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Greetings everyone,

Math Circle is coming back -- bigger and better than before! We have a new team of math circle organizers; which includes Patrick Rybarczyk, head coach of the SC All-State Math Team and mathematics teacher at Hammond School, Jesse Leo Kass and Frank Thorne, both assistant professors of mathematics at the University of South Carolina, and Marcus Neal, teacher of mathematics at Hammond School. We also hope to have some guest lectures this year, and we will be reaching out to the math graduate students at the University of South Carolina to help as assistants to the math circle.

I think these are all exciting developments, and I hope they will help the Columbia Math Circle to grow and be sustained. The math circle is for any students who love thinking about math outside of the normal curriculum and who have had at least some exposure to algebra concepts.

Our first meeting of the Math Circle, for both middle and high school students, will be on **Saturday, September 24th** from **9am-12noon** at Hammond School. The subsequent meeting will be on **Saturday, October 29th**, also from 9am-12noon at Hammond. The cost for attending the math circle will be \$25 per student.

While we don't have a strict RSVP policy for math circle, if you or your child plan to attend this upcoming math circle on Sept. 24th, it would greatly help me for planning purposes if you send me a reply to let me know. Also feel free to forward this message to anyone that you think may be interested. In the future, you will likely receive e-mail notices about the Math Circle from the e-mail addresses [mneal@hammondschool.org](mailto:mneal@hammondschool.org) or [prybarczyk@hammondschool.org](mailto:prybarczyk@hammondschool.org), so be on the look out for e-mails from those addresses.

Some of you are on both the middle school and high school list right now. Mr. R and I will work to consolidate our lists so you don't receive two e-mails. If you would like to be removed completely from the Math Circle e-mail list, please send me or Mr. R a reply to let us know.

Best Regards,

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