



Information and Guidelines for Parents /Guardians

Membership on the Mt. Olive Robotics Team is a wonderful opportunity for your student. This activity offers high school students an opportunity to work with engineers, programmers, and business professionals to receive “hands-on” experience in engineering problem solving, programming and running a business. It will open doors to new ways of thinking, opportunity for advancement and a better understanding of their future.

Membership in the FIRST Robotics Competition demands a serious commitment. It is of utmost importance to safeguard the valuable time of our engineering, parent mentors and dedicated students. Team members who miss a meeting disrupt the flow of activities and fail to receive critical information. If your student is unable to drive, we need you to make arrangements, as necessary, to get them to all meetings on time.

As a parent of a MORT member, you have a responsibility to stay informed via the parent email group, Twitter, team calendar on website, attend meetings, volunteer for fundraisers, sign and submit required forms on time (including FIRST online consent forms), and pay all necessary team dues and travel expenses. If you would like to be a parent mentor, please speak with Mr. Bodmer aware of your interest. Mentoring does not necessitate a technical background since many of the required tasks are non-technical. There are many areas in which you could support the team.

The majority of our funding comes from corporate sponsors that recognize the value of supporting an engineering program in our increasingly technical world. If you know anyone in your company with financial responsibility or a business owner of some other company, please share with them the importance of our program and see if they would be willing to be a sponsor. We also have fund raising events during the year with which we need your help.

While we encourage you to give your student as much leeway as possible, some of the larger machinery and equipment we use, though under supervision by a mentor, can be quite dangerous if misused and may not be appropriate for your student’s maturity level. Please carefully review **Policy 40 – Parent Consent Form**, sign and return to Mr. Bodmer.

