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Dear Mathematics Teacher:

For over 50 years, the Mathematics Department at Southern Illinois University has hosted an annual High School Mathematics Field Day competition. This year's Math Field Day will be on Tuesday, **March 6, 2012**. We would like to invite your school to participate along with other high schools from neighboring communities in Missouri and Kentucky that lie within approximately 100 miles of Carbondale, Illinois, excluding St. Louis, Missouri.

The exam will be multiple choice and computer graded. Awards will be given for the winning team in each grade level and division. Trophies will be presented to the winning school in each division. To be fair to the small public schools, private schools with a very selective academically-based enrollment will be invited to compete in the large-school division. This is in keeping with recommendations by the ICTM. Each school will be able to enter up to 32 students with no more than 8 from any one of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. We will give out freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior awards and schools will compete in three divisions, determined by school size.

Once again on-line registration will be utilized. By Friday, November 18th, you must fill out the attendance sheet that you may access at <http://www.math.siu.edu/MFD/math-day.html>. E-mail the attendance sheet to mathfd@siu.edu.

In January you will be able to register your students online. Once you have informed us that you would like to participate (by e-mailing the attendance sheet), we will give you the registration website and a pin number. You will register under your school code number (more detailed information will come later by e-mail). The website will be secure and is set up for you to change names of students if necessary.

If you plan (at least tentatively) to participate, please fill out the attendance sheet that you may access at <http://www.math.siu.edu/MFD/math-day.html> by **November 18th**. If you have any questions about the contest, please feel free to call Dr. Kathy Pericak-Spector at (618) 453-6569. E-mail may be addressed to mathfd@siu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Pericak-Spector".

Dr. Kathy Pericak-Spector
Chair, Math Field Day

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