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Middle School University Robotics: Last Class

Robotics, our last MSU class of the spring semester, is due to start this Saturday, May 3rd. There are still some openings for interested students.

[Click here for a complete class schedule.](#)

MSU is a collaboration between The Norwalk Education Foundation and Norwalk Community College.

Norwalk Parents! From MySpace to Your Space

A free workshop for middle school & 5th-grade parents, compliments of NEF.

May 13th
Norwalk High School
7:15pm-9:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Free Homework Help for Norwalk Students in English... y en español

"It is so fun because

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10th Annual Golf Classic - May 5th

Our 10th Anniversary Golf Classic is set for the tournament's traditional venue at the Shorehaven Golf Club, Monday, May 5, "Cinco de May"

A full field of 100-plus golfers is expected for a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start for a bestball foursomes competition offering low gross and low net prizes, a putting contest, prizes for the longest drive on No. 12 and closest to the pin on No. 15, and a brand new 2008 Ford Edge for a hole-in-one on par-3 17th hole from McMahon Ford.

The day starts at 11 a.m. with access to the driving range, extends to a buffet lunch in the clubhouse, cocktails at 5:30 p.m. with a Mexican flair, music by the West Rocks Middle School string ensemble, and an awards dinner at 7:00 p.m. The evening winds up with live and silent auctions for an array of prizes such as tickets to Mets, Giants, Jets, Springsteen, and Bon Jovi.

Entry fee: \$325 for individuals, \$1,300 for a foursome, \$125 for dinner only.

To join us, call (203) 854-4068, fax this [registration form](#) to (203) 854-4102, or [purchase tickets online](#).

You Be the Chemist National Competition - June 13th

Norwalk middle school student Doug Streat of Roton Middle School has emerged as the Connecticut representative of the You Be the Chemist national challenge. This a competition where young students from across America compete against each other on what they know about chemistry. The competition will be held on June 13th at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia.

Front to back: Douglas Streat, runners up Olivia Schlater, Shamini Renjendran, Kinjal Thakkar and the science teacher Susan Kelly.



my parents don't care about my homework because they never help me. I can get all the help! " - 6th Grade Student, Mar. 08

"Even though it was only to point out a minor error I made, it made all the difference." - 11th Grade Student, Mar. 08

Free Homework Help for Norwalk Kids

All you need is a Norwalk Public Library card

Consider That

In a new paper on North Carolina high schools, three Duke University researchers found that having a class with five fewer students had a "very small" effect on student performance. Having a class with a strong teacher, rather than a weak one, had an impact 14 times bigger.

NEF's 3 Focus Areas

*Teacher Excellence
Classroom Excellence
After School Excellence

***Teacher Excellence Programs**

TechSmart Teachers Spring 2008 Course

2nd Annual Run for ED Road Race

Sunday, June 1st, Historic SONO

The 2nd Annual "Run for ED" 3-mile run/walk is set for Sunday, June 1st at 8:30am. The course takes runners and walkers-the pace is optional--through the historic streets of the area known as SoNo, generating contributions for activities like the Power Hour literacy program, Middle School University, and online homework assistance for Norwalk's 11,000 students.

Turkish-born Erol Eyikan, who covers up to 30 miles a week with other runners from his company TransSigma Partners LLC, developed the concept for the run along with Jim Gerwick of Running Times Magazine.

"It's a way," Eyikan says, "to give something back to the community."

To register, click on the logo below.



Youth Voices, a New Program

The NEF is pleased to announce a new program called Youth Voices. This project is an opportunity to empower our youth and collect information about their educational experiences. In general, many decisions in schools and institutions are made by professionals, educators, and small groups of parents. We think it's important to balance professional opinions with the needs and ideas of youth, as well as parental perspectives on what happens with their children.

In April, seven, half-hour focus group segments of Youth Voices was taped at Norwalk Community College's television studio. These segments consist of two groups each of elementary, middle, and high school students, and one group of parents.

Check out www.norwalkeducation.org for upcoming air dates and additional Youth Voices segments.

Offerings[Innovation Grants for Norwalk Teachers](#)[Norwalk Teachers Challenge Page on DonorsChoose.org](#)**Join Our List**[Join Our Mailing List!](#)**Student Photography Exhibit Raises over \$2,000**

A student photography exhibit called "Through the Eyes of a Child" drew over 100 visitors on opening night, April 14th to The 22 Haviland Street Gallery in SONO. The exhibit showcased original works by Norwalk middle school students who participated in the NEF's after school digital photography program. The program, which is free to students, is offered at all four middle schools on a rotating schedule. It is taught by instructor Elisa Keogh whose work entitled "Horizons" was also on display.



The Norwalk Education Foundation exists to effect positive change for Norwalk's public school children by providing programs and funds for innovative classroom instruction, teacher and technology training, and a variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day.

We THANK YOU for your support.

Sincerely,

The Norwalk Education Foundation (NEF)

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