

STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Officials of the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District received word on January 12, 2009 that the team organized by the district to compete in Ohio's Robotics Challenge had been accepted. This competition is actually a part of the National Robotics Challenge—eTech S.T.E.M. Challenge. A total of ten teams from Ohio will be competing in this event on February 2-4, 2009 (Sunday-Tuesday). Our team will be entered under the heading of North Adams High School since the primary faculty advisory for the team will be Mr. Randall Dunkin, a NAHS science teacher. However, the team is comprised of at least one student from each of our high schools, including Craig Bolton (NAHS), Bill Hoggard (PHS), and Jacob Rhodes (WUHS).

In addition to NAHS, the following nine Ohio high schools have also been selected to participate in the Robotics Challenge. The list includes:

- Africentric High School, Columbus
- Highland High School, Medina
- Mansfield Senior High School, Mansfield
- Marion Harding High School, Marion
- Montpelier High School, Montpelier
- New Albany High School, New Albany
- Parkway High School, Rockford
- River Valley High School, Caledonia
- Tri-Rivers Career Center, Marion

District officials will be working with the Gear-Up organization in an effort to cover at least some of the expenses involved with the competition/trip. Best of luck to Mr. Dunkin and these students as they prepare for this soon-to-be upcoming challenge. Many thanks to Mrs. Karen Young, Mr. Randall Dunkin, and others for successfully pursuing this opportunity for our district to this point.

SURVEY READY

You may recall that I had reported to you in an earlier article that the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District was giving strong consideration to implementing dual bus routing for the 2009-2010 school year. The district is looking into this option as a means of promoting student safety on the bus, traffic safety on the road, and a savings to our taxpayers during these ever-tightening economic times.

I had also mentioned to you that we would be seeking input from parents as to which possible plan for dual routing would be the most preferred. We have a brief survey ready for you to participate in if you are interested in doing so. Simply go to our District Website (www.ovsd.us), click-on the link "Dual Routing Survey," and follow the directions. This survey will be on our website until noon on Friday, February 20, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this article, please feel free to contact me at 544-5586. Thank you.

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