



# Haslett Public Schools

## Haslett Happenings Around the District

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**February 16-19, 2024**

## Haslett Robotics Club:

### *A Tradition of Innovation and Excellence*

Haslett Robotics Club is a dynamic organization that has been shaping young minds since its inception in 2008. Over the years, we have evolved into one of the strongest robotics clubs in the state, catering to students from Haslett, as well as other local school districts.

Our commitment to fostering a passion for robotics spans across different age groups, with students engaging in exciting programs like VEX IQ (for students in grades 4-8), VRC (for high school students), Young Elementary Program (YEP, grades 2-3), and a dedicated drone team. This year, we are proud to have 15 VEX IQ teams, 3 VRC teams, one drone team, and a thriving Young Elementary Program, demonstrating the diverse range of opportunities we offer.

Last year was a particularly outstanding year for Haslett Robotics Club. Six VEX IQ teams earned their place in the State Championship, with four of them securing spots in the prestigious World Championship. Notably, our IQ team, the Zesty Mustaches, clinched the Inspire Award at the World Competition in Dallas, TX, a testament to their innovation and dedication.

On the VRC side, three teams competed at the State Championship, with two of them winning awards that propelled them to the World Championship. The drone team showcased their prowess by winning the Ingenuity Programming award and the Inspire Award at the Regional Championship.

This year, the success story continues, with four IQ teams and two VRC teams already qualifying for the State Championship, and the season is far from over. We are excited to share that Haslett Robotics Club hosted a VRC tournament this past Saturday, January 20 at Haslett High School and will host an IQ tournament on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Everyone is invited to come and see how fun these events are!

Kim Pfothenauer, HRC's chair and head VEX IQ coach, emphasizes the significance of participating in robotics, "In the world of robotics, the future is not just built by gears and circuits; it's forged by the minds and creativity of our students. At Haslett Robotics Club, we believe in the transformative power of student-led innovation. As our young engineers design, build, and compete, they not only master technical skills but also cultivate teamwork, problem-solving, and a passion for lifelong learning."

Haslett Robotics Club continues to inspire and empower students, nurturing a love for robotics and engineering. We invite the entire Haslett community to join us in celebrating the achievements of our talented students and supporting them on their journey to excellence.

## Upcoming Calendar Events

### January 27

Science Olympiad Tournament

### January 30

MS Conferences (3-5 PM and 5:30-7 PM)

MS Parent Common Council (5 PM)

### February 1

MS Conferences (3-5 PM and 5:30-7 PM)

Band Boosters (6 PM - HS Media Center)

### February 2

MS Student of the Month (7:40 AM)

### February 3

MSBOA Band District Solo & Ensemble

### February 5

Ralya Food Bank Cereal Drive Begins

HS Band Festival Clinic (4-8 PM - PAC)

### February 6

MSBOA HS Jazz Band Festival

### February 7

Choir Boosters (7 PM - Viking Room)

### February 12

Board of Education Meeting (7 PM)

HS Choir Pre-Festival Concert

(8 PM - PAC)

### February 13

HS/7th Grade/8th Grade Pre-Festival

Band Concert (7 PM - PAC)



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