# Math Club Informational Letter (09-10)

Welcome to another year of Math Club! This year, our club will focus on sufficiently answering a question that commonly asked in the high school math classroom: "Why does any of this matter? How can this information be of use to me? Can I make all my hard work pay off practically?" If you've ever had to ask yourself this question before, then you've come to the right place. In short, <School Name> Math club will give you the opportunity to make math fun and applicable, while improving your ability to tackle the school curriculum at the same time. There will be no definite course for us to cover, nor will there be any homework. <Edit As Needed>

## A cap-up of last year..

We had a steady group of members last year coming to our weekly meetings on Monday afternoons. We covered material not frequently discussed in the typical high school curriculum, and we prepared for math competitions. Social highlights included snack weeks, Puzzle Days, Mock Contests, Game Days, Movie Days, two Guest Lectures, a Math Club Banquet, and an iPod accessories fundraiser. We attended seven competitions, including one first place team finish and a statewide competition in which 8 competitors placed in the Top Ten.

### What I hope to see this year..

First things first, we would love to see our club mirror the successes of last year. We want to continue the success of implementing a balanced approach to seeing math as more of an art and hobby. We want to continue stressing the importance of having fun, but learning at the same time. This year will be marked by a more rigorous exposure to different types of competition problems, as well as the usage of math texts and computer programs to add a new aspect of math education into our regular club meetings.

#### Expectations

Good classroom behavior is encouraged. We expect positive behavior and active listening from all members, in order for the club to function smoothly and to allow spontaneity and freedom of thought for everyone. We also expect organization and punctuality in dealing with dates, deadlines, and events. If unexpected happenings occur that will prevent you from going to a club meeting or attending an event, please do let one of the club officers know. Your commitment level is your own to decide, as always, but please be serious and firm to your word. Last year our club had to tolerate several last-minute conflicts and issues, problems that I hope to solve this year with better communication.

#### Issues to be covered:

- Snack Schedule
- Voting for officer positions
- Potential Fundraisers
- Math Club Rules
- Flyers
- Math Competition Schedules

## <School Name> Math Club Donations

<School Name> Math Club is committed to keeping the club membership free of cost as well as covering most, if not all competition fees using fundraisers, in order to make math club more accessible for all students and to encourage club members to attend math competitions and events. We believe that math competitions are valuable social and educational events and a must-have experience for all those aspiring to succeed in the field of math in and out of school. Donations will be given at your leisure on a voluntary basis, and proceeds will go towards funding math events, paying for guest speakers, and covering the costs of the weekly club materials and presentations.

Last year, nearly all competitions that club members attended were free of charge, thanks to club fundraising and several donations from supportive parents. This year, our club budget has risen from the costs of planning to attend over ten more competitions, inviting guest speakers, and buying math-related books, magazines, and software. Any donations that you choose to contribute to <School Name> Math Club will be greatly appreciated.

Donations will need to be given to the club through the ASB Bookkeeper. Checks should be made payable to "<School Name> ASB" with "<School Name> Math Club" written on the memo line. If your employer supports a match-donating program, please make sure to let <Name> know so she can arrange for the required paperwork to be filled out.

Thank you for your generosity, and we appreciate your contributions.

Sincerely,

<a href="Advisor Name"><a href="Club Advisor"><a href="Advisor Name"><a href="Advisor Name"