

Elective
First Lego League Robotics/CMU May Madness

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Every student in grades seven and eight are offered one of four competition options. Your child has chosen to participate in **FLL Robotics/May Madness** as his/her elective. This elective is an extra-curricular activity and no class time is provided during the school day for this elective. This elective meets after school and on Saturdays. Times available for the students to stay after school can be found on the Activities Calendar on the MQA web site. For this elective, students are expected to make arrangements to commit to 2 days. There are usually three after-school options and one Saturday option from which to select. Closer to the competition, it may be necessary to stay for all four sessions.

Robotics is an academic program designed to promote robotic programming and design and research. By showing creativity and building skill and becoming an expert on the annual topic, participants will build and program a robot that completes required missions within a 2.5 minute time limit! The team will create a presentation on the annual research topic. The regional competition will be held in December at CMU. In May a similar competition called May Madness is held at CMU. In addition to the activity period, students are required to spend time after school for additional work. Saturday sessions are also required. Additional information about FLL and May Madness may be found at www.education.rec.ri.cmu.edu/index.htm. We hope that your child has a positive experience in this program.

Mrs. Collett

FLL Robotics/May Madness

Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Homeroom** _____

I and my child understand that as a participant in **FLL Robotics/May Madness** there are obligations in selecting this competition activity. I will encourage my child to be committed and focused on his/her project. I understand that this project requires extensive research that will be done after school and at home. I will see that my child attends the required after school sessions and Saturday sessions for research, to create his/her project, and for preparation as needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____