

Math Team October Newsletter

Meet dates:

Thursday Nov. 5 (@ Silver Lake)

Thursday Dec 3

Thursday Jan. 7

Thursday Feb. 4

Practice Schedule for meet 1

The following dates have been set for practices prior to our first meet.

Friday October 1st Practice AND Requests will be taken for rounds
Please fill out attached form and submit to
Mrs. White no later than Tuesday Oct 6th.

Friday October 9th Practice and Rounds assigned.

Friday October 16 Practice

Friday October 23rd Practice

Friday October 30th Practice

Thursday November 5th Please meet promptly at 2:10 to go over practice problems.

***** Listen for announcements in the event of changes to this schedule*****

At the meetings, practice problems will be available. If possible please arrange to stick around for at least 20-30 min of practice time. (I typically stay until 3:00 so you are welcome to stay as late as 3:00) I do realize that many of you have very busy schedules, and have other commitments. I don't mind if you need to just stop by to pick up the practice problems, but as those of you who have participated in meets before know, **you can't do well at meets by "winging it". You really do need to practice at least a little. Please try to attend at least 2 practice sessions prior to the meet you are attending. The people who attend practices will receive priority in selecting rounds they wish to compete in.** You can also "practice" at home, but then you do not have the benefit of bouncing ideas of other members, or myself. I am also willing to meet with any of you in the morning for practices if you are having difficulty making the afternoon schedules. I am usually in school by 6:45, so see me if you are an early bird and want before school practice sessions. In addition to practice problems, I will keep you up to date with important information so please check in with me weekly even if you cannot stay.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Mrs. White

This form must be returned to me by Tuesday October 7th !

Today's Date _____

Name (write neatly please) _____ Grade _____

Current Math Class _____

_____ I will be able to attend the meet on Thursday November 5th.

I prefer to be in the following 3 rounds _____

Please check here if you prefer to be an alternate. _____
Students who are alternates go “for fun and experience” and their scores do not count. Sometimes new members like to go as alternates to take some pressure off. (Although there is no need to feel pressure – we are in this for the love of math, more than “the win”) Please be aware that the captains and **I will make the final decision as to who the alternates will be. I will try to accommodate all requests, but not everyone can be an alternate or else we will not score any points!!!** The number of students who can go to a meet is unlimited, (assuming I can provide transportation for everyone) but only **10 scores officially count.**

_____ I will not be able to attend the meet on Thursday November 5th but I am hoping to attend future meets

Once you commit to attending a meet, please make every effort to follow through. I understand that emergencies come up, but be aware that backing out can put the team at a disadvantage. People have practiced for certain rounds, and when someone backs out at the last minute, we usually need to make modifications to the schedule for the meet. This can result in people participating in rounds they are unprepared for. Please be considerate of the other team members.

Since our meet is at home transportation is not an issue. At future meets I will need to have advance notice of whether you will be riding in the school van (driven by Mrs. White) or whether you will be driving yourself (a parent note will be required in this case – no exceptions.)