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COVCATH TO HOST THE 5TH ANNUAL COVCATH COLONEL CLASSIC ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

Covington Catholic High School will host the 5th Annual CovCath Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament at the Covington Catholic High School gymnasium at 1600 Dixie Highway in Park Hills, KY, on Saturday, January 4, 2020.

As many as 60 middle school and high school teams are expected to compete in the “VEX Robotics Competition” event. It is the first VEX event in Kentucky for 2020 and begins the home stretch to the State and World VEX Tournament. At least 5 teams will qualify at this event for the Kentucky state tournament in the spring.

VEX Robotics competitions are presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation. From www.vexrobotics.com: “In the VEX Competitions, teams of students are tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels; local champions go on to compete against the best in the world at VEX Worlds each April!”

At least one Covington Catholic Robotics team has qualified for the state tournament in each of the first five years. One team competed in the 2017 World event and two teams qualified for the 2019 event where 594 high schools competed in six different divisions. The 2019-20 CCH Robotics team includes 37 students.

The 2019-20 VEX competition is called Tower Takeover (more info at: <https://youtu.be/JVQOiwOUU>).

Details and Rules for Tower Takeover: <https://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr/competition/vrc-current-game/>

The schedule for the CovCath Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament (subject to change) on January 4, 2020, is:

8:00 am Doors Open

8:30 am Inspection Begins and skill runs can be done after inspection

9:00 am Driver Meeting

9:30 am Event Qualifying Matches Begins

12:00 pm Lunch Break
12:30 pm Qualifying Matches Resume
2:00 pm Robot Skills END
2:15 pm Qualifying Matches End
2:45 pm Alliance Selection
3:15 pm FINALS begin
4:15 pm Awards
4:30 pm Event Ends

Spectators are welcome; the event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Mr. Bob Lind (STEM Director, Robotics/Engineering Club Moderator, and Teacher at Covington Catholic) at blind@covcath.org.

Covington Catholic High School is a 2016 Blue Ribbon of Excellence award winning college preparatory high school located in Park Hills, Kentucky, and operates within the Catholic Diocese of Covington. It is an all-male school of 546 whose mission is to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate students spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

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Photo: The Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament from last year was a huge success and was a great competition among the participating schools.

