

TO: Parents and Guardians of Walt Whitman High School Robotics Team Members  
FROM: Farish Perlman, Team Coordinator  
JJ Biel-Goebel, Lead Mentor  
RE: Family Donations & Sign-up for Team Participants

Thank you for your interest in the Walt Whitman High School Robotics Team – The Body Electric, Team 1389! We look forward to a great year for the team.

Operating a robotics team is an expensive endeavor as we are responsible for paying for our own parts, tools, equipment, and entry fees for tournaments. While we are extremely grateful for the substantial nonmonetary support we receive from the school and its leadership, it is incumbent upon us to raise the vast majority of the resources necessary to compete.

**This year, the WWHS Robotics Team needs to raise a minimum of \$20,000.** The Team is actively fundraising from corporate sponsors and donors, but historically we have depended heavily on family contributions.

As such, we are asking every family with a student participating in the WWHS Robotics Team to contribute a \$400.00 donation to help us towards our fundraising goal. The family donation will:

- Help cover the team's competition budget, which includes \$9,000 in registration fees for the National FIRST competition and two district tournaments, as well as in equipment, tools, and parts;
- Pool \$80 from each family into a "food fund" that team parents will use to feed students as they work through many meals during the six-week intensive build season; and
- Cover the purchase of team t-shirts (one per team member).
  - Please circle t-shirt size – x-small   small   medium   large   x-large

Please make donation checks payable to: Team 1389 Whitman Robotics Boosters, Inc.

Please return donation checks along with ALL sign-up forms and the completed checklist to Farish Perlman (7106 Amy Lane Bethesda, MD 20817) **no later than Wednesday, September 4th**. Unfortunately, due to liability concerns, **we cannot allow a student to participate in robotics until we are in possession of all forms.**

If the suggested donation represents a financial hardship for your family, please contact Farish Perlman or Team Treasurer Will Prinz (wprinz@yahoo.com) confidentially to ask about WWHS and team funds that help to cover school club costs for families with financial constraints. No student will ever be turned away from participation in robotics due to financial concerns.

Thank you for your support of the students and their participation in the Robotics Team! If you have any questions, please contact Farish Perlman, Team Coordinator, by phone at 703-589-2233 (cell) or by email at [Farish.perlman@gmail.com](mailto:Farish.perlman@gmail.com).