

August 31, 2009

Dear Parent(s),

Your son/daughter is invited to be a member of SMM's Mathcounts team. As part of the SMM accelerated program, I would expect a student to participate in Mathcounts unless there is a major time commitment in another area. The students will meet after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 until the chapter competition in February.. Students will be assigned work from the handbook each week that will be due Wednesday. The answer key for the assignment can be found on the Mathcounts web site and on my web site. Any problems that couldn't be worked out correctly will be gone over on Wednesday. During the rest of the time a specific concept used in Mathcounts will be presented and worked on. Last, there will be team work involving another page from the handbook. Please encourage your child to do his/her best. The team members are excellent mathematicians and this will provide them an opportunity to achieve a level of math they otherwise would not have available to them. The team has the potential to place high in the competition. This depends not only on their ability, but on their enthusiasm and effort. Our teams usually place in the top ten and we frequently have at least one student in the top ten.

Schedule:

After school practice - - Every Wednesday from 3:15 - 4:30.

A treat schedule is attached. This letter and the schedule are on my web site.

There will be a school competition given at the end of January to help determine the chapter team. Student effort and scores on assignments and work done during Wednesday meetings will also be taken into consideration. The chapter team will be announced in February. The top four students will make up the team members for the team competition. The next four students will compete in the individual competition. The students that place ninth and tenth will be recognized as the alternates. The students who do not make the chapter team will still be recognised as members of the school team. **All students will continue to meet until February 10 or the chapter competition whichever comes first.**

If our chapter team or an individual places high enough, the next step is the state competition in Lincoln, Ne. held in March. If a student places in the top 4 at the state level, he/she proceeds to the national competition which is being held at Disney World, May 6-9, and is a member of Nebraska's state team.

Last year we were first at chapter and second at state. We had one student make the state team and he competed at Nationals in Florida.

- IMPORTANT -

Chapter Competition (Omaha) - Saturday, February ???? 8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

State Competition (Lincoln) - Saturday, March ??

National Competition - May 6-9 2009 in Orlando, Florida

The 2009 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition will be held at Walt Disney World's Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida!

At this time I do not know the dates for the chapter and state competitions. As soon as I can find out those days, I will let you know. Please keep those months open. The chapter competition is usually the second or third Saturday of February.

Please return the bottom by Tuesday, September 8.

Thank you,
Mrs. Coates

MATHCOUNTS PROGRAM

(Student Name) _____

___ I have marked our calendar for February and there are no conflicts.

___ I have checked our calendar and there is might be a conflict in February.

Please call Phone number _____

___ Please call. I have questions. Phone number _____

Parent's Signature: _____

