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Gladstone middle school robotics teams advance

After January's regional robotics competition at Oregon State University, both teams from the Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club will advance to the Super-Qualifier competition in Hillsboro in February.

In the preliminary round, competing in a field of 21 teams, Team 8132 placed sixth and Team 8188 placed seventh. Team 8132 then placed 4th in the semi-qualifier round.

Both teams earned spots in the Super-Qualifier competition because Team 8132 received the Design Award and Team 8188 achieved high overall placement in the qualifier matches.

"Our teams have done some amazing work this year," said Coach Shawn Price. "The kids have learned a lot about technology, electronics, industrial design, and computer programming. Win or lose, I am really proud of all the work that's been done."

PHOTO: Kraxberger Middle School sent two robotics teams to compete at Oregon State University. Pictured [left to right] are Lead Programmer Jamie Hauge, Driver Emmett Huth, Team 8132 Captain Lauren Hirte, Lead Programmer Bryson William, Driver Logan Morris, and Team 8188 Captain Grace Christiansen.

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Gladstone bands enter competition season

Gladstone's school bands are busy with many clinics and trips this month as students prepare for competition season.

Cynthia Plank, award-winning bandleader, is working with the Jazz Band at Gladstone High. Professor Richard Elliott of George Fox University is conducting a clinic with the Symphonic Band. Both high school bands are preparing to compete in their League Festivals in Estacada and then compete at a state-qualifying festival at Oregon State University. .

Kraxberger Middle School band students will attend a concert by the Portland Youth Philharmonic. Kraxberger students will enter their first competition at Warner Pacific College.

PHOTO: The Gladstone High School band is hard at work preparing for competition season. [Back row from left to right: Sequoia Bumpus, Skyla Grim, Emily Lind. Front row left to right: Denver Peel, Haiden Stewart, Hayden Pugh, Cassidy Koprowski, Oriana Wolchesky]