Mecklenburg Math Club at TES: The MathCats

2012-13

The Mecklenburg Math Club is entering its 8th year at TES and is sponsored by UNC Charlotte’s Mathematics Department and directed by Chris Weiss. At Trinity we are known as the MathCats, but the club is also open to individuals outside of Trinity. Students in grades 4-6, who have a strong interest or ability in math problem-solving, or who are passionate about mathematics, are encouraged to join the MathCats. Expectations include full participation, effort, and regular attendance at club meetings. We will participate in the Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools (www.moems.org) and take five contests during the year. See attached letter for more information about MOEMS. Happy Problem-Solving! Mrs. Weiss ☺

Here are the details, followed by meeting times for the year.

Location: We will meet on the Third Floor math classroom (Clark) unless otherwise specified; students should report directly to the classroom at dismissal.

Time: 3:25 to 4:30 p.m. regular time, and till 5:00 for Contest Days and Pi Day

Snack: Please make sure your child packs a healthy snack and water for meetings. For Contest meetings I welcome a volunteer to bring a special treat for the club members.

Dues: $10.00 per member due on second meeting. Dues will cover all materials used in MMC-TES

T-shirts: These are $14.00 each and can be worn on Spirit Shirt Mondays! Please let me know if you would like a MathCats t-shirt.

Materials: Members will be provided with a notebook by the second meeting. It is their responsibility to bring this to our meetings each week.

Homework: In order to advance in our problem-solving skills and to be ready for Math Olympiads contest days members will have some homework most every week, due the following meeting. Most of these will be practice problems, vocabulary, and some project-based assignments. Occasional use of the Internet will be required. It should be fun and exciting, and hopefully not something that feels too heavy or burdensome.

Absences: If for some reason your child is unable to make a club meeting please notify me via email in advance. Thanks!

Pick-up: Please pick up your child from the classroom promptly at 4:30 p.m. (or 5:00 p.m. for contest days). Students will sign themselves in and parents will sign them out. If your child is to go to TED at 4:30 just let me know or make sure your child is aware and I will send them directly there. Any students not picked up at 4:30 will be sent to TED where they may incur a drop-in fee if arrangements have not been previously made.
2012-13 Math Cats Schedule

Meeting Dates (subject to change, but notice will be given): All meetings are on Mondays from 3:25 to 4:30, except for contest dates which go until 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 24  First Meeting of the year!
Oct. 1
Oct. 8  No meeting due to Fall Weekend!
Oct. 15
Oct. 22
Oct. 29
Nov. 5

**Nov. 12**  MOEMS Contest 1; meeting until 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 19
Nov. 26
Dec. 3

**Dec. 10**  MOEMS Contest 2; meeting until 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Break, no meetings till January 7!

Jan. 7

**Jan. 14**  MOEMS Contest 3; meeting until 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21  No meeting due to MLK Holiday
Jan. 28
Feb. 4

**Feb. 11**  MOEMS Contest 4; meeting until 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 18  No meeting due to Presidents Day holiday
Feb. 25
March 4  No meeting due to Conferences

**March 11**  MOEMS Contest 5; meeting until 5:00 p.m.

March 18  Pi Day Celebration; meeting till 5:00 p.m. Final Day of Mathcats!