Hello everyone,

This is an announcement for the new Columbia Middle School Math Circle program. The Middle School Math Circle is a follow-up to the successful Columbia (High School) Math Circles that we have been organizing since the fall of 2008.

The goal of the Middle School Math Circle is to develop mathematics and problem solving skills in young students. Students will be exposed to mathematics beyond the normal curriculum, and we will help them to develop strategies and creative insights for solving challenging mathematics problems. We also hope to work with students who are preparing for various state and national mathematics contests such as MOEMS, Mathcounts, and the AMC-8. It should be an exciting challenge for Middle School students who love mathematics, puzzles, and problem solving.

The Columbia Middle School Math Circle will be led by John Rushman (formerly of Crayton Middle School and 8-time State Mathcounts Coach), Patrick Rybarczyk (of A.C. Flora High School and head All-State Math Team coach), and Marcus Neal (of Hammond School and assistant All-State Math Team coach).

The dates for the next three Math Circles are Saturdays, November 14th, December 12th, and January 9th (that's the 2nd Saturday of each month) from 9am-12noon.

The meetings will be held at Hammond School (854 Galway Lane, Columbia, SC 29209), and the cost of the Math Circle is $25 per student for each meeting. Middle School teachers are also welcome to attend with their students. There is no cost to teachers.

Please pass this message along to any students or teachers that you feel would be interested. Attached is a flyer that can be printed out and posted in your classroom to remind your students of the meetings. We also have established a blog at http://columbiamathcircle.wordpress.com/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at gauss202@yahoo.com or Patrick Rybarczyk at coach@scall-statemathteam.com

Thank you,
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