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Dear Coach,

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) and Mu Alpha Theta (MA Θ) cordially invite you and your students to the 32nd annual Junior High School Math Contest (JHMC). The JHMC is hosted annually by IMSA's chapter of the MA Θ Mathematical Honor Society. MA Θ is co-sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematical Association of America.

The JHMC is a full-day math contest for students in grades 7 and 8. Our contest is unique by design: completely staffed and run by IMSA students with intimate experience with traditional middle school contests (like MATHCOUNTS). We work hard to ensure our contest is educational for students of all skill levels, to provide a valuable opportunity to practice and develop the skills to succeed in high school mathematics.

This year's contest will have two divisions: one virtual and open to schools nationwide, and another in-person. The in-person contest is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 2nd at IMSA** in Aurora, IL, from 8:00 AM to approximately 2:30 PM. Due to the uncertain nature of COVID, the contest may have to take place online, but will follow the same rules we've had in previous years. This division will be further subdivided into Division A for smaller schools and Division AA for larger schools.

Our virtual contest will occur on **Saturday, March 12th** with a 24-hour competition window and smaller-scale teams due to the difficulties of an online environment. For more information on our virtual division, visit <https://imsajhmc.com>. Both our in-person and virtual contest will offer the same three rounds as previous years: individual, team, and creative thinking. Old contests and practice packets and other references are available at <https://students.imsa.edu/org/mao/jhmc-archives.php>.

Due to the popularity of this event, it is imperative that we know soon whether you are planning to attend, which division you intend to participate in, and approximately how many students you plan to bring. If you have any questions regarding the JHMC, feel free to email our contest inbox (jhmc@imsa.edu). Alternatively, email the contest chairs (atang@imsa.edu and jliu3@imsa.edu), or our faculty sponsor, Dr. Janice Krouse (krouse@imsa.edu, (630) 907-5964).

Once again, Mu Alpha Theta extends to your students this unique opportunity to further their appreciation for mathematics and overall academic well-being. We look forward to your participation!

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