



Gifted Math Program's

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GMP is 30!

Welcome to our 30th year of GMP! We are planning a banquet and a family picnic weekend June 5 and 6, 2010, and are looking for help. If you would like to be on the party planning committee, call our office.



WINTER'S AROUND THE CORNER!

In the event of inclement weather, GMP class cancellations will be announced on WBEN Radio 930 AM (<http://www.wben.com>), WGRZ-TV (<http://www.wgrz.com>), and WKBW-TV (<http://www.wkbw.com/>). We are always closed when the University is closed. We will try to post an announcement on the GMP website (<http://giftedmath.buffalo.edu>) and on our UB Learns sites. We will also try to have closing information on the office answering machine.

Our students come from schools all over Western New York. If the weather is causing problems where you live, **PLEASE** remember to use common sense when determining if the trip to UB will be a sensible one. We will never do anything that requires lives and property be put in jeopardy.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

UB has an emergency notification system in place. Emergency alerts can be sent to an email address (xxxxx@buffalo.edu addresses ONLY) or cell phone. This service is available to students, staff, and faculty. We suggest that parents have the cell phone alerts sent to themselves or their carpool drivers—NOT to the student. More information about the system and how you can sign up is found at the website: <http://emergency.buffalo.edu>.



GMP ATTENDANCE

If your child won't be in class, you must contact the GMP office and let us know why. We will forward the message to your child's instructors. Attendance is important because one GMP class is approximately equal to 2½ regular math classes. Assignments and any other important announcements for our students' classes will be posted on UB Learns. Students should check with their classmates, mentor/graders, and instructors about any missed work. Students are responsible for making up the work they missed while they were absent.

With students coming from many Western New York schools and with winter weather waiting in the wings, students may not always be on time for our classes. Note that our afternoon classes begin at 3:30 pm and the evening classes begin at 6:15 pm. Please try to bring your child to GMP on time for class.

PLEASE do not send your child to GMP if he or she is sick. We do not have the personnel or facilities to handle such occurrences. Keep your child at home until well enough to participate. Thank you!



UB COMPUTER ACCESS

Access to the University computer system is a privilege and a responsibility. Students should remember their username (UB IT Name) and their password. If not done this already, every student should log on to <http://ubit.buffalo.edu/ubitname/password/establishpwreset> and follow the directions about the password reset questions. Write down your answers and keep them with your username and password. The next time a password is forgotten, it can be reset by correctly answering the reset questions.

AMC 8



On Monday, November 23rd, students in GMP I and II who are in 8th grade or below will be taking the **2009 AMC-8** (American Mathematics Competitions). This contest can be taken only once and we encourage our students to take this at their home schools. If it isn't offered at their home schools, students can take it here. The contest will be administered during the second half of the class time.

Participants have 40 minutes to complete the 25 multiple-choice question contest. We will provide the needed materials. Calculators are NOT permitted for this contest. Visit the AMC website at <http://www.unl.edu/amc/> . If you have any questions about this contest, please call the office.

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AMC 10 / 12

On Wednesday, February 24, 2010, we will be administering the **2010 AMC 10B** to interested students in GMP-3 and 4 and **AMC 12B** to interested students in GMP-5 and 6. Sign up sheets will be passed around in these classes. We will administer the contest to students who are unable to take this at their home school. Students have 75 minutes to complete the test of 25 multiple choice questions. We will provide the #2 pencils and scrap paper. Calculators are NOT allowed for this contest. High scoring students will be invited to participate in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). Awards are given to the students with the highest score in each school. Everyone who participates will receive a certificate of participation. You can visit their website at <http://www.unl.edu/amc/> . If you have any questions about this contest, please call the office

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NEW YORK STATE TESTING IN 2010

Student in grades 3 through 8 will be tested in mathematics during the week of May 5th. We will prepare our students for this exam, but the test must be taken at your child's school. For more information on the testing visit the NYS Education Department website at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/m-home.htm> .

We will prepare our GMP-2 students to take the Integrated Algebra Regents Exam; GMP-3, the Geometry Regents Exam; and GMP-4, the Algebra II & Trigonometry Regents Exam in June. Review sessions will be scheduled in May and June. More information on the dates and times will follow. Letters will be mailed to the schools asking that our students be included with their students taking these Regents exams. Please check with your child's school to be sure that he or she is included.

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GMP MARCH MATH SYMPOSIUM

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010 we will hold our annual symposium. In past years, our speakers were parents, graduates, friends, UB Faculty, and even students of GMP. Please consider joining us this year as a speaker. We are looking for volunteers (moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc.) who are willing to tell our students about their interesting careers. We are also looking for volunteers to introduce the speakers and hand out the programs. Please contact the office (645-4467) if you can help.

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LOOKING FOR A TAX DEDUCTION?

If you are looking for a deduction, why not think of Gifted Math! From our website (<http://giftedmath.buffalo.edu>), you are able to make a donation that will go directly to the Gifted Math Program. It couldn't be easier! Click on the **Alumni & Friends** link. Donations to our program allow us to keep serving students in all of Western New York.

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Thanksgiving

We in Gifted Math wish all of you a wonderful and memorable holiday, shared with your loved ones.

As scheduled, there will be no GMP classes on Wednesday, November 26th.

