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Math Club Updates

The next Math Club meeting is THIS THURSDAY, October 11th at 5:30 in COFRIN 210.

We will be having Grad School Night!! Dr. Poss, Dr. Leiterman, and Dr. Frohlinger will be around to answer questions like:

Who should go to grad school?
What fields can math majors go into?
How do you pay for grad school?
What schools should you apply to?
How and when do you apply?
What is grad school life like?
How hard is it? Is it worth it?

There will also be a chance to ask questions of your own!



Pi Mu Epsilon is the national honorary mathematics society. To qualify for membership, you must have completed at least four mathematics courses (calculus or above) with a minimum GPA of 3.00. In addition, your cumulative GPA must be at least 3.00. The membership fee is \$25 for lifetime membership and you must also join or be a member of the Sigma Nu Delta Math Club. If you are interesting in joining, please contact Dr. Poss by November 9!

At the Math Club meeting on November 8, we will be having Career Night! Don't miss this great opportunity to hear about working in math-related fields. So far, we have an actuary, a high school math teacher, and a banker. They will talk about their careers and the positive and negative points of their jobs.

MATH CHALLENGES!

Are you interested in a mathematical challenge? There are two opportunities coming up that would allow you to stretch yourself.

The first is the **Putnam Exam**, a nationwide competition in which students spend a Saturday morning and afternoon working on twelve challenging problems. Frequently the solutions of the problems require creativity more than advanced mathematical knowledge. This year's Putnam exam will be **Saturday, December 1** at SNC. Contact any math faculty member ASAP if you are interested.

The second math competition is the **Mathematical Contest in Modeling** or its cousin, the **Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling**. In this competition, teams of three spend a weekend working on a real-life application of mathematics. You can use books and computers, but you can't use any kind of consultants such as faculty. The next modeling competitions are **February 14-18, 2008**. More info is available at:
<http://www.comap.com/undergraduate/contests/mcm/>

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Blood Drive! We had 94 donors on Wednesday and 74 donors on Thursday, for a total of 168 donors!