



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Assumption College Catholic High School and St. Anne's High School thanks Enwin Utilities for Sponsoring Robotics Competition

Enwin Utilities has generously sponsored \$4,000 to support the growth of area high school teams competing in FIRST Robotics. Assumption and St. Anne's teams will be competing for the first time in the Toronto Regional Tournament and would like to celebrate Enwin's generosity in a presentation at Assumption on Friday, March 8th at 10am in room 301. Students from the Robotics teams will be present at the cheque presentation, and a robot will be on display.

We would also like to thank WEtech Alliance for their efforts, supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, to expand FIRST Robotics into more area schools. FIRST stands for: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. It is a world-class international high school robotics competition. Each year about 3,000 high school teams comprised of thirty high school students dedicate several hours every day after school to build man-sized robots that compete in world-wide regional competitions that lead up to the World Championships in St. Louis where 20,000 participants and spectators pack the Edward Jones Dome. Video of FIRST Robotics program featuring Morgan Freeman
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1QyM9WTF18>

Students who participate in FIRST are twice as likely to go on to university and college, twice as likely to major in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and ten times as likely to take part in a coop/internship during post-secondary. Students who participate in FIRST are also eligible for \$16 million worth of scholarships at universities and colleges in North America.

Plans are underway to host a Regional FIRST Robotics Tournament at the University of Windsor in 2014 which will attract thousands of high school students from Ontario, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and as far away as California, Germany and Brazil.

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