NOW AND AGAIN NEWS
November 2020

Interacting Online at GMP

GMP teachers and students have been enjoying some interactive activities this fall. We learned in the spring, with our short online ‘experiment’ that online learning was not giving our students enough opportunity to talk to each other and participate fully in class. Our teachers enjoyed training in the Desmos Activity Builder and in Zoom breakout rooms this summer. The screenshot above shows what it looks like when students share some function ideas in real time in an online class. (In this example they are using mathematician pseudonyms.) We hope your students have enjoyed working with classmates this year and are continuing to build the special friendships that six years of this shared intensive learning experience can bring.
Welcome to our New Staff!

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS

Courtney Paulus, GMP 2
Joseph Krzeminski, GMP 6

American Mathematics Competition

Every year at GMP, we offer all of our students the opportunity to try their hand at a national mathematics contest. Our students have done well in the past, and a few have been invited to compete at the next level. Your GMP tuition includes registration for the American Mathematics Competition (AMC).

On Monday, November 16th, students in GMP I and II who are in 8th grade or below will be taking the 2020 AMC-8. The contest will be administered online this year during class time.

For the AMC-8, participants have 40 minutes to complete a 25 multiple-choice question exam. More information is posted in the UB Learns courses under the date Nov. 16th. We encourage you to visit the AMC website, https://www.maa.org/math-competitions, which has resources for students who would like extra preparation.

On Thursday, February 4th, 2021 we will be administering the 2021 AMC 10A to interested students in GMP III and IV and AMC 12A to interested students in GMP V and VI. More information will follow.

GMP Fridays Extra Help & Extra Fun

GMP is continuing to offer help to students outside of class time! Separate sessions are available for each GMP level, mostly on Fridays. Our fabulous instructional assistants are happy to take your questions! Just stop in to their Zoom meeting anytime in the designated tutoring hour. This full schedule is also linked in your UB Learns course information.

If you are looking for more math fun on Fridays, consider joining the GMP Competes Club. Members meet from 5 to 6:30 with our brilliant coaches, Mr. Goehrig and Mr. Montoro, and work on problems in an informal atmosphere. Whether you want to hone your contest skills for the AMC competitions, or just enjoy solving problems with friends, you are welcome at these sessions. To sign up for the club, contact Mr. Goehrig for middle schoolers, or Mr. Montoro for high schoolers. More information can be found on the GMP Competes page.

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Distinguished Accomplishments

Alveena Ahmed (GMP I) earned a green belt in Taekwondo! She is a Junior Leader at her Taekwondo school.

Soumyadeep Bhattacharjee (GMP III) was announced as one of the top 300 competitors in this year’s Broadcom Masters! With guidance from UB professor, Dr Wenyao Xu, Soumyadeep designed a ‘smartchair’. Read more in the Amherst Bee.

William Deinzer (GMP IV) earned an Honorable Mention at the Nazareth College Piano Competition for his performance of Liszt’s Mephisto Waltz and Beethoven’s Rondo a Capriccio!

Augustus Falvo (GMP II) authored a poem, “Tick Tock,” which was selected to be published nationally! He was also elected as a Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop #440!

Indigo Fox (GMP VI) is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist!

Nick Scime (GMP I) was elected Vice President of Nardin Middle School Council!

Adam Zheng (GMP V) became an Eagle Scout this fall!

Calendar Mentions

- AMC 8 Contest for GMP I and II will be given in class on Monday, November 16th.
- No class will be held on Wednesday, November 25th as part of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Winter break begins on December 21st. Classes begin again on January 4th.

We in GMP wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!