

# MATHCOUNTS®

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are currently looking for students in grades 6-8 who are interested in an additional challenge in Math and a chance to represent South Middle School in upcoming MATHCOUNTS competitions.

MATHCOUNTS is a national program sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers and the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Engineering. Some of the program objectives are:

- to encourage interest and proficiency in mathematics
  - to develop an awareness of the relevance of mathematics in everyday life
  - to encourage the pursuit of mathematics related careers
  - to recognize student achievement in mathematics
- The MATHCOUNTS program provides materials with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking skills for classroom use as well as a series of regional, state, and national competitions. The competitions begin with the regional competition in February. Each participating school enters a team of four students.

To prepare the students for selection to our school team, we will meet with all interested students once per week outside of class. All students will have a chance to go to our local meets, and twelve students will represent South at our Regional Meet at Delong (Thursday, Feb. 2).

The coaching practice sessions will be held on **Thursdays beginning November 2**. Thursday sessions will meet in the morning 6:50-7:20 AM (use Door 1) and/or the afternoon from 3:00-3:30 PM. in Mr. Mueller's Room in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade house (220C).

To help determine interest and preferred times, please fill out the form on the next page and have your son/daughter return it to me or their math teacher.

Thanks for your help,

*Mr. Mueller & Mr. Holmquist*

**Alex Mueller & Ben Holmquist**

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**Please complete the information below and return the form to:**

**Mr. Mueller (Room 220C) or  
your math teacher as soon as possible.**

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I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the

MathCounts coaching sessions beginning on **Thursday, Nov. 3.**

Please indicate a preferred time (check both if you plan to come to both):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday Mornings**                      **6:50-7:20 AM**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday Afternoons**                      **3:00-3:30 PM**

**Parent/Guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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