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Dear Colleague:

The 53rd annual St. Cloud State University Mathematics Contest, sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020. 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 given 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 8th grader that participates in math classes attended primarily by 9th grade students would still register as an 8th grader. Students currently in 6th grade must wait until they are 7th graders before attending the contest.

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, 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 (where you may choose from hot entrees, a salad bar, hamburgers, and sandwiches), purchasing lunch at the Atwood Memorial Center, or bringing a lunch. We ask that you purchase tickets in advance (along with your registration) for Garvey Commons if you elect that option.

New this year, the registration form can be downloaded electronically (https://scsu.mn/366d24X), filled out, and emailed back to 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 lunch reservations, we ask that the registration form be returned by Friday, March 13, 2020. 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.

Tentative and partial schedule of events includes:

Table with 4 columns: Event Name, Time 1, Event Name, Time 2. Rows include 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), and AWARD CEREMONIES (1:35-2:00).

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. 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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