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Parent Open House Meeting Wednesday March 22 7:00 – 8:00

(We will be here to answer questions about how competitions run, the goal of this year's game, how students spent their time this season, and the possibility of further competition.)

After months of prep through the Preseason, followed by a lengthy Build Season, we are finally a week away from our 1st chance to earn District Points in order to qualify for the *FIRST* in Michigan District Championship, what we refer to as "States", to be held at Saginaw Valley State University April 6-8.

Thank you to every team member, mentor, parent, partner, alumni, and everyone who provided their support to our team in so many ways this season.

Finishing touches are being put on the robot, Pit presentations are wrapping up, and we are readying to load the trailer to travel to Troy Athens HS on Friday evening to set up our Pit & get inspected for competition.

District Event 1: FIM District Troy Event #1 (Troy Athens) presented by Aptiv 3/25 & 3/26
Saturday & Sunday

District Event 2: FIM District Macomb Community College Event presented by DTE 3/31 & 4/1
Friday & Saturday

Meals are still being planned (lunch & dinner on Day 1, lunch on Day 2), thank you to the generous parents who already helped with team dinners this season, and those that continue to contribute.

A list of students who turn in their Permission Slips will be provided to MMSTC, who relay information to WCS & Consortium home schools. This allows attendance to be marked with ACT for a school related Activity on Friday 3/31. This is very important for Seniors hoping to be Exempt for any Final Exams if your school allows it. After check-in, I contact the school with any students not accounted for at the event on Friday. Many students/parents provide information about their schedule conflicts on their Permission Slips, this is greatly appreciated, please continue to do so via email or [Remind](#) if things change.

THE COMPETITION-

While Pits open @ 8:00 both days, all team members are not required that early. Students should expect to arrive by 9:00 on both days, but are welcome as early as 8:00. If your child's schedule is different please note on your Permission Slips. Conflicts happen, I just want to be aware ahead of time. Upon arrival, they need to check-in with the team in the gymnasium and get checked-off by Mr. May & Team Leadership. We continue to do periodic checks throughout the event and record when students leave.

We compete in 12 Qualification matches on Day 1 and early on Day 2. A schedule of our matches and estimates of times are released the morning of Day 1. Our performance in those matches determines whether we will be one of 8 Alliance Captains before lunch on Saturday, or whether we will be hoping to be chosen by another Captain to continue into the Playoffs/Elimination Rounds. Students are expected to attend until the end of the event and awards are presented on Day 2. Team Awards can also earn District Points towards our season total.



Link to the agenda is below. While the team is present all day, there are “down” times where matches are not running, and would not be very exciting for spectators. This includes before Opening Ceremonies both days, and during lunch. The schedule is fluid, meaning end times change and are adjusted throughout the event due to technical difficulties and the flow of matches.

No Open-toed shoes in the Pits. Safety Glasses are required to enter the Pits. Students should bring their provided Safety Glasses to be allowed in the Pits. Parents can get a pair to borrow from the Student Section. If not, you would be required to bring your own, or purchase for \$10, as loaners are not available at the venue any longer. Safety glasses are NOT required for the event, only to enter the Pits.

Students, revisit the Competition Expectations. Remember, you represent more than just yourself at competition, you are a reflection of our team, our mentors, our schools, our parents, our partners, & our community. Be prepared to help other teams, and welcome any of our fans or [partners](#) who make it out to the event. Remember, you are being judged by professionals in STEM fields, not just your peers. Rookies, don't be afraid to ask for help or clarification when you don't understand. There will be a lot going on, and the majority of our team will be attending their first event.

USEFUL INFORMATION-

[First in Michigan District Troy #1 Event Info](#)

[First in Michigan District Macomb CC Event Info](#)

Apps to follow the action:

There are 2 great apps for your phone to follow the action, see the schedule and results:

The Blue Alliance [Apple](#) [GooglePlay](#)

[Twitch.tv Live Simulcast Troy #1](#)

[Twitch.tv Live Simulcast MCC](#)

[Parent Remind](#) (Primary method to get info to parents quickly during competition, or reach Mr. May)

Some students frequently choose to meet up for dinner and reflect on the Competition on Saturday Night, stay tuned while members finalize plans.

Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do to make this FRC Season a success for Team 818!



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