



Bridgeport Public Schools

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Bridgeport Public Schools Hold Annual Math Meet

Sacred Heart University -- Thursday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Bridgeport, CT – May 15, 2007 – Bridgeport’s sharpest math students will compete in the annual Bridgeport Public Schools’ Mathematics Meet at Sacred Heart University’s Shine Auditorium on Thursday, May 17 from 9:30 a.m to noon. Seventh and eighth grade students from fourteen Bridgeport schools will compete.

“Mathematics is a topic that we shouldn’t fear. We need to use it in everyday life. If we want to have a productive business economy in Bridgeport’s future we need to continue to produce good problem solvers in our school system,” Pedro Vazquez, Math Curriculum Specialist, said. “The math meet showcases some of Bridgeport’s finest math problem solvers.”

The competition will consist of six-member teams made up of three students from each grade level. The meet focuses on problems involving number and quantity, measurement and geometry, statistics, probability and algebra. Each student on the team will work individually on the same problem. The team will get one point for each problem answered correctly by its individual members, for a possible total of six points per question. After ten rounds, the top three teams will receive gift certificates, trophies and calculators. The most improved team from last year will also be recognized and will

receive similar prizes. An individual prize, which includes a graphic calculator, will be awarded to the student who solves the most problems correctly in the meet overall.

The awards, transportation and snacks for the event are sponsored by GEAR-UP, and Sacred Heart University has donated the use of its facilities. Sacred Heart University is located at 5151 Park Avenue in Fairfield, Connecticut.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students college ready and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit the website at www.bridgeportedu.com.