

# *Information Packet*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “P-town Throw-down” Afternoon Meet**

- **Thanks for signing up to join us at this New Jersey FTC Afternoon Meet. Your willingness to support this new approach in providing more competition opportunities for our ever-growing number of teams is really appreciated.**
- **Special thanks to Stuart Country Day School and FTC Team #4936 (Sparks) for hosting this event.**
- **We’d also like to thank our volunteers and all of our teams who have made the effort to participate in this unique new event.**

### **Location:**

**Stuart Country Day School  
1200 Stuart Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540**



**Team Arrival: As close to 4pm, as possible**

**Early Arrival: Teams admitted at 3:30 for head-start processing**

**Registration & Inspection Starts: 4:00 – 4:15pm**

**Matches Start: Approximately 5:00pm**

**Event Completes: 7:30 - 7:45pm**

# Stuart Country Day School Information

## Website

<http://www.stuartschool.org/>

## Directions to Stuart Country Day School Campus

<http://www.stuartschool.org/directions/index.aspx>

### To reach Stuart from North of Princeton:

Take US Route 1 South to Washington Road (Mercer County Route 571)

Turn Right onto Washington Rd. and travel approximately 2 1/2 miles until Washington Road intersects Nassau St in downtown Princeton

Turn Left onto Nassau Street and  
bear Left where NJ 27 meets Route 206

Continue onto Route 206/Stockton St

Turn Right onto Elm Road (becomes the Great Rd)  
Travel about 3 miles and Turn Right onto Stuart Rd

Turn Right immediately into the School driveway

### From South of Princeton:

Travel US Route 1 North to Alexander Rd

Take the Alexander Rd exit toward Princeton/Princeton Junction  
Turn left onto Alexander Rd

Turn Right onto Mercer St  
Turn Left onto NJ 27 and bear Left where NJ 27 meets Route 206

Continue onto Route 206/Stockton St

Turn Right onto Elm Road (becomes the Great Rd)  
Travel about 3 miles and Turn Right onto Stuart Rd

Turn Right immediately into the School driveway

# Stuart Country Day School Information

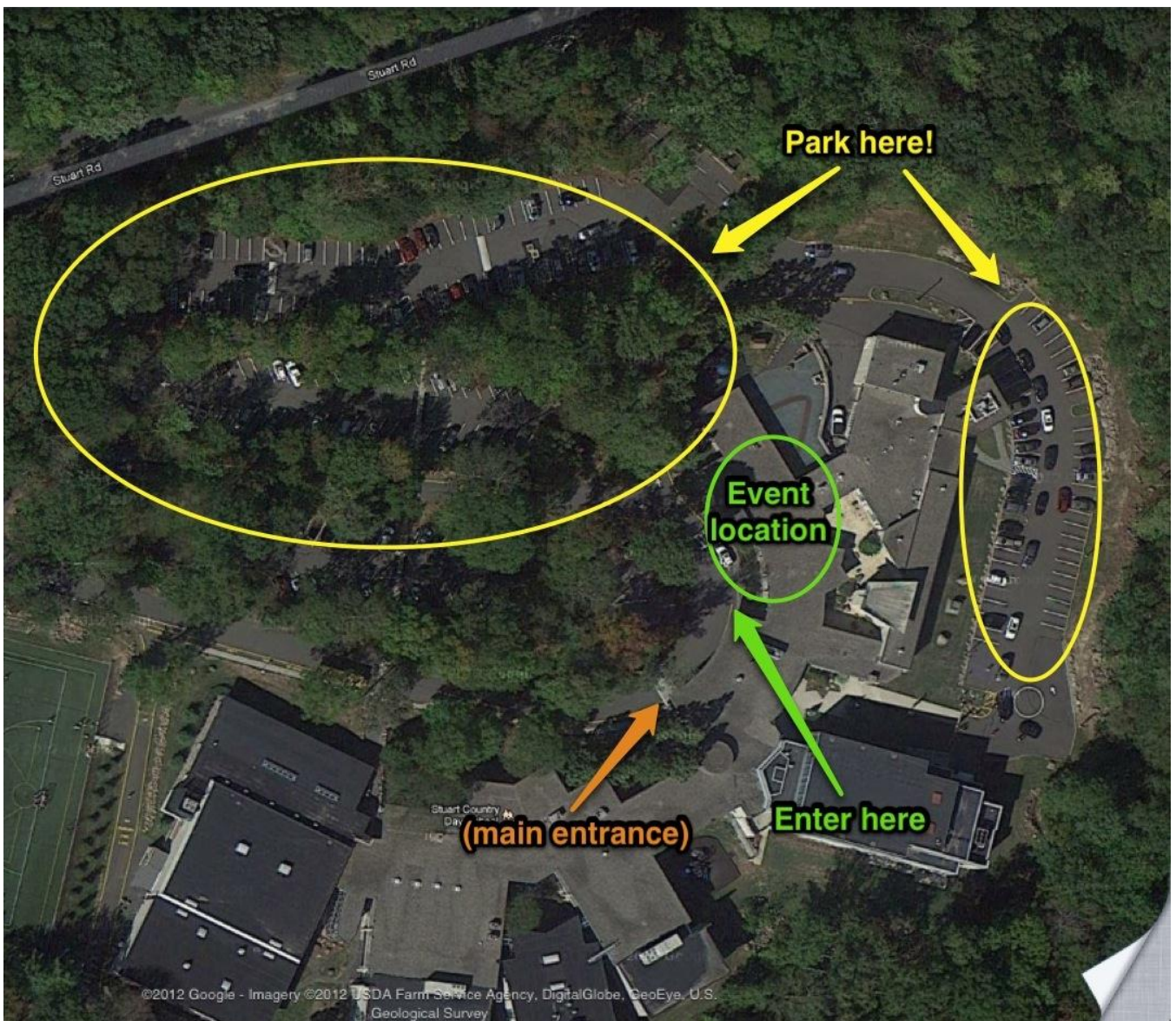
## Parking & Entrance

Enter the School through the Main Entrance directly in line with the flag pole in the center of the building.

The green oval is the building in which the Meet will take place.

The map below also shows where to park and what door to enter.

Basically, people can park anywhere there is a spot, and our host will have signs for people to follow.



## EVENT INFORMATION

**Arrival:** It is important that all teams arrive on time and report to the check-in table immediately upon arrival. This will allow us to make the match schedule quickly. Please call 862-432-1526 if you are going to be late.

**Check In:** Team Check-In opens at 4pm. We are looking to our teams to arrive as close to 4pm as possible. We must process teams through inspection and flashing of Samantha in time for a prompt start of matches.

**Early Check In:** We know that many schools are off Friday due to Teachers' Meeting. If your team can arrive as early as 3:30, we will admit teams, get them registered, through inspection, flashed to the Meet router, etc. Since 12 teams are participating, any early start helps us meet our completion schedule.

**Meet Area:** The full competition will be held in the school cafeteria This places the Pits conveniently close to the Playing Field.

**Pit Area:** Please stay within the boundaries of your pit and be kind to your neighbors. If you have large banners, displays, or posters, we can find a space somewhere else in the arena for these items. The Pit Areas should stay clear of obstructions to traffic and NO Team networks are allowed in the Pit. We will have a Pit Router set up for the use of all.

**Queuing:** Per usual, Event Team Queuers will remind teams (as needed) to come to the Competition Area in time for matches. However, remember that Queuers are there to assist and the BEST teams queue themselves and don't need to be reminded that their match is coming up.

**Top Teams** are watching the Matches, then are in the Queuing area and ready to go for their Match. Please assign someone on your team to help to help your team perform like a top team!

**Supplies:** Be sure to bring a Utility Strip. Safety Glasses, Battery Chargers (marked with Team Number) and spare parts.

**Opening Ceremony:** We will make some remarks at the start of the first Match but there are no Ceremonies, per se, at an Afternoon Meet.

**Match Lists:** We are often asked "when will Match Lists be available?". They will be handed out ~4:30. The information will be available sooner if all teams are able to pass inspection earlier., and help them as needed.

## EVENT INFORMATION (continued)

**Inspection:** Arriving robots report IMMEDIATELY to Inspection. This is always THE pacing element in starting the competition on time. Please help.

**Judging:** We may well have some Awards Judging taking place during this Meet. Piloted successfully last season is a Judging Scorecard and Pit Interview approach to expedite the Judging process during these short Meets. No plaques are presented at Afternoon Meets, however we will convey useful feedback to teams. Expect a possible Pit interview.

**Robot Marking:** Remember to have your team numbers on the robot in large size, per spec. That sometimes does not happen early in the season. So too, make sure that your robot accommodates the mounting of the Alliance Flag. This has been a problem for some at earlier Meets!

**Food:** We realize that most students may have not eaten before this competition. Our host will take a final food order at Check-In time and will bring in pizza. We will pause at 6pm so that our volunteers can eat.

Teams are asked to obtain their pizza after the volunteers and to help us to resume matches promptly after 15 minutes (Team members can always eat when not competing. Volunteers need to stay on the job.)

**Gracious Professionalism:** Please act in accordance with the guidelines of Gracious Professionalism. Ungracious behavior directed at referees or event volunteers will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification from the event. Be kind to your referees, fellow teams, our venue...

**FIRST AID:** Please go to the Pit Administration table for basic First Aid Supplies. Please alert the event organizers if more involved care is required.

**PIT SAFETY:** Safety expectations and rules at this Meet are the same as for all FIRST events. Please refer to the FIRST manual for those standards.

**GENERAL CONDUCT:** Participants and volunteers are expected to behave with Gracious Professionalism at all times. Unruly actions which create safety concerns may result in warnings or ejection from the site at the discretion of the organizers.

# Competition Schedule



## "P-town Throw-down"

<b>3:00 - 3:30</b>		<b>Arrival Time for Start-Up Volunteers</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>		<b>All Volunteers On Site Early Arriving Teams</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>		<b>Team Registration and Inspection Stations Fully Open</b>
<b>4:00 - 5:00</b>		<b>Mechanical &amp; Software Inspection</b>
<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>Drivers Meeting</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>		<b>Match List Available</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>		<b>Early Match Start = Longer Food Break</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>		<b>Qualifying Matches (12 Teams: 5 Matches Each) <u>Fifteen Matches to be Played</u> [8 Minute Cycle Time]</b>
		<b>8 Matches accomplished before Break</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>		<b>Food Arrives - Volunteers Break</b>
		<b>Food Available for Teams to Pick Up</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>		<b>Final 7 Qualification Matches</b>
<b>7:30 PM</b>		<b>Matches Over</b>
		<b>Standings Hand-Out</b>
		<b>Awards Certificates</b>
<b>7:45 PM</b>		<b>Teams Departed</b>

# 12 FTC Teams

For the ...



## **“P-town Throw-down”**

### **AFTERNOON MEET**

<u>Team Number</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>School or Organization</u>	<u>Key Contact</u>
391	Mighty Irish	Notre Dame HS	Ed OByrne
2753	TeamOverdrive	Teen Technology	Howard Scalzo
3568	Ice Wolves	Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies	Venkat Chirra
4301	Tigers	Timothy Christian School	Wendy Gall
4311	Watt The Hex?	Say Watt Robotics	Jim Carr
4936	Sparks (HOST)	Stuart Country Day School	Aruna Chavali
5169	Watt's Up?	Say Watt Robotics	Jim Carr
5205	SyBorgs	South Brunswick High School	Mike Snook
6037	WAGS	West Windsor Plainsboro Girl Scouts	Jan Cardinale
6508	Radioactive Raiders	Radioactive Raiders	Venkat Shan
7040	CyberFalcons	Raritan Valley Composite Squadron	Jaysin Maskarenas
7414	PAAAS	Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies	Daniel Gold