The Robette Roundup

February 2023



Our mission is to inspire girls of all ages to incorporate STEM into their lives and to revolutionize the perception of women in STEM.

Upcoming Events

"Are you Smarter than Your 8th Grade Nun?"

Feb. 11th at 2pm & 7pm

Open House

Sat Feb. 25th 10am - 2pm

Lake Superior Regional at the DECC in Duluth, MN Mar. 2nd-4th

Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Regional presented by Medtronic

at Williams Arena in Minneapolis, MN Mar. 30th-Apr. 1st

Come see us compete in Duluth or Minneapolis! Live-streaming will be available via Twitch.tv/firstinspires



This is our recent design of the robot. The real robot is looking closer and closer to this picture every meeting. Notice the pink swerve covers - The Robettes love incorporating our branding into our robot design. Come see what it looks like in person at our upcoming events!

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Business Subteam Update

We have a NEW TROPHY CASE! The business team worked very hard last Saturday to rearrange and clean the trophy case. The Robettes have won many prestigious awards that collected some dust during summer construction; it is time for us to put these awards in a new, clean home. We also designated an area to our FTC Micro Bows and FLL LEGO Blaze to display their accomplishments & awards. Everyone is invited to check out the trophy cases in person during Open House on Feb 25th!













Electrical Subteam Update

The first half of the belly is finished, and we attached it to the robot. Wires got added to the other half and we completed all the soldering & connections for the various components! Now that both panels are mounted to the robot, we will focus on routing the wires safely & systematically to their motors & sensors.









Mechanical Subteam Update

The robot is coming together! We constructed the drive chassis with the swerve modules, assembled the superstructure, and worked on the bumpers.

***The most difficult part is the bumpers: learning how to sew, calculating the exact measurements required, and determining the correct order of sewing operations!

We are on track to have a working robot for our practice competition on Sat Feb 18th.







Programming Subteam Update

We finished the field-based driving and tested it using a robot from a previous year. We converted a polar coordinate system to a Cartesian coordinate system in order to make field-orientated directions work for our swerve drive train. And we set programming limits to slow down the wheels if the robot was turning too fast.

We also coded several options for autonomous driving at the beginning of each match.











Team Website: www.therobettes.com Team Email: 2177@therobettes.com Team Twitter: @therobettes

Student Spotlight: Gemma S. '26

Gemma is a freshman on the business subteam. She always bring laughter and positivity to the team. Balancing school, robotics, & work is not an easy task, but Gemma handles it! She focuses on completing the agenda tasks with a flair. We love to have Gemma on the team!



Nuns4Fun

The Robettes, along with Vis's FTC Micro Bows and FLL LEGO Blaze teams, are hosting "Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?" on Saturday, February 11th at 2 & 7 pm.

Join us for a night of fun as you test your skills against a nun! Answer lively trivia questions to win fun prizes such as glow-in-the dark rosaries and so much more!

See flyer on next page for more details.















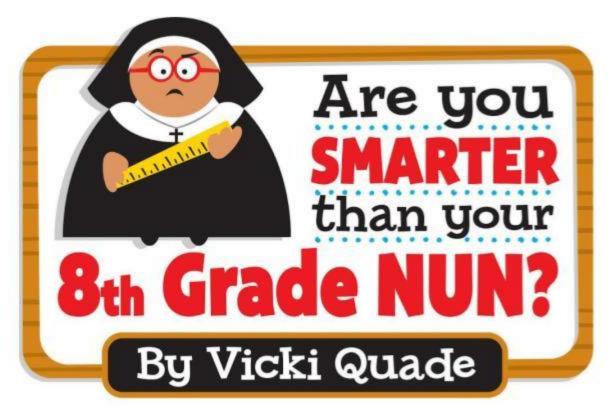












An interactive comedy game show, where audience members compete to see who was paying attention and who was daydreaming in school. Contestants are quizzed on subjects like history, geography, arithmetic, science, civics, and a few more! Answer too many questions wrong, and you'll end up in Purgatory, where you have to answer a religious question to get out. Win a free pass to heaven or other prizes along the way!

\$30

Purchase tickets online at therobettes.Ludus.com limited quantity at the door



Saturday, February 11th

2:00 pm

7:00 pm



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All proceeds go to support **Visitation School robotics teams**.

The Robettes, The Micro Bows, and LEGO Blaze appreciate your support!