

Dear WMS Students,

Beginning on Wednesday, November 6th and continuing the first Wednesday of every month, Whitnall Middle School will be hosting Math Club gatherings. This opportunity is available to all WMS students who have a strength/interest in mathematics and want a chance to dive deeper, challenge themselves, play and create math games, publish math videos, and compete with other mathletes. All WMS students are welcome to attend Math Club meetings. Ten selected students will have the opportunity to compete locally at a “Chapter Competition” on Saturday, February 1st. If they qualify, top students may get the chance to compete at the state and national levels.

Whitnall Middle School students participating in Math Club will head straight to room 112 for 45 minutes of math team practice. This will focus on problem solving skills needed to thrive in the schoolwide and regional math competitions in the spring. Then, from 4:00 - 5:00, we will shift our focus to playing and analyzing fun math games supplied by the National Math Club and continue solving unique mathematical problems. Families must arrange transportation for the end of Math Club at 5:00 p.m.

By meeting at least five times, WMS will qualify to achieve “Silver Club” status. At our meetings, we will also share the opportunity to pursue “Gold Club” status by creating our own math games that could even be featured on the MATHCOUNTS website! We will also explain the criteria of the Math Video Challenge and invite teams of WMS students to compete in this nationwide search for outstanding makers of math movies.

For more information on MATHCOUNTS, the program being used by the WMS Math Club, please feel free to check out the following website: <https://www.mathcounts.org/> WMS Math Club is scheduled to meet after school on the following Wednesday afternoons:

Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, Mar. 4th, Apr. 1st, and May 6th

In order to participate in the Math Club, please sign and return the bottom portion of this invitation/permission slip to the WMS office. Keep the top to save dates and details!

Yes. My child, _____, has permission to attend Math Club meetings at WMS, as described above. A parent/guardian will pick up at 5 p.m.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____