



Dear Parents of Hauppauge High School Students,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in participating in the FIRST(For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, a national, creative, engineering contest featuring school, business and university partnerships. The purpose of this program is to bring together the nation's leading companies and universities in a united effort to win over young minds to the wonders of science and technology. We have enclosed some information on the organization and last year's event.

Hauppauge High School is fortunate to have the Festo Corporation of Hauppauge as our corporate sponsor. Festo is a German based pneumatics and hydraulics company whose executive vice president, Mr. Hans Zobel, is one of the leading forces in developing a Long Island Regional for the FIRST Competition this year. Teaming up with professional engineers from Festo, students get a hands-on, inside look at an engineer's profession. In six action-packed weeks, through a series of meetings here at Hauppauge High School with Festo's assistance, our team of students and engineers will work together to brainstorm, design, construct and test our "champion robot", named The TITAN. On March 23rd through the 25th, this remote-controlled vehicle will then compete against other vehicles built by teams from across Long Island and the Metropolitan area in a tournament complete with referees, cheerleaders, and time clocks at Suffolk Community College.

Your son/daughter needs your permission since many of the activities will occur after school hours and on weekends. We will need your permission for your son/daughter to travel to Suffolk County Community College on March 23-25. A permission slip is enclosed for your review and signature. If you agree to permit your son/daughter to participate, please sign and return it to Mr. Michael Foley or Ms. Michele McAuliffe by December 20th, 1999. Please feel free to contact Mr. Foley or Ms. McAuliffe at the high school with any questions about the FIRST Robotics Competition.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael P. Foley (Robotics Team Coordinator)

Ms. Michele McAuliffe (Robotics Team Lead Teacher)

Mr. Ken Tiu (Robotics Team Lead Teacher)

Mr. Anthony Annunziato (Principal)