



Although the team has returned to school and work schedules, we have focused our time to help out our community and prepare for the upcoming season! We immediately started fall with tool training, fundraising, team building, and other helpful preparations. As well as start discussing the pros and cons of materials or machinery for the new season and kick off!

## **JFK science fair night (October 25th):**

The team went to JFK elementary school We brought our robot and a display screen to show parents of the elementary school\students the robot and talk about the benefits of the team. We were able to make a good appearance and our robot (Emmett) even helped the janitors clean the floors.



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## Send Hometown Windsor to Troops (October 20th):

Send Hometown Windsor to Troops is a Town-wide initiative that supports our deployed Windsor soldiers by sending them care packages from home. Our team captains organized a new community service opportunity for Team Paragon by holding a collection drive to stock the shelves for this group. This definitely proved to be a learning process for the captains on how to set up a community outreach event. One sunny Saturday morning in October, Geissler's in Windsor allowed team members to stand out in front of their store to ask for donations. Thank you Geissler's for this opportunity. We far exceeded our expectations for collections. The generous people of Windsor donate 6 cart loads of food and even more cash. In November, to honor Veteran's Day, we organized another donation event at Windsor High school for teachers and students to participate in. So, in the end, we were able to raise \$431.71 dollars and a carload of food. These items were able to be used immediately to fill the holiday care packages being sent to soldiers from Windsor in November and December.



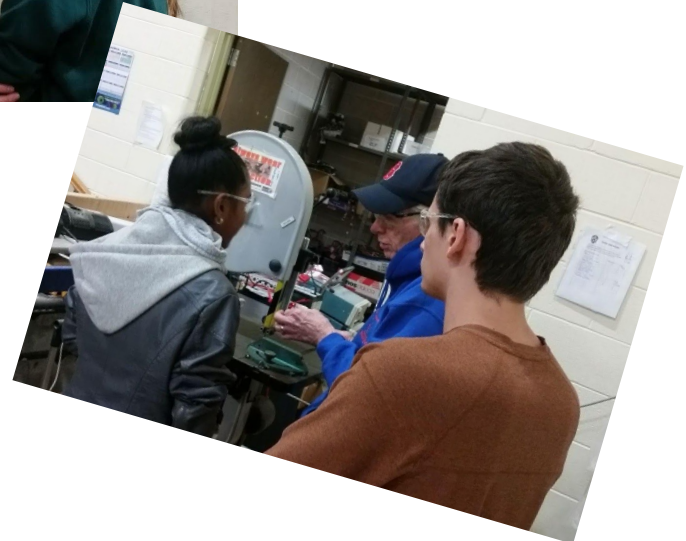


## Team training (October 30th):

After having our weekly update discussion, the team did a full robotics training nights, including:

- Cleaning
- Recycling old parts
- Training on stationary power tools
- Fundraising
- Programming

We broke up into groups of two or three and rotated around sessions to learn how to use the tools properly as well as to learn about the safety concerns of each tool. These helped rookies learn of our routine practices and Veterans got a refresher on their practices.



## Turkey and 20 Drive (November 10th):



Our annual Turkey and 20 drive were held in the Town Green to help the Windsor Fuel and Food Bank. Hail, snow, wind and cold temperature did not dampen Team Paragon and Blazing Spirits spirit as they cheerly advertised and collected the event. Our efforts did not go unwarranted. Once again the generosity of the people of Windsor was remarkable We raised 1,289 dollars and 20 turkeys. Gobble Gobble!



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## Future Students Night (November 29th):

Each year, anyone who may be coming to Windsor High the following year has an opportunity to see what the high school has to offer. This includes seeing what Teams and Clubs are available to choose from. Team members represented Paragon to inform students and parents alike of the STEM opportunity Team Paragon has to offer. Of course, Emmet, last years robot, came with us as he definitely catches peoples eyes. Hopefully, we will see these students again in the fall.





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## EMS Toy Drive ( December 8th and 9th):

Members of the team helped out Windsor EMS at the annual Project Santa Toy Drive. This event helps families who can't afford toys or such gifts on Christmas

by raising donations of cash and new toys that get distributed. Thankfully there was no snow this year, but there was still plenty of wind and cold to make up for it. But people had warm hearts and generously donating money and toys while they were out and about running errands and going places on their busy weekend. There were also some festive decors and foods to help warm up our hearts and the Grinch!



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## 2019 DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE TEASER

If you haven't already, don't forget to check out this year's game teaser!

There's lots of speculation, so see it for yourself and tell us what you think! Kick off will be January 5th of the new year so come join us and get ready to plan for the new season!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb1byfe\\_5TU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb1byfe_5TU)



**Let's Launch this mission!**

Team Paragon wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. We'll see you again after kick off!!!!

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Tell your friends that might be interested in robotics, STEM or Team Paragon. We love to share our enthusiasm with new students and mentors. No experience is necessary, just a ready attitude to learn and get excited!

Contact us at [teamparagon571@att.net](mailto:teamparagon571@att.net)

And follow this year's adventures here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/p55F3Kfyr0j6GDBW2>

Our meetings are on Monday nights from 6:30-8pm at 57 East Wolcott St (the former Roger Wolcott School)

For more on Team Paragon visit our website and read our team updates  
[Team-paragon.org](http://Team-paragon.org)

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