



BSAP Saturday Math Academy

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Q: Who is the contact person for the BSAP Saturday Math Academy (SMA)?

A: Mr. Jeffrey Shepherd is the Administrator for the BSAP Saturday Math Academy. The best person to contact for questions is Jacquelyne Jenkins, BSAP Secretary. It is best to reach her at 410.313.1598 or by e-mail at jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org.

Q: How might I register my child for this program?

A: Registration is held on a Saturday at Oakland Mills High School and is on a first come basis. Flyers with dates and times for the fall and spring BSAP-SMA are sent to all schools, are posted on the BSAP website: www.hcpss.org/schools/bsap and HCPSS e-News websites. One of the main objectives of the Saturday Math Academy is to maintain a 1:10 teacher - student ratio. In order to maintain the integrity of the Saturday Math Academy, we must limit student enrollment and only offer on-site registration for the SMA for the fall and spring sessions.

Q: Have you determined the Spring Session 2012 dates?

A: On-site Registration will be held at Oakland Mills High School on February 11, 2012. Spring 2012 Session dates are: February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 4, 21, 28.

Q: I would like to volunteer from time to time. What should I do?

A: If you have volunteered for the SMA within the past year, your application can be reinstated for the fall and/or spring sessions. Please contact Harriet Lee to let her know that you are interested in returning as a volunteer. However, if you have not volunteered for BSAP-SMA within the past year, you will need to complete a BSAP Volunteer Application, which can be found on the Parent Information Table. Please return it to Harriet Lee, BSAP-SMA Volunteer Coordinator. She can be reached at harriet_lee@hcpss.org.

Q: What about inclement weather?

A: "On the weekends and holidays, if the Howard County Snow Emergency Plan is in effect by 7:00AM, any activity that is scheduled to begin after that time is canceled." You may also call the HCPSS Hotline after 7:15AM on weekends for status at 410.313.6666.

Q: I'd like to donate snacks for the children, what types of snacks would be suitable.

A: We prefer healthy snacks (i.e. popcorn, crackers & cheese, sun chips, potato chips are ok, 100% juice). No candy or sodas. Please sign the Snack Donation Form if you want to make a monetary donation in cash or check form; please make checks payable to: The Council of Elders, memo line: BSAP-SMA. A Snack Donation Sign Up Form always be available on the Parent Information Table. Our snack coordinator is Ms. Dana Haynes-Powell and available each Saturday.

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Q: Since my child needs to take medication, can a staff member give it to my child?

A: No, staff members cannot give medication to students. You will need to provide us with a Physician's Order Form that states that your child can self administer the medication or you will need to give the medication to your child before he/she attends the Saturday Math Academy.

Q: What should I do if my child will be absent?

A: The expectation is that your child will attend the full six-week session. However, in the event of an emergency, please contact Jeffrey Shepherd, BSAP-SMA Administrator by e-mail as soon as possible at Jeffrey_shepherd@hcpss.org.

Q: When will parent meetings be held?

A: Parents of enrolled students attend meetings where they are introduced to a variety of math related topics and countywide initiatives. The first parent meeting is scheduled for one hour in the cafeteria at Oakland Mills High School on **February 25, 2012** starting **promptly** at 11:00AM. Parents may also stop by the Parent Information Table each Saturday for updates and to receive the BSAP-SMA Parent Newsletter and additional resource materials.

Q: Will my child be able to participate in the Chess Program?

A: Many studies have found that students, who play chess on a regular basis, gain confidence, develop critical thinking skills, build memory skills, increase concentration as well as learn sportsmanship. We are fortunate to have volunteers from The Council of Elders and high school volunteers teach our students chess for 30-minute sessions each Saturday. Please mark your calendars for the **15th Annual Chess Tournament April 28, 2012**. Students must be registered in order to compete. Look for registration forms on our Parent Information Table in April!

Q: Who are the members of the administrative staff for the BSAP-SMA?

How can I contact them if I have any questions or concerns?

A: P. Branner-Pierce, BSAP Specialist, Elementary Programs, patricia_branner-pierce@hcpss.org
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