **"No Friend Riders" on the Buses**

Transportation Services has implemented a "no friend riders" rule. Students cannot ride buses to go with friends. Riding a bus to a friend's home is only permitted in emergency situations. Most buses are loaded to capacity with students assigned a specific seat. Additional students could cause an overloaded condition on the bus. In an emergency situation, the parent must call Transportation Services explaining the emergency. Upon approval, the driver will be notified. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

### **Medication**

If your child needs to take prescription or over the counter medication at school, a form must be filled out prior to the office administering. Medication forms are available online using this [link](#). **A doctor's signature is required on all over the counter drug forms & prescription meds must have current label.** Expired meds will not be taken or administered. All medications are kept in the office. No student can carry their own medications without proper documentation.

### **Parking Lot Guidelines**

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please be sure you follow our parking lot guidelines. If you come into the school to get your child, please park your car in one of the parking spaces. **Please do not park in the drop-off and pick-up lanes or in the circle drive.** When exiting the parking lots, please follow the signs regarding which way to turn out of the lot. **If you make a "turn that is prohibited by a sign", the Ottawa County Sheriff Department has informed us that it is a \$120.00 fine and possible points on your license.** It helps keep all of our children safe if we all follow the parking lot rules. Please see the attached traffic flow map. **Also, please be respectful of our Rosewood neighbors by NOT parking on their lawns or blocking their driveways!** Thank you!

### **Reporting Your Child's Absences**

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school by 9:00a.m. Our attendance line is 667-3550. If we do not hear from you, we will try to contact you or someone listed on your emergency list. We urge you not to send a child to school if any illness is present. If a child becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted immediately.

### **Update Your Students Emergency Information**

You should have received an email giving you instructions on how to update your student's emergency information. Please be sure to update this as soon as possible so we have current contact information for your child. Also, during the school year, please keep us informed of any changes in your child's medical information, or changes in your contact information. Thank you for your help with this!

### **Change of Address**

If you have a change of address during the school year, please complete the [Change of Address Request Form](#) found on our website. You will need to fill out the form, and **also provide proof of residency to verify your new address (a copy of a utility bill, rental agreement, or buy/sell agreement).** If you have moved out of the JPS district, you must also complete a [Non-Resident Enrollment Form](#) for each student. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Parent Club Meetings**

Rosewood Parent Club Meetings will be held in our media center. Please join us on Tuesday, 6 at 6:30pm for our first meeting.

# Food Service News: Back to School Edition

We are so excited to welcome our students back to school!  
We have lots of information available on our [Food Service website](#).

**FREE MEALS:** The State of Michigan included free school meals for all Prek-12th Grade Public School Students in Michigan for the 2023-24 School Year. The **Michigan School Meals** program makes breakfast and lunch FREE for all students, regardless of their family's ability to pay. However, we still need families to apply for Meal Benefits. An approved application offers additional discounts at school and at home - Athletics, testing fees, technology fees, and even your home internet service! An approved application can also make you eligible for Summer EBT in 2024! We also want to ensure that our district receives full finding for Title 1 Math and Reading supports.

**Don't Scrap the App:** Please apply! Help your family and Jenison Public Schools! Apply online at <https://jenison.familyportal.cloud>.

**Past Student Debt Forgiven:** As part of the Michigan School Meals program, all previous student debt was eliminated. That is a one-time gift!

**Milk at School:** Regardless of benefits status, Milk-only purchases remain at \$0.50 per carton. Milk is included as part of the whole MEAL benefit. If a student only purchases a carton of milk, their account will be charged 50 cents.

**No Fees to Deposit Money!** We have ELIMINATED the fees to deposits funds via our online system! Head to <https://jenison.familyportal.cloud> to monitor your child's account and make deposits. Even though meals are free, we still sell individual meal items, snacks, and beverages. You can also deposit money at school using cash or a check (made payable to Jen Hud Food).

**What if I left money on my child's account?** It's still there! Until it is spent or refunded, all money from last year rolls forward into this year.

**PowerSchool:** Please update your contact information in PowerSchool! Check those addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses!

**Menus are available!** Our menus and all nutritional information are available online at <https://jenhudfood.nutrislice.com/> and printed copies of our menu can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

**Our most asked question: What comes with lunch?** Each school lunch is made up of 5 parts - protein, whole grains, fruit, vegetable, and milk. To have the lunch "qualify" as a full meal and be FREE, students need to take at least 3 of the 5 items offered (they can take all 5 items), but one of those 3 items must be a serving of fruit or vegetable. If a student will not choose a fruit or a vegetable, that meal WILL NOT BE FREE; we have to charge them the a la carte price for the meal, which at Elementary level is \$2.50, and Secondary is \$3.00.

**Bottom Line:** Please select a fruit or vegetable!! We offer multiple choices every day.

**Contact Us:** [foodservice@hpseagles.net](mailto:foodservice@hpseagles.net) or call (616) 457-2400

**It's a great year to be a Wildcat!!**

**Mary Darnton, Food Service Director**



### **Facebook**

Did you know that Rosewood's Parent Club has a Facebook page? All Rosewood parents are invited to check it out and join. The link is: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/109942545761933/>  
Check it out and "friend" us soon!

### **Fifth Grade Orchestra sign-ups are coming soon!**

If your student is interested in participating in orchestra classes this year, you and your student should plan to stop by the JCA lobby on either Tue Aug 29 or Wed Aug 30, between 4-7pm. At these Orchestra "Open Houses," families can meet the teachers, register for orchestra, try out the instruments, get sized for an instrument, and rent your very own instrument to take home! More information can be found [HERE](#) on the orchestra website.

### **Appropriate Dress**

Students are expected to dress appropriately for an elementary school setting. Attire that causes a disruption to the learning environment and attire with inappropriate messages, midriff-bearing shirts, and halter tops are considered to be unacceptable for school. A general guideline for length of dresses, shorts, and skirts for most students would be fingertip-length with arms fully extended at the student's side. No hats or head coverings may be worn indoors except for special events, for religious exemptions, or under extenuating circumstances. For health reasons, footwear must be worn at all times. Should a student come to school inappropriately dressed, or in a way that is causing disruption, a school representative will discuss the matter with the student and contact the parent, if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
**4:00PM - 8:30 PM**

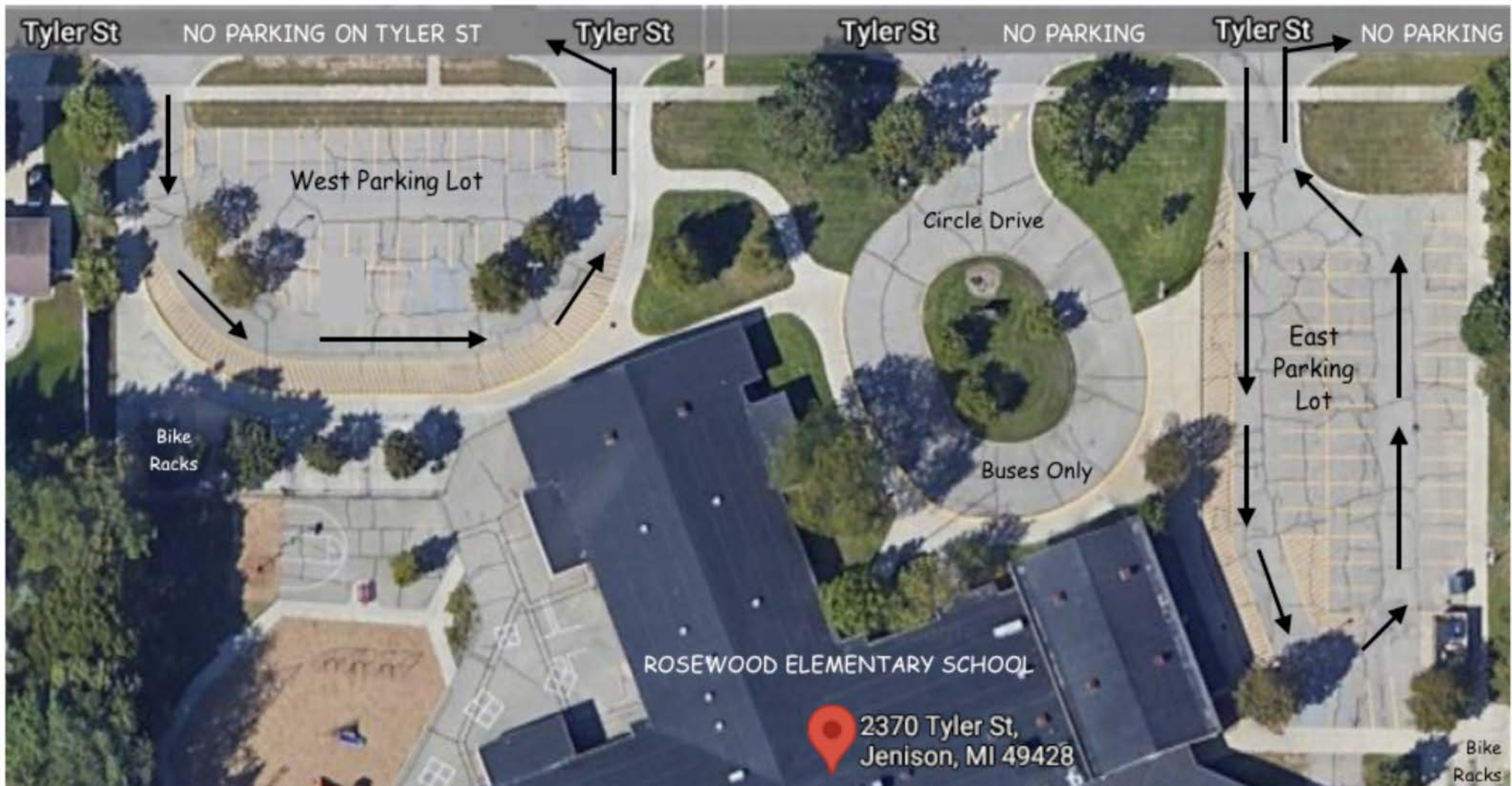
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**4:00PM - 8:30PM**



## Student Pick-Up

We encourage parents to use the pick-up lanes in both parking lots to pick their child(ren) up at the end of the school day. Please follow the guidelines below so that the line of cars moves quickly and everyone can get in and out safely.

1. When using the pick-up lane stay inside your vehicle and pull as far forward as possible to pick-up your child(ren) along the curb.
2. Communicate with your child(ren) which lot you will be waiting at and encourage them to be out looking for you as soon as they can.
3. Please use a designated parking space if you need to get out of your car for any reason so you don't block other cars in the pick-up lane.
4. Please do not ask your child(ren) to walk across the parking lot on their own. All children walking in the parking lot need to be accompanied by an adult.
5. Do not use the circle drive for pick-up until after 4:00pm.
6. Traffic flows better if those coming from the east use the east parking lot and those coming from the west use the west lot.
7. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! DO NOT HURRY!



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program at Rosewood Elementary called “**Hand2Hand**”. This program helps provide a student with food for the weekends and is intended for families who currently may be experiencing a financial burden. The first backpack is set to be delivered on September 15.

**Here’s how Hand2Hand will work:** At the end of the week students who are signed up for the program will receive a minimum of 8-10 food items in a black school logo drawstring bag that will be provided at the first week of participation. These food items will be a combination of breakfast, snacks, lunch and/or dinner items. While the food items are meant for the student, they can be shared among the family as well. ***(Please note: if your student or another family member has food allergies it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check the contents of the backpack each week to ensure the food doesn’t contain ingredients which could cause an allergic reaction).***

There is no cost to participate! If you sign your student up to receive Hand2Hand, they will continue to receive the weekly bags each week they are at Rosewood. However, if down the road you no longer need the assistance, simply write a note expressing your desire to discontinue receiving Hand2Hand bags and give this note to the school office. This opportunity is being provided by Rosewood Church, 2795 Rosewood Street. To learn more about Hand2Hand, please visit their website: <http://h2hkids.org>.

**If you feel your student would benefit from this opportunity, please complete the response form at the bottom of this letter and return it to your student’s teacher by September 6** and we will make sure that your student’s name is then added to the list. Your response will be kept confidential.

Sincerely,

Luke Verbeek  
Rosewood Elementary



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR STUDENT(S) AT ROSEWOOD TO PARTICIPATE IN HAND2HAND, PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note: Email or Phone Number will only be used in case of school closures



## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### 2023-2024

August 21	Professional Development – <b>Half Day AM for Professional Staff</b> <b>No School for Students</b>
August 22	Professional Development – <b>Full Day for Professional Staff</b> <b>No School for Students</b>
August 23	First Day of School
September 1-4	Labor Day Recess - <b>No School</b>
September 29	Professional Development - Full Day for Professional Staff <b>No School for Students</b>
November 1	Professional Development - Full Day for Professional Staff <b>No School for Students</b>
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Recess - <b>No School</b>
December 20	<b>Half Day Students</b> - Full Day for Professional Staff
December 21-22	<b>Half Day for Students &amp; Professional Staff</b>
December 25-January 5	Winter Recess - <b>No School</b>
January 15	Professional Development - Full Day for Professional Staff <b>No School for Students</b>
January 26	<b>Half Day for Students &amp; Professional Staff</b>
February 9-12	Mid-Winter Recess – <b>No School</b>
March 18	Professional Development- Full Day for Professional Staff <b>No School for Students</b>
March 29-April 5	Spring Recess - <b>No School</b>
May 23	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day Recess - <b>No School</b>
May 29	<b>Half Day Students</b> - Full Day for Professional Staff
May 30-31	<b>Half Day for Students &amp; Professional Staff</b>

## VEX IQ ROBOTICS

Open to all Jenison 4th-6th Graders (2023/2024 school year)



### VEX IQ Details

- Learn to design, build, program, and test a robot to compete with other robots!
- Get involved with various robot related skill challenges and competitions
- Practices are twice a week, except for league weeks, where practice will be once a week.
- Volunteer Parent Coached, we can't do this without your help!
- Compete in 4 league night competitions beginning in October and ending in November.
- Compete in a full day tournament here at Jenison Junior High - December 9th, 2023
- Teams will be made based on grade, number of participants, and number of coaches!
- Parental involvement is encouraged throughout the season. We need parents to volunteer at either 2 league nights or for half the day at our Jenison Tournament.

**PARENT MEETING:** September 6th, 7 PM, Jenison Junior High Cafeteria, 8295 20th Ave.

**COACHES TRAINING:** September 14th, 6pm at the Jenison Robotics Center (1889 Baldwin St)

**FIRST PRACTICE WEEK:** 2 nights beginning the week of September 18th, 6-8 PM

**PRACTICE LOCATION:** Jenison Robotics Center (1889 Baldwin St)

**COST:** \$100 with parental volunteering **OR** \$200 if you are unable to volunteer

**DISCLAIMER:** We want to have as many students participate as have signed up, however we need coaches to make that happen. If we don't get enough parents to volunteer to coach, we will use a lottery system to assign students to teams. The only way to guarantee a spot for your child is to volunteer as a coach or assistant coach.

**REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT IS DUE BY THE END OF THE PARENT MEETING on September 6th! ANY LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ADDED TO WAITING LIST**

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:** JENISON ROBOTICS

**Registration form and checks:**

Forms and checks can be dropped off at the Jenison Robotics Building (drop box is on the west side of the building), or brought to the Parent Meeting on September 6th.

**DO NOT** RETURN CHECKS OR REGISTRATION FORMS TO ANY JENISON SCHOOLS  
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED AT THE PARENT MEETING WITH A \$3 CONVENIENCE FEE



# VEX IQ Registration Form

REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 6th

Participant's Full Name (First Middle Last) School Sex: M/F

Grade 2023/2024 Date of birth(MM/DD/YYYY)

Address City Zip

Father's Name Email Cell Phone

Father's Employer

Mother's Name Email Cell Phone

Mother's Employer

Does your child have any previous robotics experience? Explain

Want to be on the same team as a friend? (one name only please, **must be reciprocal**)

Allergies or Medical Notes?

### Child's T-Shirt Size

Youth S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Cost

\$100 with parents volunteering  
 \$200- unable to volunteer

Practices will be held 2 days a week. Normal practice times will start at 6 and run until 8. It is up to the coaches discretion if they want to practice the full 2 hours or something shorter than that. The team needs to have your child present for the 2 nights of practice. Leagues will be held on Monday nights once they begin in October. Once leagues start your child will need to be available on their assigned night for the league. When it is a week with a league night, your child's team will only practice one night that week.

**Please check ALL the days of the week your child is available for practice:**

**\*\* You must choose at least 2 nights \*\***

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

FOR OFFICE USE  CASH  CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_  Square/CC Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IN: \_\_\_\_\_

# VEX IQ Registration Form

REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 6th

## We need you to coach!

Training will be provided. You don't need to know anything about Robotics.

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Coach's Name

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Address (if different than above)

City

Zip

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Email

Cell Phone

Practices will be scheduled based on your availability. You will need to be available on Monday nights for the league once they start. Please indicate what nights you are available to coach your team (please choose 2 nights):

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

T-Shirt Size: Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_