**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 current events, sports, and popular culture. There are three styles of competition - 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, and email [cbrown@ecsdfl.us](mailto:cbrown@ecsdfl.us) with student name and parent contact information.

The following items are needed:

1 - completed application with parent signature

2 - parent/guardian confirmation in email - send a message and wait for a response. Thank you.

After school practices until 5:00 pm on Fridays will be announced in email *at least* two weeks in advance. Absences must be explained to verify interest in continued participation.

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

Sincerely,

Clarissa Brown

Maggie Brown

Samantha Brown

Madison Bass

Jon Walker

We have read the information above and understand

* The main means of communication is through email. *To address liability concerns, parent, guardian, or driver, please provide both an email and phone number able to receive text messages. Thank you.*
* 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 habitually picked up late will not be allowed to participate.*

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Student Signature Date

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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)

Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Ransom Academic Team**

**Student Information and Questionnaire**

Name you wish

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an email address by sending to [cbrown@ecsdfl.us](mailto:cbrown@ecsdfl.us) and wait for confirmation. Thank you.

I live mother \_\_\_\_\_ father \_\_\_\_\_ grandparents \_\_\_\_\_

with my 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

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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 Grade/Year Activities/Accomplishments – such as **music, clubs,**

School or Organization **sports, or Sunshine Math, Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, Quiz Bowl**

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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?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What unique characteristic distinguishes you from your peers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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