

Ransom Middle School Academic Team - Information and Application

Dear Students and Families,

Thank you for your interest in joining the Ransom Middle School Academic Team. Knowledge areas include core academics - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, plus fine arts, sports, and current events/popular culture. There are three styles of competition - Jeopardy-style "quiz bowl," Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics, and Battle of the Books.

Applications are available on the bulletin board outside Room 180 in the 8th grade hallway. Please fill in all sections on the application, including the drug consent form, join Academic Team Google Classroom, and join Remind @ATEAMRMS.

The following items are needed:

- 1 - completed application with parent signature
- 2 - notarized drug consent form
- 3 - join Google Classroom - code: **htv4xvb**
- 3 - parent/guardian confirmation in Remind - send a message and wait for a response. Thank you.

After school practices until 5:00 pm on the second and fourth Fridays will be announced on Remind *at least* two weeks in advance.

New players are always welcome and will have a chance to take a quiz bowl evaluation. If you are competitive, have a good memory and love to test your knowledge, please join us!

Sincerely,

Clarissa Brown

Maggie Brown

Samantha Brown

Jon Walker

We have read the information above and understand

- The main means of communication is through Remind, a messaging service available through the Remind - text @ATEAMRMS to 81010. *To address liability concerns, parent, guardian, or driver MUST join Remind and be available to receive text message notification updates.*
- Join Google Classroom - code: **htv4xvb**
- No transportation is available for practice or tournaments.
- Friday afternoon practices typically end by 5:00pm. Please be out front in the car rider line by 4:55pm. *Players repeatedly picked up late will not be allowed to participate. Thank you for your support.*

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Sample questions in Quiz Bowl format -

TOSSUP

10. **This function of n is the number of permutations of n distinct items. For the integers from 1 to 5, this function outputs 1, 2, 6, (*) 24, and 120.** For 10 points—what function denoted by an exclamation mark gives the product of 1 times 2 times 3 times 4 and so on up through the input?

answer: (n) factorial function

BONUSES

10. During this woman’s trial, she claimed her actions were influenced by her ex-boyfriend Ramesh Balwani [rah-MESH bahl-WAH-nee]. For 10 points each—

A. Name this female Silicon Valley startup founder who in January 2022 was found guilty of wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud investors.

answer: Elizabeth (Anne) Holmes

B. Holmes founded this company, which lied about the capabilities of its “Edison” machine to conduct medical tests with only a few drops of blood.

answer: Theranos [THAIR-uh-nohss]

C. Theranos’s fraud was exposed in a 2015 article in this newspaper, whose name refers to a road synonymous with New York’s financial sector.

answer: The Wall Street Journal (or WSJ)

TOSSUP

11. **A painting by this artist shows a home he shared with Paul Gauguin [goh-gan] and is called The Yellow House. A cypress tree and swirling clouds feature in a nightscape he painted in an (*) asylum.** For 10 points—what Dutch-born painter who mostly worked in late 19th-century France created Starry Night?

answer: Vincent (Willem) van Gogh [“van GO”]

BONUSES

11. Opera singer Joan Sutherland had the “coloratura” type of this vocal range. For 10 points each—

A. Name this highest of the four standard vocal ranges.

answer: soprano (accept lyric soprano or coloratura soprano)

B. A soprano clef is a stylized version of this letter, placed on the lowest line of the staff. The alto and tenor clefs are also stylized versions of this letter.

answer: C (accept C clef(s))

C. A singer whose range lies between soprano and alto is often described by placing this five-letter Italian word before “soprano.” It’s also placed before “forte” in a dynamic meaning “medium loud.”

answer: mezzo (accept mezzo-soprano or mezzo-forte)

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Student Information and Questionnaire

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Name you wish
to be called _____

Address _____ Medical Conditions _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Allergies _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Grade in School _____

I live with my mother _____ father _____ grandparents _____
stepmother _____ stepfather _____ Other _____ Relationship _____

Parent Contact 1 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Place of Business/Occupation _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent Contact 2 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Place of Business/Occupation _____ Cell Phone _____

List the names and ages of your brothers and sisters

My birth date is _____ . I was born in _____
Month Day Year City State

My favorite subject is _____ . The subject I like least is _____ .

My hobbies are _____ .

After school I like to _____ .

What are your goals for practice? _____ .

Education/Extracurricular Activities

Elementary/Middle School or Organization	Grade/Year	Activities/Accomplishments – such as music, clubs, sports, or Sunshine Math, Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee
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What high school are you planning to attend? _____

When I finish high school, I would like to _____.

Study Specialties *This should be based on your best knowledge areas and what you would enjoy studying in more detail.*

Major Area (circle one) Literature Social Studies Science Math

Minor Areas – Rank your top three #1, #2, and #3 ... #1 would be your favorite

Philosophy_____

Religion_____

Mythology_____

Sports_____

History_____

Geography_____

Current Events_____

Fine Arts

(visual, music, performance)_____

Other (Specify) _____

What is the single greatest asset that you bring to a team or cooperative group? _____

What unique characteristic distinguishes you from your peers? _____

Is there anything else you would like to share with us? _____