

St. Eugene School

Sharing the Good News

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Year in and year out, the St. Eugene kids demonstrate what FLL is all about. They reach out to others, keep the competition aspect of the program in perspective, and show tremendous respect for one another and those around them.

Sue Wanninger,
Wisconsin FLL Organizer

Congratulations to SES Nitrogen Knights!

Jacob Drehobl, 7th grade
Joey Hoffmann, 7th
Joseph Nsubuga, 7th
Zach Pfannerstill, 7th
Emma Rhyner, 7th
Joseph Gabler, 6th
Chris Jones, 6th
Joe Hudak, 5th
Michael Jaekels, 5th
Scott Palmersheim, 5th
Mark Rhyner, Coach

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St. Eugene LEGO League Team Chosen for International Robotics Competition

Ten students from St. Eugene School will travel to Atlanta next month to take part in an international robotics competition. The students were selected to compete based on the values exhibited by their team during qualifying competitions.

The competition is hosted by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and involves the FIRST LEGO League program, in which students ages 9-14 build and program robots with LEGO building blocks and motors.

A unique aspect of the FIRST LEGO League program is its emphasis on Core Values. Most of the teams who will be taking part in the FLL World Festival in Atlanta were chosen because they had won their state FIRST LEGO League Tournament. St. Eugene's team, however, was chosen because of the core values they had demonstrated during

competition, including teamwork, respect, hard work, and fun.

There are over 13,000 FIRST LEGO League teams around the world. The organizers of the program chose only ten teams to attend the World Festival as Core Value Representatives.

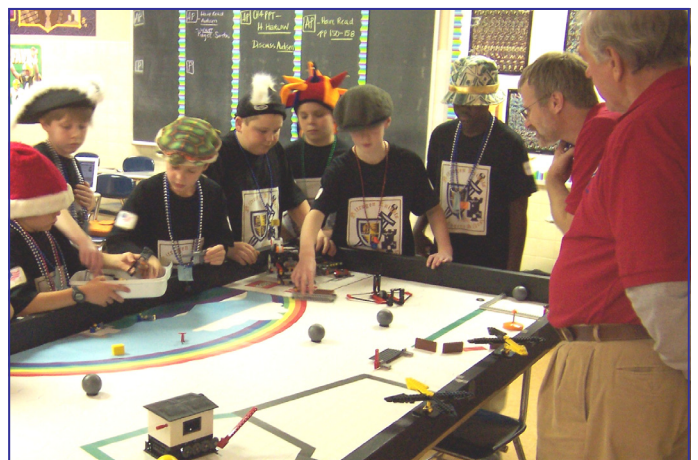
This is the sixth year that St. Eugene School has sponsored a FIRST LEGO League team. The teams have been coached by school parent Mark Rhyner, who guides the students to learn not just about engineering but also about their own potential.

Under Mark's gentle direction, St. Eugene teams over the years have won awards for Programming, Robot Design, Teamwork, and what FIRST LEGO League calls "Gracious Professionalism."

The teams have also caught the attention of other coaches, judges and organizers, who comment on their enthusiasm, respect, and maturity.

Sometimes nice guys don't finish last. Sometimes they get the chance to go on the trip of a lifetime.

Way to go, team!



Want to keep tabs on the St. Eugene Lego League team, the Nitrogen Knights, as they prepare for the World Festival in Atlanta in April?

Go to <http://steugeneschool.wordpress.com> to read blog posts from team members, coaches, and others.