

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Aluminum Falcons are busy getting ready for a couple events! We'll be having our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser and STEM Fair coming up on Dec. 14th, taking place from 8am-11am at Fitch High School in Groton. This is consistently one of our biggest events of the year, and we'd love to see you there! Tickets can be bought at the door for \$10, with discounted tickets for; Military, First Responders, and Children aged 4-13.



STEM OUTREACHES

On Team 2168, it is one of our goals to spread interest in STEM and FIRST Robotics. Our summer camp is one of the ways we do this, and in order to pique interest in next year's camp, we hosted an event on November 9th giving elementary school students an introductory experience with EV3 programming. A small group of students worked with the kids to build and program the EV3 robots and teamed up on programming challenges such as weaving between cups and following colored lines. Also on November 9th, a second group of students traveled to North Kingstown, Rhode Island to speak at FRC Team 78 AIR Strike's STEM Fair. A diverse array of stands entertained, educated, and engaged a miscellany of eager fairgoers. Driven FRC students became teachers as they spoke about FIRST and STEM education. Children took to figurative lecterns and delivered passionate talks on the world's challenges, and the initiatives created to combat them.



OFFSEASON COMPETITIONS

Bash at the Beach is an event hosted by fellow team Techno Ticks, that we attend every year to, among other things, acclimate our new students to the team. In total this year, 20 students from 2168 attended the event on October 19th. The team finished in the semifinals, and it was an all around great experience! Then, on October 26th, four members of our team traveled to Ballston Spa, New York to compete in the 6th annual Robot Rumble, a relatively small but fiercely competitive event hosted by team 3044, OxBe4. Our team managed to progress up to the quarterfinals before being eliminated, but it was both a very fun and highly educational experience for the students that went.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On December 21, we will be hosting our second annual Rise Against Hunger food packaging event, again partnering up with this awesome organization. We will be packaging and shipping food internationally as well as domestically in an effort to abolish world hunger by 2030. Last year we were able to package 21,680 meals and we're hoping to beat this number this year!

