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Dear Colleague:

We are excited to announce the return of the St. Cloud State University Mathematics Contest, sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology. The contest is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30, 2023**. We hope you plan to bring your students to this exciting event.

Students compete in six divisions, one for each grade from 7 through 12. Medals are given to the individuals with the top three scores within each division, and recognition certificates are awarded to those earning scores within the top ten percent of the score distribution. Plaques are awarded to the top three schools in each division, as determined by the total of the three highest individual scores from those schools. Also, scholarships are awarded to seniors who plan to attend St. Cloud State University and who perform well in the 12th Grade Division.

Please register students according to their current grade level. For example, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader that participates in math classes attended primarily by 9<sup>th</sup> grade students would still register as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Students currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade must wait until they are 7<sup>th</sup> graders before attending the contest. **New this year: please note that schools are limited to bringing no more than 40 students in each grade level.**

Students are allowed to use hand-held calculators during the test period, but calculators which perform symbolic manipulation are *not* allowed. Cell phones or devices with wireless capability may not be used and must be turned off for the entire testing period.

As in previous years, during the time between testing and the beginning of the awards ceremony, advisers will be assigned to monitor a designated building for approximately one hour while students are attending various activities. These duties are a vital part of your participation in the SCSU Math Contest and help to ensure the safety of the students attending the contest. Adequate student supervision is especially critical during the recreational activities at Halenbeck Hall and in high-traffic areas such as the Atwood Memorial Center. Your help in the past has been very much appreciated.

Lunch options for students and chaperones include [Garvey Commons](#) (\$10 for all-you-can-eat hot entrees, salad bar, pizza, hamburgers, sandwiches, and allergen friendly station), purchasing lunch at the [Atwood Memorial Center](#), or bringing a lunch. We ask that you purchase tickets in advance (with your registration) for Garvey Commons if you are electing that option.

The registration form can be downloaded electronically (<https://scsu.mn/366d24X>), filled out, and emailed back to [mathcontest@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:mathcontest@stcloudstate.edu). A printed copy should be returned with your payment. To enable us to make the necessary arrangements for participation in the contest and for Garvey lunch reservations, we ask that the registration form be returned by Friday, March 10, 2023. Payment may follow the emailed registration form, but should arrive prior to the contest. Refunds will be made only if the contest is cancelled or maximum occupancy is reached. Please note that *we give a discount of 50 cents per student to registrations received by the deadline*.

The tentative and partial schedule of events includes:

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN	9:00 – 9:15	TOURS AND ACTIVITIES	10:45 – 1:15
TESTING ROOMS OPEN	9:20	LUNCH	11:00 – 1:00
TESTING BEGINS NO LATER THAN	9:45	AWARD CEREMONIES	1:30 – 2:00

We will send you confirmation on receipt of your registration form. Contest admission tickets, lunch tickets, campus map, and other materials necessary for your participation in the contest will arrive a few days before the contest. Currently, masks are not required on campus, but we encourage all participants to wear a mask in any crowded settings. In addition, we ask that you provide each participant with a copy of the SCSU COVID-19 Safety Information attached with this letter. More information, including sample exams, is available at <https://scsu.mn/2FaNZ3D>. We await your reply and look forward to seeing you at the contest.

Sincerely,

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# St. Cloud State University COVID-19 Safety Information

## Acknowledgement of Risk

St. Cloud State University holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community. St. Cloud State University, however, cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. The risk of COVID-19 exposure is likely to exist in all public places where people are present. Students, faculty and staff who are present on the physical campus of St Cloud State University, may contract COVID-19; illness, injury or death is a possible result. St. Cloud State University is taking all recommended steps to mitigate this risk, but we cannot categorically guarantee you will not get sick. Minimizing the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at St. Cloud State University is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community – including you – must do their part to protect the pack.

## Husky Health Check

We ask that everyone planning to enter campus help protect the health and safety of our community against COVID-19 by conducting a Husky Health Check before coming to St. Cloud State each day. The Husky Health Check is an overall self-evaluation of a person's current health.

### **The Husky Health Check will help individuals identify if they are experiencing the following:**

- A fever (100.4 degrees or higher), or a sense of having a fever or feeling feverish (Chills or sweating).
- A new cough.
- A new shortness of breath.
- A new sore throat.
- Muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another medical condition or is not caused by a specific activity such as physical exercise.
- A new headache.
- New loss of smell or taste.
- Vomiting or diarrhea.
- New onset of nasal congestion or runny nose, not associated with allergies.
- If under evaluation for COVID-19 due to exposure or contact with someone with COVID-19 and/or experiencing symptoms (e.g. waiting for results of a viral test to confirm infection).
- If diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared to continue isolation.

Please stay home if you are feeling ill. Reduce your risk of catching or spreading illness, stay home if you feel sick and take care of yourself, even if your symptoms are mild. Avoid coming to campus and public transportation.

## Physical Distancing

It is still recommended that students, faculty and staff stay at least 3, and ideally 6 feet apart in common areas and whenever possible. Common areas that may lead to close contact (within 6 feet) among other people, are areas such as weight rooms, group fitness studios, pools and saunas, courts and fields, walking/running tracks, locker rooms, check-in areas, parking lots and routes of entry and exit. In environments where students, staff, and faculty have designated areas to sit or be stationed, all are encouraged to maintain an environment where some extra spacing between people can be maintained.