

Parents! Let your children know about the 2018

Mercer *Science & Engineering* Fair



at *Rider University* – Hosted by the *Mercer Science and Engineering Club*

Have you heard about the **Mercer Science and Engineering Fair**?

We hope so but we would love to get you more information so you can help your children participate in the fair. It is free and the competition is open to students in grades 4 through 12 who attend school in Mercer County, NJ. This includes home school students.

Students can enter individual projects they did in the summer or during the school year. They just need to complete them before the fair in March. The competition covers all aspects of **science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)**.

The competition is divided into three groups divided by grade:

- Elementary: grades 4 and 5
- Junior: grades 6, 7 and 8
- Senior: grade 9 through 12

All students should have a presentation board and items like a lab notebook. The Senior division is interviewed by judges. The Grand Prize winner of the Senior Division receives a chaperoned **all-expense paid trip** to compete at the annual **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)** held in May. The top 10% of the Junior Division (grades 6-8) move on to compete in the **Broadcom Masters Competition**. Our students have gone onto ISEF and the Broadcom Masters competitions where they earned awards.

What can you do?

- Check out the details about the fair on our website. This includes what projects are allowed and what paperwork may be required. Registration is done online.
- Here are some important dates:

Sunday	Feb 25	Junior and Senior registration closes
Thursday	March 8	Elementary registration closes
Sunday	March 11	Project set up for all participants
Monday	March 12	Senior Division interviews
Tuesday	March 13	Award ceremony

- Students can participate independently if your school does not have its own science competition
- Give us a call or email if you have questions.

Get more information online at <http://MercerSEC.org>.

You can contact Bill Wong at president@mercersec.org or 215-736-2449.