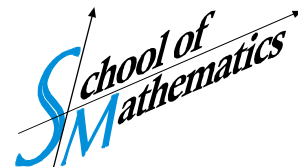


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Dear Parents,

As time progresses and we become more familiar with the school routine, we still feel the importance to keep our newsletters on a regular monthly schedule especially when there are so many news to announce.

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Enrollment for the summer school has officially started. The schedule and the information about the summer school are posted on MWSM website:

<http://www.metrowestschool.com/Summer%20School.htm>. Please download, fill up, and send us an application form, if you are interested to enroll your child. We have also printed some copies and left them in the parents' waiting room for your convenience. Please note that most of the classes will meet **twice a week for total of 3, 4, or even more hours** per week as it summarized in the table below:

Course	Hours Per Week	Total Hours	Fee
SAT-1 Math	12	72	\$ 1100.00
SAT-1 English	4	24	\$ 400.00
EM 1-2	3	18	\$ 300.00
EM 3-4	4	24	\$ 400.00
EM 5-6	4	24	\$ 400.00
Pre-Algebra	4	24	\$ 400.00
Algebra	5	30	\$ 500.00
Geometry	3	18	\$ 300.00

The session will start on **Monday, July 7th** and will span the period of 6 weeks.

You can choose from the following options:

EM1-2 Monday and Thursday at 4:00pm **or** Tuesday and Friday at 6:00pm
EM3-4 Monday and Thursday at 4:00pm **or** Monday and Thursday at 6:00pm
EM5-6 Tuesday and Friday at 4:00pm
Pre-Algebra Tuesday and Friday at 6:00pm
Algebra-I Monday and Thursday at 7:00pm
Geometry Monday and Thursday at 5:30pm

SAT-I English Monday and Thursday at 4:00pm
SAT-I Math Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6:00pm

We also plan to offer "Math Competition Preparation" program that will focus primarily on problem solving, puzzles, and mathematical games. There will be two of such sessions MC1-4 and MC5-8: for kids attending elementary school on Tuesdays at 4:00pm and for older students on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Please note that the school maintains the right cancel or combine classes in case of low enrollment (less than 5 students). Thus, it would be mutually beneficial, if you can let us know about your summer plans as early as possible.

2008-09 ENROLLMENT:

We have also completed the schedule for the next 2008-09 school year and are glad to announce that the enrollment for 2008-09 is now open. Please visit our website to check out the schedule, list of classes, and to download an application form:

http://www.metrowestschool.com/schedule_2008-2009.htm. As the school grows, we are opening a number of new classes. Some of them marked as "new" on the schedule and we are planning to offer them to the kids new to MWSM, while others such as Introduction to Geometry, Algebra-II, and Geometry-II are targeting our existing students. For the students currently taking Pre-Algebra and Introduction to Algebra we strongly suggest to enroll in the Introduction to Geometry class as well.

Geometry is essential for several reasons. One is that it trains logical skills and proof techniques – something that most schools pay little attention to, and yet something that is crucial for any math student to be exposed to. The second is more mundane but yet no less important: based on the results of trial MCAS this year, we noted that most of our kids in grades 5-7 in their regular schools who showed Proficient made most of their mistakes in Geometry problems. If those problems were solved, most of these kids would have been graded Advanced. We are convinced that if they take advantage of Geometry classes we offer, this problem will be solved.

Please also note that the duration of Algebra-I and Algebra-II classes will change to 2.5 hours, while Intro to Geometry and Geometry-II will be 1.5 hours long.

"EXTRA-CURRICULUM" ACTIVITY AT MWSM:

If you follow the recent school news, you most likely have heard about the new classes offered to MWSM students: Chess 6-week session, and 10-week Art session. While the Chess session is already fully booked with a several people on the waiting list, there is still couple of openings in the Art class. The Art session will start on coming Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30pm. The first class of the Chess session will meet on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:15pm.

We also plan to advertise a 10 week program in Reading Comprehension and Writing for 5-7 graders. This program offers a chance to:

- develop critical thinking and imagination;
- learn approaches to critical and creative writing;
- develop confidence by reading one's own work out loud;
- offer and receive constructive criticism from peers;

This would conclude the offerings for 2007-08 school year, but we are actively exploring a possibility to extend our program beyond these boundaries.

MWSM ANNUAL GALA – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

This is still in a very preliminary state of preparation. I hope to give you more details in the next newsletter coming in April. It seems that our idea has generated a lot of interest and we are glad to hear some kids have already started the preparation for the event. I want to remind that we suggest a format of a **Talent Show** with 35-40 min concert presiding the event.

Best regards,
Olga Serebrennikov
MWSM Co-Director, Parents Relations