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Exclusive Inside!:

**Special
Edition**



(Left) Dillon Tocco, Reece Andersen, and Justin Zboch work very hard on plans for this year's steampunk themed robot. (Right) Dillon Tocco (again) and Mentor Mr. S. Clark are working in our Mechanical Lab while discussing drive trains.

TEMPEST TO RESUME TMS

It is an exciting time to be on TEMPEST 240! This year's competition video surpassed everyone's dreams and expectations. Our team has already passed the general planning phase and has moved on to actually constructing the robot. TEMPEST's business division has been hard at work finding and secur-

ing money for the team, while also coming up with creative ways to promote the team. In one of the meetings the business team held, it was decided that "The Monthly Storm" was going to begin production again. As stated earlier, this truly is an exciting time to be on Team 240. In this month's edition, several

articles that feature new initiatives of the team, will be published.



A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICIAL SAFE- TY CAPT. OF TEAM 240

In our TEMPEST 240 robotics lab, we pride ourselves on being safe. Every fire alarm is clearly marked with red tape, and we have two containers filled with the basic first aid needs, i.e. Band-Aids, alcohol pads, latex gloves, etc... Throughout the lab, there are boxes of baking soda in the unlikely event of a battery leak. Also, before every meeting, I, the safety captain, share a useful safety tip to ensure the knowledge of safety

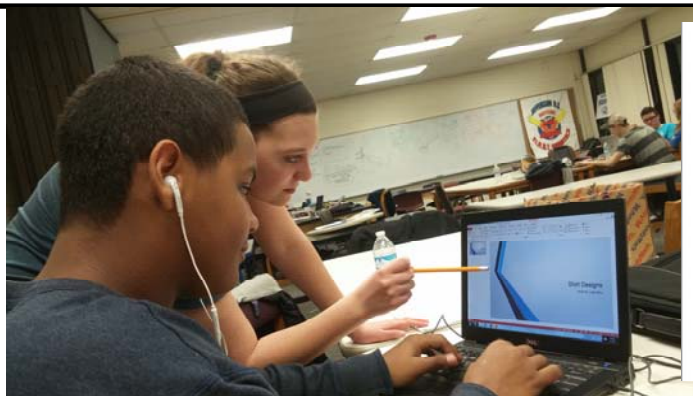
is understood by all members. The outlets in the walls are labeled to remind people that at the end of the day, everything is to be unplugged and turned off. Safety is absolutely our top priority in order to maintain a fun, friendly working environment each season.

—Summer Poppenhager
Safety Captain

“The safety and well-being of all of our students at Jefferson Schools is our top priority and we will do all we can to ensure that a safe, supportive learning environment is maintained at all times for all students”

—Craig Haugen

Jefferson Schools Superintendent



TEAM REBRANDING OUTLOOK

PROMISING

Since last May, students at JHS have been attempting to rebrand robotics team TEMPEST 240. The business division of the team has been reinvented and has since been managing the non-STEM aspects of the team. A new website has been added, as well as a team Snapchat and other social media pages. The team website “team240.org” has a newly added forum on the member’s only section of the site. Descriptions of each team division have been added and is great resource for other teams to look to for advice about team infra-

structure. In November and December, TEMPEST successfully held a popcorn fundraiser raising approximately \$400! There are plans for many fundraisers in the future, such as a movie night after build season is over. One of the fundraisers we are most excited about is our poker night. This event will be held at the Moose Lodge in Monroe, MI. More details are to be listed on the website soon, as well as the next issue of The Monthly Storm. Other things added to the team courtesy of business division are a fully functional snack and

beverage service center, t-shirt designs, button designs, and many, MANY, other things. It is rather exciting to think that in such a short amount of time, just a few months, business team went from getting hardly anything accomplished to rounding up thousands of dollars for the team. Special thanks to Amanda Thompson for graciously volunteering to be the business team mentor. Amanda, you are truly appreciated.

TEMPEST GOES **ECO-FRIENDLY**

In light of the global climate crisis, Team 240 has decided that from here on out, we are going green! We have made many efforts to make TEMPEST a more environmentally friendly. This includes adding a recycling bin to reduce paper waste, as well as any other recyclables. As mentioned by the safety captain in her article, we have put labels above

all functioning electrical outlet, to remind team members to stop unnecessary electricity use by unplugging and turning off all electronic devices before leaving the lab for the day. Something the team has always been conscientious about is the soda that the team drinks. The aluminum cans that get emptied go in to a special recycling can so that bottle

deposits can be collected. What makes this effort extremely green is that the can used, is one that was given to us as a part of a robotics game from 2015, “Recycle Rush.” We are truly making an honest effort to make this world a better place. Our environmental actions are often reflected by the sponsors of Team TEMPEST 240.



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