

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

MATHCOUNTS®

Dear Parents and Students,

With the school year moving into high gear, the Lufkin Math Club is excited to offer the MATHCOUNTS competition program again to eager Lufkin students in search of additional mathematical challenges and opportunities. This will be the fourth consecutive year Lufkin Road Middle School has competed.

MATHCOUNTS, now in its 35th year, is the premier middle school math competition in the United States, with over 250,000 students being exposed to at least some of the materials in their schools and over 40,000 students participating in the annual chapter level competitions each February. The Raleigh North Carolina chapter may be among the most competitive in the nation, with top students recently going on to win the state championship and place in the Top 50 at the national level. Additional information about MATHCOUNTS is available at www.mathcounts.org.

In MATHCOUNTS, students compete both as individuals and as a team in a series of written and quiz-show style tests. While the topics covered align with the state's math curriculum, many of the problems require a level of creativity that advanced students tend to find both invigorating and rewarding. The students also benefit from socializing with their peers who have similar interests and capabilities and from the opportunity to represent Lufkin in a positive way.

The Math Club meets on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in Room 2240. Students should be picked up at 4pm promptly in the bus loop area (back of the school). Interested students should plan to (1) attend each meeting and be on task, (2) practice at home, (3) attend the competition on a Saturday in February (likely at Athens Drive High School or similar venue). If your student is interested in participating in MATHCOUNTS, please return the accompanying contact information form to Mrs. Farinholt or Mrs. Gardner. Also, please consider donating snacks throughout the year to keep our mathletes motivated. Go Lightning!

Lufkin MATHCOUNTS Leadership

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My son/daughter has permission to participate in the Lufkin Road Middle School Math Club on Wednesdays after school and plans to attend the local MATHCOUNTS competition in February 2019.

Student Name _____ Student Track and Grade Level _____

Student Signature _____ Student Current Math Class Level _____

Student Email Address _____

Parent Signature _____ Parent Phone number _____

Parent Email Address _____