



# JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION

## DEDICATED TO STUDENT SUCCESS

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED SPIRIT OF MATH.

You are to be commended on your commitment to this rigorous programme.

### THANK YOU PARENTS

Supporting your children's efforts is a priceless gift.

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## MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

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### 2007 SPIRIT OF MATH COMPETITIONS

#### Grade One Honour Roll

**Highest Score 19/20** (3-way tie)

Kieran Emerson, Armaan Lalani, Azum Nanji

#### Honour Roll:

Alex Braun, Ambrose Chan, Kelly Cheung, Matthew Chiu, Matthew Choi, Jocelyn Chow, Aly Dayani, Kanghyoun Kim, Annabel Koivu, Norene Lach, Mitchell Li, Benjamin Ma, Naeem Mussaji, Ioana Pitu, Aliya Rajwani, Megan Yip

#### Grade Three Honour Roll

**Highest Score 28/30** (3-way tie)

Jude Dimond-Bauer, Mehul Gupta, Matthew Kim

#### Honour Roll:

Daniel Balicki, Mark Chan, Valiant Chan, Michelle Chung, Peter Hull, Jeffrey Lee, Arthur Li, Yi-Keong Man, Hana Mussaji, Frederick Ngo, Rachele Ngo, Safiya Rajwani, David Zhang

#### Grade Two Honour Roll

**Highest Score 20/20 – Perfect!** (3-way tie)

Grace Broadley, Frank Ding, Khalisa Valani

#### Honour Roll:

Allyson Aberg, Fred Boyd, Matthew Chang, Sydney Cheung, Pauline Chow, Ethan Chung, Jonathan Clements, Jeffrey Ding, Tyler Gilmore, Andrea Haw, Anthony Hua, Charmaine Koo, Wesley Leung, Manuel Lok, Tamara Mahbubani, Hasan Muhammadi, Aaron Park, Andrew Vasila, Joshua Weisz

#### Grade Four Honour Roll

**Highest Score 30/30 – Perfect!**

Tiffany Leung

#### Honour Roll:

Sam Bean, Georgia Besant, Brandon Chan, Christabel Chan, Florence Chan, Clement Cheng, Rachele Cheung, Emily Cho, John Ivan Davis, Sabrina Dhalla, Joshua Finkelstein, Jackie Ho, Andrew Hu, Jordan Hu, Gabriel Ip, Dhiya Jagota, Alykhan Kara, Stefan Keith, Shakir Lakhani, Alisia Lalji, Enoch Lam, Jonathan Lau, Michelle Lau, Diane Lee, Jeffrey Leung, Kristy Liu, Lauren Liu, Chantel Lui, Emma Miloff, Rahul Mor, Evan Ngo, Jacob Norman, Brooks Ralph, Robbie Redelmeier, William Rein, Jeffrey Seto, Omer Strumpf, Ryan Ting, Clement Wan

## NON-SMS COMPETITIONS

The following competitions have been written by students who attend Spirit of Math after-school classes. This year, our students competed in the Mathematica competitions (Byron-Germain, Fibonacci, Pythagoras, Euler and Lagrange), the Math Kangaroo contest, CNML competitions and several University of Waterloo competitions.

### MATHEMATICS CONTEST CENTRE (MATHEMATICA)

**Byron-Germain (Grade 4) Honour Roll**  
(8015 students participated, 104 nationally made the honour roll)

John Ivan Davis\* (27/30; tied for 16<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Kristy Liu (27/30; tied for 16<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Khaleel Rajwani, Genevive Ngo, Brandon Chan\*, Jeffrey Seto, Ryan Ting, Christabel Chan\*, Brooks Ralph\*

**Fibonacci (Grade 5) Honour Roll**  
(14 201 students participated, 296 nationally made the honour roll)

Sabrina Ge (39/40; tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada), Ryan Young\* (38/40; tied for 13<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Jason Tang (38/40; tied for 13<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Alyf Janmohamed\* (37/40; tied for 24<sup>th</sup> in Canada), Karim Noormohamed\*, Sachin Pasricha, Alvin Law\*, Angela Xie, Husayn Kara\*, Kendra Wong, Jonathan Chow, Clare Moffatt, Emily Lam\*

**Pythagoras (Grade 6) Honour Roll**  
(19 934 students participated, 350 nationally made the honour roll)

\*\*\* 25 SMS students named on Pythagoras Honour Roll \*\*\*

Winnie Zhao\*(48/50; tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Shannon Wong (48/50; tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Lauren Wong (48/50; tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Allison Braithwaite (48/50; tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Devin Lo (47/50; tied for 23<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada), Anson Chan\*, Kevin Chien, Zoe Norman, Veronica Pang, Vanessa Lin, Jason Cheung, Andrew Lui, Gillian Lee, Claudia Chen\*, Amos Lim\*, Macaulay Szeto\*, Lauren Chan\*, Jonathan Lam\*, Elton Wong\*, Ringo Cheung\*, John Lu\*, Claudia Chan\*, Michelle Kwong\*, Winston Ha\*, Justin Mao, Jon Mida, Vincent Chan

\* Indicates students who wrote with Spirit of Math Schools

**Euler (Grade 7) Honour Roll**  
(7564 students participated, 284 nationally made the honour roll)

Gregory Chen (34/35; tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Nathan Kong (32/35; tied for 14<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Michael Chan\*, Zachary Devine\*, Justin Fong\*, Karen Fu\*, Darren Mak\*, Sherwin Wong\*, Depak Thiagu\*, Nick Hum\*, Kin Chiu

**Lagrange (Grade 8) Honour Roll**  
(6152 students participated, 213 nationally made the honour roll)

Marky Freeman\* (38/40; tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Christopher Chiang (38/40; tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Shakil Kanji\* (37/40; tied for 16<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Sufyan Khan, Alexander Tsang, Henson Tam



### CANADIAN NATIONAL MATH LEAGUE (CNML)

**Grade 4 Spirit of Math Honour Roll** (scoring at least 80%)

Samuel Bean, Georgia Besant, Brandon Chan, Christabel Chan, Clement Cheng, Rachelle Cheung, Edward Cober, John Ivan Davis, Sabrina Dhalla, Jude Dimond-Bauer, Joshua Finkelstein, Mehul Gupta, Jackie Ho, Elizabeth Horner, Jordan Hu, Heeju Kim, Matthew Kim, Shakir Lakhani, Michelle Lau, Brin Ledger, Joseph Lee, Tiffany Leung, Conrad Lim, Lauren Liu, Chantel Lui, Emma Manninen, Rahul Mor, Genevive Ngo, Jacob Norman, Brooks Ralph, Robbie Redelmeier, William Rein, Ryan Ting, Clement Wan

**Top Canadian Students in the 2007 Grade 6 CNML**  
(483 schools participated)

Alyf Janmohamed (39/40; 1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Jon Mida (35/40; tied for 23<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada)

**Top Canadian Students in the 2007 Grade 7 CNML**  
(443 schools participated)

Gregory Chen (36/40; tied for 23<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada), Nathan Kong (36/40; tied for 23<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada)

**Top Canadian Students in the 2007 Grade 8 CNML**  
(401 schools participated)

Christopher Chiang (40/40; tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Marky Freeman (40/40; tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Rabea Parpia (40/40; tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Adrian Wu (40/40; tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Victor Foo (39/40; tied for 17<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), Soohyun Park (39/40; tied for 17<sup>th</sup> place in Canada)

Congratulations to  
**Christopher Chiang,**  
**Marky Freeman, Rabea Parpia and**  
**Adrian Wu** for all achieving  
perfect scores on the 2007  
Grade 8 CNML competition

## CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN MATHEMATICS (UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO)

### Grade 7 Gauss Honour Roll (≥ 80%)

Jason Ngo – 144  
Winnie Zhao – 136  
Jason Cheung – 130  
May Wang – 122

### Grade 8 Gauss Honour Roll (≥ 80%)

Marky Freeman – 150  
Shakil Kanji – 150  
Christopher Chiang – 142  
Zachary Devine – 136

### Grade 9 Pascal Honour Roll

**Group II (Scores 145-143)**  
Aaron Fong, Adrian Wu

### Group IV (Scores 140-138)

Shermaine Li, Kelvin Lui, Nicola Yang

### Group V (Scores 137-134)

Christopher Cao, Alvin Leung, Clinton Leung, Soohyun Park

### Grade 10 Cayley Honour Roll

**Group V (Scores 134-132)**  
Preston Chin, Sashi Lankage, Sinye Tang

### Grade 11 Fermat Honour Roll

**Group V (Scores 133-130)**  
Sheldon Kwok

### Grade 9 Fryer Gold Standard (top 4% in Canada)

Shermaine Li, Soohyun Park, Adrian Wu, Connie Zhao

### Grade 9 Fryer Silver Standard

Kelvin Lui

### Grade 10 Galois Gold Standard (top 4% in Canada)

Christopher Cao, Denise Wong

## OTHER CONTESTS

### Math Kangaroo Winners (Toronto)

#### Grade 3 (97 participants)

Emma Maninnen (1<sup>st</sup> place in Canada), Arthur Li (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada), Frederick Ngo (5<sup>th</sup> place in Canada), David Zhang (6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada)

#### Grade 4 (130 participants)

Tiffany Leung (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Canada), Joshua Finkelstein (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada)

### Ontario Math Olympics, 2007

Marcus Lau, Grade 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### Grade 6 (79 participants)

Zoe Norman (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Canada), Shannon Wong (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Canada), Max Norman (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Canada)

#### Grade 7 (90 participants)

Nathan Kong (6<sup>th</sup> place in Canada)

#### Grade 8 (73 participants)

Adrian Wu (4<sup>th</sup> place in Canada)

### CHAMP Competition, Peel Region

Neil Bannerjee, Grade 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

## Graduating Assistant Teachers

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Congratulations to our graduating assistant teachers, who have accepted offers to attend the following programs next year:

**Nathan Cheung** – Queen's University, Life Sciences

**Patrick Chung** – University of Waterloo, Accounting & Financial Management

**David Dai** – University of Toronto, Commerce

**Airey Lau** – McMaster University, Arts & Sciences

**Joshua Man** – University of Western Ontario, Biochemistry

**Mamie Shum** – McGill University, Arts & Sciences

**Arthur Yung** – University of Toronto (Scarborough), Management & Economics

**Kenneth Zhou** – University of California at Berkeley, Life Sciences

## Special Student Accomplishments – Outside of Spirit of Math

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### Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding accomplishments:

**Zoe Beckerman**, a grade 7 SMS student in Toronto received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for the National Pony Jumping Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at the Canadian National Exhibition in November.

**Claudia Chen**, a grade 6 SMS Mississauga student, earned the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for piano study (16 and under) and the Patrick Meany Memorial Scholarship, at the 2006 Peel Music Festival.

**Kristen Chen**, a grade 10 SMS student in Toronto, several subject-area excellence awards, and was also the recipient of the Proficiency Award for achieving the highest Grade 9 average at Thornhill Secondary School.

**Marky Freeman**, a grade 8 SMS student in Toronto earned a \$2,000 scholarship from National Geographic and will be participating in their World Championships in San Diego in August.

**Karen Fu**, a grade 7 SMS student in Toronto earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award in the Intermediate Poem Category of the 2006 Remembrance Day Literary & Poster Competition by General Wingate Branch 256, The Royal Canadian Legion.

**Vanessa Koo**, a grade 3 SMS student, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place as Best of Class for Grade 8 piano solo, List A. She also earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Canadian composer.

**Marcus Lau**, a grade 5 SMS student in Toronto earned a Silver Medal in the ACSI Ontario Chess Tournament for elementary level.

**Alvin Law**, a grade 5 SMS Toronto student, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in ABACUS for level 5.

**Nicole Li**, a grade 7 SMS Toronto student, earned the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for grade 10 violin at the Provincial Kiwanis Music Festival and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the competition for all the major cities in Ontario. She recently won Best of Festival at another event and will be competing in the Canadian Music Competition at the end of June.

**Rachelle Li**, a grade 5 SMS Toronto student was the runner-up for grade 8 violin at the Provincial Kiwanis Music Festival.

**Darren Mak**, a grade 7 SMS student in Toronto earned a silver medal in the Under 14 Boys Doubles at the Ontario Junior A Championships in badminton.

**Eileen Nash**, a grade 3 SMS student in Toronto was a co-winner in the Wings of Hope writing competition for her submission entitled "The Hope of the Butterfly".

**Vanessa Nguyen**, a grade 6 SMS Toronto student was selected to receive the Royal Conservatory of Music Silver Medal for attaining the highest mark in the RCM Grade 5 Violin exam in Ontario during the 2005-2006 academic year.

**Kimberly Phan**, a grade 5 SMS student in Toronto swam her way to 6 gold medals and 1 silver medal in the Ontario Junior Short Course (25m) Provincial Championships. Kimberly also got 5 gold medals at the Division 1 Team Championships meet in Ottawa.

**Orli and Arielle Silverberg**, grade 4 and 5 SMS Toronto students respectively, each earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in their violin competitions at the Arts Richmond Hill Music Festival.

**Omer Strumpf**, a grade 4 SMS Toronto student, was awarded the Royal Conservatory of Music's highest honorary prize, the silver medal, for earning the highest result on his Grade 4 Cello RCM examination in Ontario for the year 2006.

**Khalisa Valani**, a grade 2 SMS student in Mississauga, won the Speech Competition for Grades 2 and 3 at her school, Sherwood Heights in Mississauga.

**Winfield Yim**, a grade 5 SMS student in Mississauga, won first place in the Grade 5 Piano competition at the 2007 Peel Music Festival.

**Winnie Zhao**, a grade 6 SMS Toronto student won a bronze medal at the TDESAA City Championships for Grade 6 Girls Shotput.

*Congratulations to you all! If you know of any outstanding accomplishments that we have missed, please speak with one of our staff.*

## Campus Happenings

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### Summer Programs

Many summer programs are being offered this year. Please refer to the registration page on the Spirit of Math website for more information. (<http://www.spiritofmath.com/register.html>)

#### 2007–2008 Registration for Toronto/Thornhill/Richmond Hill

The office will be closed for the month of July but registration for the 2007-2008 school year will continue in August. Registration for all other campuses continues throughout the summer.

#### Full Classes

At the time of printing, the following classes are full for the 2007–2008 school year: **2E, 3E, 4E, 7E, 8E, 9E**

#### New Grade 1 & 2 Classes at St. Elizabeth

Due to the high demand for Grade 1/2 classes, we have added new classes at our St. Elizabeth campus (near Bayview & Sheppard). These classes will run on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 – 6:00 (Gr 1) and 6:15 – 7:45 (Gr 2).

#### SMS Babies!

Craig Bauer, our Grades 1 and 4 teacher in Winnipeg, and his wife Gayleen are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy! Theo Oscar was born on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Theo has two older siblings to look after him, Jude and Sienna.



Melannie Basilio, our Curriculum Support teacher, and her husband Robert are both excited to have their first born baby! Job Daniel was born on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Andrea Atherley, our Grade 6 & 7 teacher and Training Coordinator, and her husband Steve are ecstatic about the arrival of their first child, Miriam Ilene, born on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations to you all!!!**

## Dates to Remember

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Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm: **Awards & Recognition Ceremony**

Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>: **Rally Night at Newtonbrook United Church**

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>: **Rally Night at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church**

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>: **Last Night of Classes**

Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>: **SMS Office closed for July**

Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup>: **SMS Office reopens; registrations for returning students continues**

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>: **SMS Summer Programs – visit web site for dates, registration information**

Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>: **First Day of Classes for 2007-2008 School Year (Labour Day)**

## Contacts...Campuses from the West to the East

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**Winnipeg, Manitoba** – Portage Ave.

**Contact:** Deborah Tardiff, Administrator, 204-772-6284. (winnipeg@spiritofmath.com)

**Mississauga** – Eglinton and Fallingbrook

**Contact:** Salima Mussaji, Principal, 905-814-5050. (mississaugawest@spiritofmath.com)

**Brampton** – Torbram and Clark

**Contact:** Mebs Haji, Principal, or Shellina Haji, 905-454-9100. (Brampton@spiritofmath.com)

**Don Mills** – Don Mills and Lawrence

**Contacts:** Kaynan Anshur, Principal, and Nimo Hussein, Administrator, 416-291-1330. (donmills@spiritofmath.com)

**Markham (West)** – Kennedy and 407

**Contact:** Dr. Christopher Tam, Principal, 905-940-0330. (markham@spiritofmath.com)

**Markham East** – McCowan and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Contacts:** Dr. Mohammad Rezai, Principal, and Dr. Ramzan Khuwaja, Administrator, 905-642-0900. (markhameast@spiritofmath.com)

**Willowdale, North Toronto, Thornhill, Richmond Hill**

**Contact:** Gina Lim, office manager, 416-223-1985. (info@spiritofmath.com)

### New Campuses to Open September 2007

We are delighted to announce that two new campuses will be opening this September. The first is in Don Mills, owned by Kaynan Anshur and Nimo Hussein. The second is being opened in Markham East, being run by Dr. Ramzan Khuwaja and Dr. Mohammad Rezai. The selection process for September 2008 openings will begin shortly. If you know of anyone interested in running a campus, please refer them to Raymond Yip Choy at [franchise@spiritofmath.com](mailto:franchise@spiritofmath.com).