

Dear O'Hara Parents,

Fox Chapel Area School District students, grades K - 5, are invited to participate in the annual **Math Pentathlon Games**. Math Pentathlon is a wonderful way to build gamesmanship and math skills in a fun and structured environment. Kids who enjoy board games, learning, and competing with friends will love Math Pentathlon! Our Math Pentathlon program involves six practice sessions on Thursday afternoons starting January 18th, with a district-wide Game Day on Saturday, March 3rd at Dorseyville Middle School. This program is only possible through the support of parent volunteers; if you would like your child to participate, PLEASE plan to help (see below.)

Student Requirements:

- All O'Hara Students are eligible to participate
- Students should strive to attend all six practice sessions. Although Game Day is not required, it is a lot of fun and gives the kids a great sense of camaraderie and achievement
- Parents of participating students should plan on picking their children up promptly at 4:45 pm in the auditorium, accessed via the middle doors by the loading dock on the side of the building.
- Registration Fee and Registration Form MUST be received by January 12th. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Registration Form is attached to this email. Completed forms and the \$35 Registration Fee (checks only - made payable to O'Hara PTO) should be sent to the PTO Mailbox, attention Marcy Kaufman, by January 12th. The fee covers the expense of game materials, medals and t-shirts. Scholarship funds are available through Nurse Grove and/or Mrs. Squeglia.

Parent Volunteers Requirements:

- Participating students MUST have a parent volunteer commit to assist for at least two Thursday practice sessions two sessions in a row would be preferable since we play each game for two weeks). Volunteers should read the emailed game rules for the assigned game before assisting on practice day and plan to help kids learn the games.
- Parents can also help by being a **Division (Grade) Leader** (one parent-leader needed for each grade to learn the games and teach them to the children each week) or as a **Game Day Parent** (five parents needed for Game Day)
- All parent volunteers are REQUIRED to have clearances on file and be approved to volunteer at school by having a badge in the front office.

Schedule:

- Practice Days will take place on January 18th and 25th, February 1st, 8th and 22nd, and March 1st from 3:40 until 4:45pm. There is NO practice on February 15 due to the half day.
- Practice sessions will start in the cafeteria and then move to classrooms by grade.
- Game Day will occur Saturday, March 3rd at Dorseyville Middle School. Schedule TBA.

Questions may be directed to Marcy Kaufman at 412-370-0048, or marcy987@gmail.com or Danielle Ramirez at 202-247-7045 or daniellebethramirez@gmail.com

Thanks,

Marcy Kaufman and Danielle Ramirez
Co- Math Pentathlon Chairs

Kids + Strategy Games = FUN!

Math Pentathlon 2018 Registration Form O'Hara Elementary School

Math Pentathlon is a great opportunity for students grades K through 5 to develop math skills, gamesmanship and problem-solving abilities while playing fun games with the support of parents.

- **Practice Days** will be on six Thursdays (**January 18 through March 1, excluding February 15**) from **3:40 pm to 4:45 pm** (pickup in auditorium via middle door off rear parking lot). Attendance at all six sessions is encouraged.
- **Game Day** will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018. O'Hara Mathletes will join students from all Fox Chapel Area elementary schools to participate at Dorseyville Middle School. This is not a competition – all participants will be honored. While participation in Game Day is not required, it is strongly encouraged. (Specific times for each grade to be announced later.)
- **Parent Volunteers** – Each registered student is required to have a parent volunteer who will learn the games and attend at least two Practice Days (preferably two weeks in a row since we play each game for two weeks.) All volunteers need to have clearances on file and a volunteer badge in the O'Hara Office.
- **Talk with your students to make sure THEY want to participate. Students are expected to stay on task during the practice sessions.**
- **Registration** – Please complete the lower portion of this form and return it to O'Hara Office with \$35, payable to O'Hara PTO, for each student participant by January 12th. Late registrations will not be accepted.

2018 Math Pentathlon Registration Form Please print neatly

Circle Student's Grade: **Kindergarten First Second Third Fourth Fifth**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Teacher: _____

Student's T-shirt size (circle one): YOUTH SMALL (4-6) M (8-10) LG (12-14) XL (16-18)

This is my child's (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 year of participation in Math Pen

Parent's Name _____

Phone # you can be reached at between 3:40 and 4:45pm: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____
(All communication will be via email – please provide an address that is regularly checked and write neatly)

Parent will attend the following Practice Days (please circle at least two dates):

January 18 January 25 February 1 February 8 February 22 March 1

Other Parent Volunteer Commitment: Grade Level Leader

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 12th.

Please send this completed form and check for \$35 to O'Hara Office, payable to O'Hara PTO
(Scholarship funds for Math Pentathlon are available through Nurse Grove and/or Mrs. Squeglia)

Questions – call or email Marcy Kaufman 412-370-0048 or marcy9876@gmail.com
or Danielle Ramirez 202-247-7045 or daniellebethramirez@gmail.com