



SJE Robotics Team Competes

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St. John the Evangelist School's middle school Robotics teams competed at the Vex IQ Tournament. Both teams placed in the top ten during qualifications and competed in the finals round with one of the teams winning the Judges Award.

Nicole Baly, SJE's middle school math and STEM coordinator started the Robotics team, "to engage students in engineering and critical thinking skills from an early age. It also gives students who may not excel at sports an opportunity to be part of a team." At the tournaments students complete a teamwork challenge in which they work with another team to score points during a game and a robot skills challenge which requires the robot to run autonomously based on programs the students have developed. Baly hopes that, "through the Robotics program,

students will develop an interest in engineering, programming and other STEM topics. It will also help them develop teamwork skills and learn the importance of working together."