

**THE POPE JOHN PAUL II MATHEMATICS' TEAM  
HAS HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF COMPETITION**

Throughout the year, our math team has competed at four Metro Math League competitions where JPPII competes against outstanding mathematicians from Davidson, Williamson, Rutherford, and Sumner counties along with the extraordinary private schools around the Nashville area. We consistently scored high amongst our competition. For team scores, the Knights placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Calculus and 5<sup>th</sup> in Algebra II. Across the board, our students scored high as individuals amongst their competition and repeatedly received individual awards for their excellence in all math content areas, especially in Calculus and Algebra II.

The team completed its year of competition at the Tennessee State Mathematics Teachers Competition on April 11, 2017 at Volunteer State Community College. These tests in the areas of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, Calculus, and Statistics are taken at the same time by all students across the state of Tennessee in region test sites. The winning scores in each region are then sent to one location to determine the top winners in the state. Pope John Paul II High School competed in a region-containing Sumner County, Davidson County, Wilson County, Macon County, and Trousdale County.

This team dominated the competition with eleven students placing in the top ten in five of the six divisions. Placing in the top ten is an extraordinary accomplishment for any student competition in the contest but placing in one of the top three positions is outstanding. Most schools in the region were satisfied to get one student in one of the top three positions but the Pope John Paul math team had four students who earned this recognition with three first place winners. In fact, JPPII was the only team in the region that had a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in four of the six categories. Teamwork is very important in mathematics competitions, which was exhibited on April 11, 2017 where all six teams had the highest team averages.

**Algebra I                      Judson Murray 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Algebra II                    Ian Dilick 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Raymond, Pang 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Joshua Smith 7<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Precalculus                 Andrew Gray 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Calculus                    Haoming Ning 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Mandy Hua 4<sup>th</sup> Place, AnMei Little 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Skyler Voisin, 10<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Statistics                    Owen McGrath 9<sup>th</sup> Place**

State winners will be determined in May. Each of the winners above is not in contention for a state championship.

It has been an exciting year for the mathematics team and all but two of the winners will be returning next year, so there are more titles to be won in the future!