



## **FIRST Team Paragon December 2012 Update**

**The team is gearing up for what promises to be a very exciting build season...**

### **Community Service**

#### ***Toy Drive***

**Despite gray skies, the team stood outside, cheering and waving while partnering with the Windsor Volunteer Ambulance for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in an effort to collect toys for deserving children. The WVA supported the town of Windsor with the help of countless generous participants. The toy drive was incredibly successful collecting \$4961 and truck loads of toys.**



## Team Events

### *Moving Days*

**At the beginning of the month the team moved into the new build site. We had**

**loads of help from both our supporting parents and volunteers from all over. Because of everyone's diligent efforts the team was**



**able to conduct its first December meeting in a new build site! The team is incredibly**



**grateful for everyone who showed up and provided us with resources, whether it was boxes, supplies or just plain old man power. After many hours and much**

**hard work, we are situated in our new space and ready to go.**

**Good Bye to Griffin Road**



## ***Playfield Set Up***

**One of the last steps of getting moved into the site was setting up the mock playfield. Several groups of students, mentors, and past alumni worked to get the new field assembled and prepared for practice matches. Paragon is just bursting with excitement over the anticipation of this year's game and the fun that is sure to accompany it!**



## ***Jaycees Christmas Tree Sales***



**Team Paragon was glad to join up once more with the Windsor Jaycees to participate in a fundraiser for both of us- the Christmas Tree Sales. Students assisted members of Windsor's community group, the Jaycee's. We helped shoppers select the right size trees for their home, tie trees to**

**the top of their cars, or get them settled in trunks.  
We are very thankful for the continuous opportunity  
afforded to us year after year by the Jaycees.**

### **Mentors Wanted**

**If you or someone you know would be interested  
in participating in an activity that works to both  
inspire and ignite the science and math related  
interests in the youth of your communities,  
please contact us at [teamparagon571@att.net](mailto:teamparagon571@att.net)  
and we would be more than enthusiastic to give  
you a personal preview of what we do at 55**

**Mechanic Street. The team is  
ecstatic to announce the addition  
of 3 new mentors to the team,  
Seward Ford, Brian Abbot, and  
Neil Mistry. We can't wait to  
show them what FIRST is all  
about!**



## **Home Energy Audits**

**Thanks to CT FIRST and Victory Energy Solutions, we can offer an energy audit service.**

**Victory Energy will evaluate your home and replace any standard lightbulbs with energy conserving CFL bulbs, as well as sealing and weather stripping the doors and windows of your home. They will test your home for air leaks and any inefficiency. For every household that the team refers, Victory Energy Solutions will donate \$50 of the \$75 total fee to the team. If you have any further questions regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact a member of the team, or through [teamparagon571@att.net](mailto:teamparagon571@att.net).**

## **Upcoming Events**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> - Suffield Scrimmage**

**March 7-9 - WPI Regional**

**March 28-30 - Hartford Regional**

**With the magic of build season soon to be upon us, please come visit us, both children and adults are welcome at any of our build sessions. Since we are now entering our build season, we will be at the site**

**Monday – Thursday 6-9 pm**

**Saturday 9am-5pm**

**Sunday 1-6pm**

**We would love to see you there! Please e-mail the team at [teamparagon571@att.net](mailto:teamparagon571@att.net) if you are interested in stopping by.**