# Mathematics Society



#### Introduction

Mathematics Society, established in 1991, bears the mission of cultivating students' interest in mathematics and broadening the horizons of students in a mathematical perspective. In this scholastic year, we have organized various interesting activities, including the Math Hunt and Math Contest, so as to promote Mathematics in Saint Joseph's College.

#### Recruitment Week

(2-5/10/2007)

Before the recruitment week started, the notice board of the Mathematics Society (near the Integrated Science Laboratory) was decorated in order to promote Mathematics Society. An A3sized poster was also designed and posted around the school campus for promotion. Leaflets were delivered at the Mathematics Society counter and the entrance of the New Hall during the Recruitment Week. We have recruited 140 members during the

recruitment week, and all members were given a free CD-Euclid and a Mathematics Journal as the welcome gifts.



#### **Tutorial Class**

This weekly tutorial class was taught by Mr. Y.L. Chung, Mr. J. Wong and Mr. W.Y. Yip. The aim of this class is to help students to improve their mathematics skills in academic aspect. F. 1-3 students have benefited a lot through this tutorial class.

#### **Mathematics Olympiad** Training

This weekly tutorial class was taught by Mr. P. Ching and Mr. Y.K. Ng.

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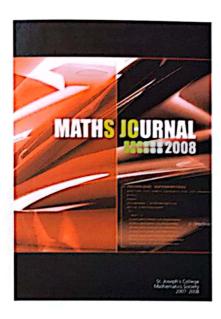
Mr. Liu Tak Wah

This is a regular training for potential students to prepare them for competitions like Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad.

#### Making of CD Euclid

Similar to previous year, in order to attract more students to join Mathematics Society, we have produced a CD-Euclid and distributed to all members during recruitment week. The CD-Euclid includes Math mini-games and links for downloading trial versions of useful software.

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#### Publication of Mathematics Journal

Maths Journal is an annual publication of Mathematics Society. It includes articles written by teachers as well as some interesting mathematics theories and challenging mathematics problems. It has already been distributed to all members during the second term.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 25th October, 2007. All members were invited to participate. In the meeting, details of each upcoming event were introduced.

#### Interclass Mathematics Competition

(3/11/2007)

In order to let them develop their knowledge and interest in mathematics, the F.1 interclass mathematics Competition was held on 3rd November, 2007. Thomas Fung and Patrick Li of F.1E got the champion, while Chow Yu Chung of F.1B, got the second runner up. Prizes and certificates were given to them as an award to them.

## Rubik's Cube Course (12,16, 19,23 / 11 /2007)

This Rubik's Cube Course was held on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November during lunchtime in the General Science Laboratory. Promotion had been done in the club annual general meeting and through class visit. More than 80 students are interested in this course, and joined our course. In this course, students were taught how to solve the 3x3 Rubik's Cube. Also, we helped students to order different qualities of rubik's cube. Most students learned how to solve the rubik's cube at last.

The competition was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November during lunchtime. There are a total of 10 participants. 7 of them were Form 1 students and the rest were Form 2 students. The winner is Julian Au Yeung of F.2D (1), who used just 50.26 seconds to solve the cube. Shortly followed by is Jonathan Ng 2A (26) and Nelson Chan 1B (2). Prizes and certificates were given to them as an award to them.



#### Science Exhibition

(14-15 / 1 /2008)

During 14th and 15th January, 2008, Science Society held a science exhibition in the New Hall. We are one of the co-organizing societies. Our society is responsible to explain the theories of some physics experiments from the mathematical point of view. The physics concepts of visitors have been enriched.

#### Green and White Day

(3/2/2008)

This year's open day was held in 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2008. Our mathematics Journal were published on that date and were distributed to visitors. Rubik's Cube printed with our school's logo were on sale as well at the price of \$35 each. Different kinds of games, like 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, 5x5 Rubik's cubes, Hawki Tower and card games were displayed for visitors to play. Last but not least, we have conducted Rubik's cube shows every hour, and we invited some students who are good at solving Rubik's cube to perform.

#### Joint School Mathematics Treasure Hunt

(26 / 3 /2008)

This function was held on 26th March, 2008. We have encouraged F.1-3 students to participate in this event. Though not many of the students are interested in this event, this activity aroused students' interest about mathematics.



#### **Mathematics Contest**

(25, 28 /4 /2008)

This event was held on 25th and 28th of April, 2008 after school. The target group is F.1-3 students. Every class sent 1 team to compete with others classes. Though this event, students developed better problem-solving skills. All participants enjoyed this function.

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The winner of F.1 Session is 1E. Thomas Fung Rafael Kwong Nixon Sit

The winner of F.2 Session is 2B. Kwong Sze Hong Lung Wing Chun Lee Kerit Kwok Yin Sing

The winner of F.3 Session is 3B. Brian Leung Edmond Lo Thomas Lui Lucas Cheung



### Mathematics Hunt (15, 27 /5 /2008)

It was held on 15th and 27th May 2008. The target group is F.1-3 students. Each class must send at least 1 team, with 3-4 students. 15 Checkpoints were set up in the school campus. Participants were given a map to locate the checkpoints, solve the problems and race against other teams. Through this event, students have explored new methods of mathematical thinking, as well as developed their thinking skills.

The champion of F.1-2 Session is 1A.
Jonathan Yuen
Eugene Kwan
Harris Cheng

#### Christopher Yeung

The 1st runner-up of F.1-2 Session is 2B.
Bernard Chan
Adrian Lung
Krit Lee
John Chan

The 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up of F.1-2 Session is 2E.

Martin Sham
Alvin Lin
Timothy Ng
Tony Ip

The champion of F.3 Session is 3D.
Patrick Lui
Michael Ng
Jerome Kwok
Wilson Ng
Derek So
Hadley Cheng

The 1st runner-up of F.3 Session is 3E.
Thomas Yip
Kevin Yau
Christopher Ng
Robin Ng



Other Awards:

2nd runnership in Hong Kong
Mathematics Olympiad Heat Event
(HK Island)

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Kevin Lai
Alan Yip
Andrew Kwan
Henry Mak

Ocean Huen



#### Conclusion

In this academic year, we tried our very best in serving our members. The activities were all held successfully and welcomed by all Josephians. Feedbacks showed that most participants' mathematics knowledge had been broadened after taking our activities. We hope that students can keep on their interest in Mathematics throughout their life!

