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May 10, 2017

Dear Christ the King 2017-2018 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents/Guardians,

Christ the King School will have two CKS Panther Robotics teams of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2017-2018 school year. Please read over the attached paperwork if your child is interested in being a part of robotics.

This will be the second year of having an all-boys team and an all-girls team and our third year in robotics. We are very excited about the opportunity!

The videos below give you an idea about the different levels of FIRST and what FIRST is about.

[This Isn't a Robot by Radical Media](#)

[What is First Lego League](#)

Learn more at <https://www.firstinspires.org/>

*Seed money has also been raised to start a third team. This team could be a grade 3-5 team or another MS team. Coaches are needed to start the team. Please let Karen Watkins know at [kwatkins@ckseattle.org](mailto:kwatkins@ckseattle.org) if you are interested in being an FLL coach and starting a new team! You would get lots of support from the current coaches!*

The FIRST program helps students learn technical skills in math, science, and computer programming. Participation on a team requires a willingness to work together as a team, respect each other's ideas, and show gracious professionalism to our teammates and competitors.

This parent-led after school activity runs from August-January and is an amazing STEAM opportunity.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE competitions are not all about winning:

- We are a team
- We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors
- Our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers; we learn together
- We honor Spirit and Friendly competition
- What we discover is more important than what we win
- We share our experience with others
- We always display **Gracious Professionalism**® and **Coopertition**®
- We have fun.



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If your child is interested, please have him or her fill out the attached application. CKS will have two teams and will have 8 spots on the girls team and 6 spots on the boys team. Fundraising will be expected from the teams. We are excited to carry on this successful CKS robotics program!

Teams will meet twice a week, probably Tuesdays and Thursdays, girls meeting from 5:30-7:00PM and boys meeting from 6:00-7:30PM. The boys will meet at CKS and the girls will meet at TCiDesign and Branding located on Shilshole Bay Marina. We will most likely start meeting in the summer. Summer meetings are not mandatory but are helpful. Dates and times will follow. The FLL season runs from the end of August through December. Some additional or longer practice days and times may be added. Each team will have mentors. In addition to our meeting we will also have field trips and guest speakers.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Melissa Clauson, Elise Hollowed, Gavin Smith, Mars Tanumihardja, and Karen Watkins



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**2017-2018 CKS Robotics Application**

*Due to Mrs. Watkins by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Applications may be brought to the school office.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2017-2018: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain why you would like to be a part of the robotics team:**

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**Please list your experience with STEM, Robotics, Programming or Legos:**

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\*\*10 minute interviews will occur at the end of May during the school day.



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**STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT CKS Robotics 2017-2018**

***Congratulations! Welcome to the CKS Robotics Team!***

\_\_\_\_\_ has been selected as a member of the boys or girls CKS Robotics team. You did a wonderful job with your application and interview. We are looking forward to a great season!

In order to insure that parents and students understand the responsibility and commitment needed by each team member, please take the time to read over and sign this contract with your child.

*Please complete the following to complete your child's registration on the team:*

- 1. Read and sign both the student and parent contracts and return to Karen Watkins by June 2nd.*
- 2. Attach a \$125 check for the registration fee made out to Christ the King School. In memo line, please write CKS Robotics membership fee 2017-2018.*

Any questions? Please contact Karen Watkins at [kwatkins@ckseattle.org](mailto:kwatkins@ckseattle.org). Thank you Coach Gavin and Coach Melissa, for supporting the interview process.

**STUDENT CONTRACT**

**Please check each item you can honestly agree to:**

- I realize that no problem has only one solution, and that a successful team is one that cooperates by considering EVERYONE'S solution and ideas. I will not criticize anyone's ideas.
- I agree that my behavior at meetings and tournaments will be constructive.
- I agree that each team meeting is valuable and will attend each meeting as best as I can. If a conflict arises, I will notify my coach in advance.
- I agree to cooperate on whatever solution the team chooses, even if it is not my first choice.
- I understand that the program recognizes all teams that bring a solution to the tournaments are considered 'winners'. I agree to show other teams the utmost respect and good sportsmanship.



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- I agree that the goal of my team should be to do our best to solve a challenging problem.
- I understand that my position on the team is a privilege and that if I am disruptive or disrespectful to others at meetings or tournaments, I will be asked to leave.

Signature of team member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT CONTRACT**

- I agree not to interfere with the team's solutions. All creations, inventions, ideas, must come from the team members.
- I agree to make every effort to have my child attend every team meeting. If there is a conflict, either my child or I will notify the coach as soon as possible.
- I understand that my child has a commitment to his/her team.
- I realize that my child's coach will be contributing a significant amount of time and effort to provide a rewarding experience for the team. I will try to be as cooperative and helpful as possible.
- I understand that if there are any problems with my child at meetings or at tournaments, I will be asked to pick up my child early.
- I have discussed all items listed on both contract pages with my child.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_