OSU Math Circles
After school math
Winter 2026

Who:

Corvallis students grades 3–12 are invited to participate in after-school math circles. The math circle sessions will be run by OSU Mathematics faculty and students.

What:

A math circle is a meeting where participants do math. Typically this consists of group work on interesting problems that complements, but does not overlap with, traditional curricula. Examples include explorations in combinatorics (counting), probability, geometry, logic and modeling. It is closer to a math club than a math class.

Why:

Math circles are for kids who like math _and_ kids who want to like math. Math circles aim to make math fun, interesting, accessible and inclusive. Math circles are not competitive, however the problem solving skills learned can be helpful in math competitions.

When & Where:

We will meet after school at select sites starting the week of Jan 12. The schedule for winter term is as follows:
- Tuesdays 2:35-3:30 elementary math circle at Franklin
- Wednesdays 2:35-3:30 elementary math circle at Lincoln
- Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 high school math team practice at CHS
- Thursdays 2:40-3:30 middle school math circle at Franklin
- Thursdays 3:40-4:40 middle school math circle at Linus Pauling
- Thursdays 3:40-4:40 middle school math circle at Cheldelin

* we may cancel sessions at sites with low enrollment, likewise we may consider additional sites in the future if there is significant demand.

How (to sign up):

The registration form can be found at https://forms.gle/FZDTBtrTvGjPapPP8 or via https://math.oregonstate.edu/our-department/outreach, and should ideally be submitted by Jan 19 (late registrations will be accepted if space is available).

Questions?
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