

Fall 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Holly Grove Middle School will participate in the American Math Competition Level 8 (AMC 8) on November 12, 2019. The AMC 8 is a well-known mathematics contest for middle school students. All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may participate so long as they are under 14.5 years of age on the day of competition.

The AMC 8 helps middle school students discover their love of problem solving and develop their potential. The competition consists of 25 multiple choice questions with no penalty for guessing. The contest is timed at 40 minutes and administered by school staff. No calculator or electronic devices of any kind are allowed.

A student's score is the number of problems answered correctly. Students should set appropriate goals for themselves so that the competition is a positive experience; for some students, getting even a few questions correct is an accomplishment. The HGMS student with the highest score is our school winner. The top three students in each grade receive a certificate for outstanding achievement and are recognized at end-of-year team awards ceremonies. AMC 8 Honor Roll certificates are given to all students who score in the top 1% and 5% nationally. Student scores will not be placed in cumulative folders or counted for a math grade.

**Competition will begin promptly at the beginning of K9 (9:16am) on November 12.** Absent or late students who miss the competition will receive the test booklet and answers when they are returned to all participants; **no refunds are available.** Track 2 students are encouraged to participate and should sign in as visitors at the main office at 9am. Parents of track 2 students must provide transportation home after the competition.

**If you wish to participate, a payment of \$4.00 is required.** Please have your student bring exact cash or a check (payable to Holly Grove Middle School) in a sealed envelope to the **main office** by **October 18** (tracks 1, 2, and 3) or **October 25** (track 4). Please print your **child's name, grade, and track** on the **bottom of the check** and on **the envelope**.

No late payments will be accepted because materials must be ordered by a deadline.

Additional information about the AMC8 can be found at [www.maa.org/math-competitions/amc-8](http://www.maa.org/math-competitions/amc-8). Please let me know if you have questions or concerns and thank you for encouraging your student to participate in this problem-solving contest!

Sincerely,

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