December 13, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

                I wanted to take a brief moment of your time and remind you that the Math Counts Practice Competition is approaching quickly.  The date of the practice competition is Thursday, January 5th, which is the first week we return from Winter Break.  I am attaching a permission slip for the practice competition, and if you could have your child return it to me Wednesday, December 21st at our regularly scheduled meeting, I would greatly appreciate it.

                Just to provide you with a quick overview of the competition.  The practice competition is at Geneva College, and follows a shortened format of the County Competition. There are four rounds which are as follows:

* Sprint round which has 30 problems to be done in 40 minutes individually without calculators.
* Target round which has ten questions given in pairs, and each pair of problems has a six minute time limit.  Calculators are permitted during this round.
* Team round in which students will be grouped and have 20 minutes to complete 10 questions.
* Countdown round which has the top ten students go “head to head” against other students and move along in a step ladder format

  Students will need to bring $ 4.00 for lunch (which is held in the dining hall), and if they would like to purchase a Math Counts tee-shirt, they will be available for $ 10.00.

All Math Counts members are extended the opportunity to attend this practice event.  Unfortunately, I will only be able to take eight students to the Beaver County competition on Saturday, February 4th.   The selection of those eight students will be based on the following:

* Availability of the student
* Attendance during weekly meetings
* Performance at Practice Competition on January 5th
* Individual score for the School Chapter Competitions (held 1/10, 1/17, 1/25)

I would like to wish everyone a very safe holiday season.  I hope all of your children enjoy their upcoming time off and recharge for the second half of the school year.  I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with them.

Sincerely,

Rob Kartychak

Math Counts Club Sponsor