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## NEWS RELEASE

### Columbus High School's Ninth Annual Elementary Math Tournament

**(Columbus, GA)**-Columbus High School's Ninth Annual Elementary Math Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The tournament is designed to recognize accomplishments in mathematics by elementary school students (K-5), to give them experience in math tournaments, and to encourage interest in mathematics.

#### Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Registration	Columbus High School
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome	Auditorium
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Written Test	Classrooms
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break and Refreshments	Gym
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Ciphering	<b>Gym*</b>
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Break and Pizza	Gym
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Awards	<b>Gym*</b>

**\*Parents and media are encouraged to come for this part of the competition.**

Each school will submit one team of four to eight students. The competition consists of an individual test and team ciphering. Each individual team member will take the written test, a multiple-choice examination lasting one hour. The written test will be comprised of 30-40 questions involving general math, problem solving, graph and chart interpretation, geometry, and data analysis skills. Each question will be worth one point, and there will be no penalty for incorrect answers. The top four scores will count towards the team total.

The ciphering competition will take place in two rounds. In each round, four students will work as a team to solve eight problems. Sponsors may substitute team members between the two rounds to allow all students an opportunity to cipher. Each question will have a two-minute time limit. Correct answers submitted in the first minute will be worth 10 points, and correct answers submitted in the second minute will be worth 5 points.

For more information, contact Columbus High School Math Department Co-Chair, Storie Atkins, [satkins@mcsdga.net](mailto:satkins@mcsdga.net), (706) 748-748-2534.

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