

Dear Math Team Coach,

Newport Math Club cordially invites you and your math team to the Knights of Pi Math Tournament at Newport High School on Saturday, May 16, 2009. This competition is designed for 5th to 8th graders, although younger students who are mathematically motivated are welcome to participate as well.

The Knights of Pi Math Tournament provides a valuable and fun opportunity for students to improve their math skills in a variety of math subject areas both individually and in teams of four. We hope that you will take this opportunity to give your math students a chance to demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year and further develop their problem-solving abilities by bringing your teams to our tournament.

A tentative schedule of events can be found [here](#). Following an individual test covering all topics, team rounds will focus on various topics, including algebra, geometry, probability, numbers and operations, mental math, and speed math. This year, we will also have a puzzle round, where teams have one hour to solve ten math and logic puzzles. The answers to the puzzles all relate to a certain theme, and they can be used to reach the final answer.

Though all of the test are challenging, we hope they will be fun for everyone. We have also included several easy questions on each test so that new competitors can develop their confidence without getting discouraged. Awards will be given to the top teams and individual scorers in each grade level, and the top competitors at each school will be recognized.

The registration fee to participate in this contest is \$40 for a team of four. Each team will compete at a certain grade level: 5, 6, 7, or 8. Students may challenge themselves by competing in a higher grade level, but they may not drop down to a lower level. As the coach, you will receive copies of all the tests and answer keys at the end of the competition. We recommend that you use these to practice and follow up on students' experiences at the contest.

To register for the contest, simply follow the directions on our website at www.newportmathclub.org/kpmt. For planning purposes, we would appreciate a prompt response; however, the final registration deadline is May 6, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email at kpmt@newportmathclub.org.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for your students to compete. The skills they are developing will benefit them throughout their lives. We are looking forward to seeing you at the tournament!

Sincerely,

Newport Math Club