



**Dear Parent or Guardian,**

Congratulations! Your child has been offered the opportunity to participate in weSTEM, an after-school introductory coding course for middle school girls. This program aspires to cultivate a love for technology and computer science in girls while encouraging them to pursue their interests and careers in these fields. We believe that nurturing an interest in science, math, and technology during the critical middle school period will help them to better see themselves as the future leaders of tomorrow. weSTEM has been designed to spark an interest in science for girls with little or no experience in computer science, however all are welcome to participate.

Throughout the course your child will learn a plethora of skills and new ideas. Not only will she be able to discover new career opportunities in STEM fields, but she will also be able to explore her interests and learn why it is so important to have more girls in the tech fields. By the end of the course, she will be able to program in Python and Java, design and create apps/webpages, and so much more. The ability to be able to code in this day and age is such an important skill to acquire, and I hope your daughter will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

The first session is on November 1st from 2:50-4:00 after school in the Media Center. The workshop meets every Wednesday, and will last until late April/early May (weather pending). The program is completely free of charge, and I would love to see your daughter there. We will only be able to accept the first 30 girls, so sign up as soon as possible. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis. For more information you can contact me directly through email at [saniya.vashist@gmail.com](mailto:saniya.vashist@gmail.com), or contact our company at [girlsbreakingbarriers@gmail.com](mailto:girlsbreakingbarriers@gmail.com). **Mrs. Sarah Russo is the WLMS staff sponsor person and will also be able to take any of your questions.** Please also visit our website, [girlsbreakingbarriers.org](http://girlsbreakingbarriers.org) for additional information. Thank you so much for enrolling your daughter in this program. I can't wait to see her there!

**Best regards,**

Saniya Vashist

*Founder, Breaking Barriers*

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**I give \_\_\_\_\_(name of daughter)  
permission to participate in WLMS's after-school coding program beginning 11/1/17**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian PRINTED name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_