You are invited….

….to an information afternoon about FIRST Robotics and how your school might go about putting together a team for FTC. (Click on this link for more information about FTC and to view the upcoming Championship information: http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc)

In short, FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) is one part of the FIRST Robotics organization. FTC high school teams design, build, and program robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. The robot kit is reusable from year-to-year and is programmed in Java using Android phones to control the robots.

The goal of this meeting is to inform students and teachers/adult mentors who are interested in learning more about this organization and what having a school team could be like.

Because Vancouver Island only has one team in this organization, that team has to travel out of province and often out of country just to compete. If the Greater Victoria area had several teams, local competition would be possible, and fund raising and sponsorship could be shared as a whole league, rather than just individual teams doing it all for themselves.

Christine Nicholls, coach and mentor for the FTC 3491 Team in Colwood, and her team have kindly offered to share their experiences with you, including a demonstration of their currently-competing robot.

MEETING TIME: Saturday March 5, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00pm

FORMAT: Short presentation with Q & A (drop-in OK too) and informal discussion

PLACE: Pacific School of Innovation and Inquiry
(100-808 Douglas St., Victoria BC)

RSVP: Let us know if you're planning to attend. Drop-ins are welcome.

Please forward this invitation to teachers, parents, or companies you think might be interested. Thanks!