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Dear Robotics Families,

The Sutton Robotics League is busy gearing up for their 2020 season, and we welcome you to our journey! Our season this year is going to involve more opportunities for your robot enthusiast to work with our local community as well as the traditional build season in January and February followed by competition weekends in March/April.

We will be holding a family information meeting on October 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm. This is the same night as parent/teacher interviews. In this meeting we will be outlining the key information for this years robotics team participants.

In order for your robotics enthusiast to participate with us this year we require some important paperwork:

- ★ FIRST Consent
- ★ Media Consent
- ★ Trip Driver Authorization

The FIRST Consent allows students to participate in all FIRST events and includes a risk waiver. The Media Consent form permits the Team Mentors to record photos and video for use on Twitter and in communication(s) with our corporate sponsor(s). The Trip Driver Authorization permits the Team Mentors (both YRDSB staff and volunteer) to drive the robotics enthusiasts to/from robotics events off-site.

The Sutton Robotics League will be signing up to participate in two District Events which typically occur in March/early April. Our hope is to return to both Durham College (Oshawa) and Nipissing University (North Bay). For both of these competition weekends we will be staying overnight in a hotel.

We have been very fortunate to have secured additional funding through FIRST Robotics this year which has covered our 2020 entrance/kit of parts fees. Unfortunately we do not have enough funds to fully support the entire program, including additional parts, hotel stays, rental van, etc. To this end **we are asking each robotics enthusiast to pay a team participation fee**. This fee will be discussed at the family information meeting. We are asking for payment **by December 20, 2019**. Please indicate below your intention in regards to the team fee. The monies can be paid in cash, by cheque made out to the school, or through school cash online. Please remit all payment to Mr. Soini or Mrs. Speiran.

We will be putting together a swag order (team t-shirt, sweatshirt, lab coat) and this will be open to all team members as well as parents. Once we know team numbers and interest in each of the swag pieces further information regarding cost will be sent home. This will likely not happen until early November. We strongly encourage team members to have a minimum of one piece of swag to help us find them at competitions - and it also helps other teams recognize us. For parents who enjoy attending the competitions it would be nice to see you sporting our colours, logo and slogan as well!

We ask that your response be returned to one of the Team Mentors no later than October 18, 2019. We thank you for your support of the robotics team! Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Team Mentors:

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Thank you,

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