

Attention 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

Next year at the **Upper Elementary School**, students will have the exciting opportunity to participate in the **NH First Lego League**. My name is Adam Goodman and I'm the FLL Coordinator at JMUES. **FIRST Lego League** is one of the many programs Merrimack students can participate in over the course of their school career. Your child may have started in FLL Jr and be ready to take the next step. They can do FLL at MUES and Merrimack Middle school, but at the Middle School they can also take their first major step into robot construction and programming with **FIRST Tech Challenge**. Many students who participate in these programs find themselves as part of the long-standing and highly successful FIRST Robotics team at the High School, better known as Chop Shop 166.

Information for students will go out at the beginning of the school year, **but I'd like to start recruiting parents now to serve as coaches/mentors!** Responsibilities include conducting team meetings typically once a week and guiding students toward the challenge goals for that season. No previous Lego or computer coding experience needed! A tournament is held locally, sometime in November. The school will supply all the materials. Depending on turnout, teams typically will consist of about 5-7 students. The more volunteers we have, the more teams we can have! My goal is to have two coaches per team and those can be parents, family friends, and even high school students. Meetings can take place right after school or during the evening. We'll work with your schedules! We have a dedicated room at JMUES for FLL. If you think you might be interested in jumping aboard, please email me at: [adam.goodman@sau26.org](mailto:adam.goodman@sau26.org). I'll be around all summer!

For more information on the program, check out their website:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fl>

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