

# FIRESTONE ROBOTICS COMPETITION

## DAN SPAK MEMORIAL QUALIFIER 11-11-2023

\*\*\*We will leave the high school this Saturday at 5:30am. Please have your student at the school at 5:15am.\*\*\*

### Address

Firestone CLC  
470 Castle Blvd, Akron, OH 44313

Your GPS may take you to the middle school that is connected to the high school because we share the same address. The middle school parking lot is for bus parking only (circled in yellow in the photo below). This is NOT the entrance to the competition.

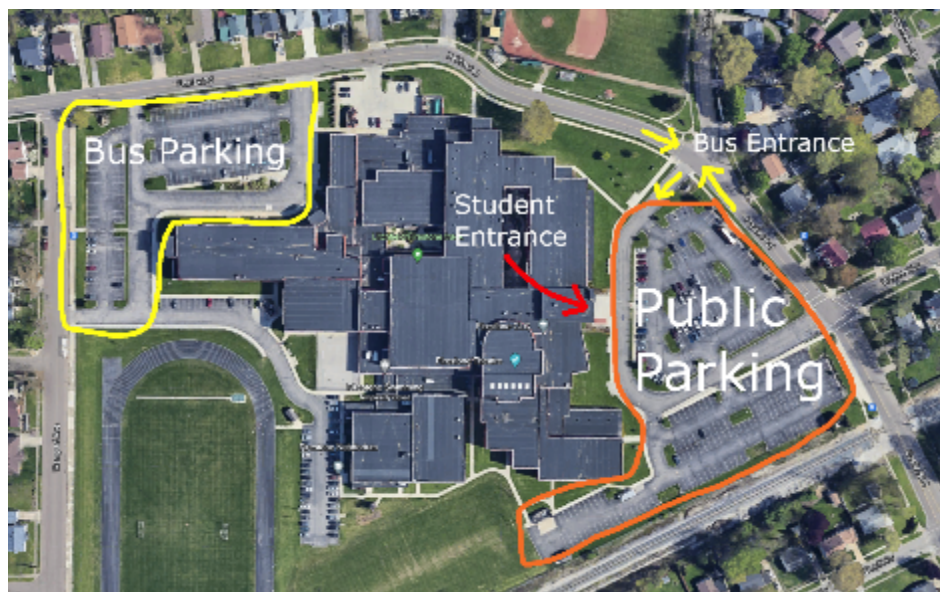
### Parking & Drop Off

Buses will enter for drop off at the yellow arrows. This bus entrance will be marked by green flags with yellow lettering.

The bus will pull up to the entrance (red arrow) to unload. Buses will proceed to the middle school parking lot for the remainder of the day, then pick you up at the red arrow to load.

All spectators will enter the competition at the red arrow. Public parking is available in the lot circled in orange.

We will have signage indicating the location of parking. There will also be green and gold arrow-shaped signs pointing the way to the school on key intersections.



## **Arrival & Security**

Doors open at 8:00am.

Akron Public Schools policy now requires that all visitors to events go through a metal detector. Please make sure you and your students do not bring in any of the following:

- Knives/weapons of any kind
- Pepper spray/mace
- Illegal substances

Students CANNOT have any medication on them. If you have a student that needs to take medication during the competition, a parent, chaperone, or coach must carry it into the building. This also applies to students who are 18 or older.

PLEASE make sure your students thoroughly check their purses, backpacks, and bags prior to entering the competition.

EVERYTHING will be searched. We have provided our APS security team with a thorough list of what kind of tools to expect. Please be patient. We will get you through as quickly as possible. We have a large team of security staff on hand to make things run as quickly as possible.

Security procedures apply to all spectators. Security procedures will apply every time you enter and exit the building until the event concludes.

## **Team Registration & Volunteer Registration**

After you go through metal detectors, look for these tables. Coaches will pick up wristbands for themselves and lunch tickets for their students.

If you bring any volunteers with you, they will also get a wristband.

## **Hospitality and Student Lunches**

Everyone with a wristband will have access to the Coach & Volunteer Hospitality Room (room 118 – near the cafeteria) where free food and beverages are provided. Individuals must have a wristband to enter.

Student lunches will be served in the cafeteria (where the pit tables are located) around noon. Pizza, pop, chips and water will be provided.

Outside food is permitted.

Please have your students clean up after themselves in the pit areas and elsewhere.

### **Concessions**

There will be a concession stand with a variety of food and beverage options. We accept cash and cards.

### **Raffle Baskets**

We will be selling tickets for a chance to win some fun and amazing items! Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. We accept cash and cards.

### **Judge Advisor & Referees**

Hunter Spitzer, who has judged at the State and World competitions, will be the judge advisor.

We will have two divisions: Chris Morris and John Queen, both of whom have refereed at States and Worlds, will be the head referees.

Each division will have three fields and our goal is to finish on time!

### **Livestream**

We will have a livestream. We will share the link with you as soon as possible.

### **Qualifying Awards**

The following awards will be state-qualifying:

- Excellence High School
- Excellence Middle School
- Tournament Champions
- Tournament Finalists
- Design
- Skills Champion