

OUR NEW ONLINE STORE

R&B Apparel Plus in Groton CT, has provided Team 2168 with an online apparel store. With this store, team apparel can be purchased by members at any time, and now people unaffiliated with the team can purchase apparel! A portion of each purchase comes back to the team to support us during our season. We have moisture-wicking T-shirts, hats, pullovers, drawstring bags, and much more. If you are interested in checking the store out: head to our website (frc2168.com) and scroll towards the bottom and where the link to R&B's store is located.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NE District SE Mass Event
March 8
FMA District Springside Chestnut
March 15



CLAUDE CHESTER VISIT

Ten of my fellow students, spanning all of the different sub-teams on the Aluminum Falcons, went to Claude Chester Elementary School to tell around fifty fifth graders about the various FIRST programs. We explained general information about the team and each of the members' involvement in it. While explaining the FLL teams and their connection to FRC, we were able to show some basic LEGO EV3 programming. We then had a demonstration by the LEGO version of our robot and our actual robot from the 2018 season which helped us explain to them the direct cross-over from what they can do in middle school with an FLL team, to what they could do in the future if they join an FRC team. Most of the fifth graders asked many questions and seemed greatly interested in FLL and the LEGO EV3 summer camp we will be having next year. Overall, it was a wonderful way to share FIRST with the younger, upcoming students.



CATHERINE KOLNALSKI'S FLL TEAM

In order to spread a love of FIRST and STEM throughout the school district, the team has started mentoring an FLL (FIRST Lego League) Team at a local elementary school. That team is the CKMS Lego Leaders, Team 21997. The team helped them program their robot so that it could accomplish certain tasks on a wooden table. On November 17th, a few members of the team went with the CKMS Lego Leaders to their competition in order to cheer them on and provide a morale boost. Although they did not qualify for states, Team 2168 is extremely proud at all the things the CKMS Lego Leaders were able to accomplish this season and look forward to helping them out again next year.

RD VISIT

On November 8, 2018, 7 Aluminum Falcons traveled to East Lyme, CT, to pay thanks to RD Manufacturing for their support over the past season. RD Manufacturing made the gussets, belly pan, and the back chassis cross bar amongst other things. The success 2168 had this past 2018 season would not have been possible without the materials that RD provided. We started out with a presentation about our past season and a demonstration of our 2018 robot, Bruhhh. The Falcons then gave RD Manufacturing a plaque to recognize their dedication to the team as well as coffee mugs and thank you notes. RD Manufacturing was then kind enough to give us a tour of their facilities and showed us where and how they made the pieces for our robot.

