



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Academies families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

As we enjoy a day with family and friends, thirteen of our students and two teachers will be in Beijing as part of the U.S. delegation participating in the 2013 World Mathematics Team Championship. They are breaking new ground as the first locally-composed team to compete for the U.S. at the competition. Principal Davis was contacted in June by Mr. David Brown, the Director of the San Diego Math Circle, in his capacity as team leader responsible for building the U.S. delegation. Mr. Brown had been searching for students of prominent national rank and discovered that many of those students were from BCA. Thus, the Bergen County Academies team was created for this competition.

The World Mathematics Team Championship was founded by Mr. Zhou Guozhen from China and Prof. Quan K. Lam from the University of California. Chief among its goals is to promote communication and cooperation among mathematicians and mathematics educators from around the globe and to help advance the development of mathematics education. The WMTC is similar to the American Regions Mathematics League, in which students compete in teams; this competition, however, also permits students to distinguish themselves as individual competitors. Honors will be awarded to both individuals and teams.

While in Beijing, our students and teachers will have the opportunity to visit the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. The Awards Ceremony will take place on the evening of November 30, and our delegation will return home on December 1.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the Technical School District, I offer congratulations to these students on their selection as U.S. representatives and wish them the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.